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May 23, 2017

Dear Mr. Huckelberry and Board of Supervisors,

This email is in response to your letter entitled: **Road Repair Funding** dated May 18, 2017. We apologize for responding on the day of your meeting but we were out of town and had a serious emergency in NM.

Yes, raise the money needed to repair and maintain our roads.

Raise the money via a progressive property tax increase not a regressive sales tax increase. "Taxes are the price of development and civilization, and it is worth it... Taxes are what we pay for civilized society". Oliver Wendall Holmes.

Raise the money via taxes needed to transform our local roads from the status of the third world to that befitting an advanced society.

Pima County has continued the wasteful use of cold patch on our roads when major reconstruction is needed. Let's end the paranoia about taxes and raise the taxes needed to make our roads and community safer. Meanwhile, progressive income taxes need to be raised to transform our schools. The well off need to give back to society in relation to the benefits they have derived from our society.

We would like to trust that you and the Board of Supervisors are committed to local road safety. Our neighborhood has consistently communicated with the county regarding our dangerous, destructive and improperly surfaced streets, namely Calle Bosque to the intersection of Calle Barril and the whole of N Placita Diaz. The rampant deep potholes and minor ones, loose rocks, cold patch debris, and irregular surfaces endanger our residents and damage our vehicles regularly.

Researching the original road construction of Los Cerros de Kino, which includes Calle Bosque and Placita Diaz, reveals that the original roads were sub-standard and were known to be such from the inception. The only way for them to be safe is to replace them with today's standard construction. The result will be low maintenance costs which in the long run will be more cost effective to the county. We would like to have faith that you will be receptive to our plea before something life threatening occurs.

Thank you for proposing a solution that has promise. We challenge the Board of Supervisors to find a community with more dangerous and abhorrent road surfaces than our community, Los Cerros de Kino and specifically Calle Bosque, N Placita Diaz and its lower and upper cul de sacs.

Sincerely,  
Michael and Marcia Zaccaria

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**PREPARED STATEMENT  
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX PROPOSAL  
MAY 23, 2017**

My name is Mike Varney. I am the president and CEO of the Tucson Metro Chamber, an organization representing 1,500 businesses and their 160,000 employees here in Southern Arizona.

The Tucson Metro Chamber Board of Directors strongly supports increased funding for road improvement in our county. The current proposal to increase property taxes for the purpose of improving our roads is reasonable and long overdue.

As far back as 2014 the Tucson Metro Chamber's outreach to local employers clearly showed that having better roads was a top priority for these job creators. Less important to them was the funding mechanism.

The Tucson Metro Chamber would have preferred that the funding for road improvements come from a sales tax increase since visitors to our county would help pay those taxes. However, the need for better roads is urgent and the property tax measure is fair.

It is impossible to hide bad roads. Visitors see them. Companies interested in investing in our region comment on them. Residents are forced to deal with them.

It is evident that repairing our roads is something we must take responsibility for locally. The federal government will not do it. The state will not do it. These are our roads and the power to improve them is in our hands.

The Tucson Metro Chamber urges the Pima County Board of Supervisors to approve the funding for road improvements and commence construction as soon as possible.

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Madame Chair, Members of the Board

I am still Edward Cizek, as I'm sure you are tired of hearing by now. I am concerned by the board's consideration of property tax increases for the sake of funding our roads. I'm not reflexively opposed to taxation, and our roads do need the repairs, but I am distrustful of 'special revenue funds' for specific purposes, and the claim that these funds are a sufficient safeguard against those same officials reaching into the proverbial cookie jar to fund their pet projects.

Last decade, when I lived in Oklahoma, the voters approved the creation of a lottery, which had the stated purpose of funding education. Now, a dozen years later, Oklahoma education funding is still in the toilet, because lawmakers took general fund revenue that was going to education, and started both funding personal pet projects, and giving it away to special interests and the wealthy. Here in Arizona, look at the supposedly dedicated revenue stream from HURF, or the state's public land trust for education. Once again, both have been raided to fund the legislature's pet projects.

And this body spent millions of dollars on a complex for WorldView Enterprises, a Delaware Corporation, which I can't see as being in the public interest. Based on information I have received from Mr. Tom Burke, various accounting tricks, such as charging these funds for 'county administrative overhead', are used by the county to get special revenue funds into the general fund, where they can be spent at the supervisors' pleasure.

On the topic of roads, I want to reiterate that I-11 is a horrible idea. The people of Avra Valley don't want it. Environmentalists and Taxpayer advocates don't want it. And you're likely to be stuck with the bill for it. We're discussing tax increases in part because the legislature is shorting cities and counties of shared revenues for the benefit of the roads. It's not in the best interest of Pima County to be supporting another highway and more urban sprawl, damaging wildlife habitats, and more. I entreat the supervisors to stop Mr. Huckelberry, and order him to cease all negotiations and lobbying efforts in support of any I-11 bypass, in accordance with Board of Supervisors resolution 2007-343.

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