

AGENDA MATERIAL

DATE 10/7/21 ITEM NO. RA 25

Pima County Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

10/29/21

Honorable Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

I OBJECT to the Cortaro 57 (P21SP00001) Project. It is my wish that approval for this project be **DENIED**.

A month ago, the Planning and Zoning Board met to discuss the Cortaro 57 project. *The citizens of Pima County spoke, with conviction and with a unified voice, and demonstrated unprecedented opposition. The P&Z wisely voted AGAINST approval of this project.*

So why is this matter being voted upon *again*? Am I to believe that in Pima County, the wishes of a *single lobbyist* carries more weight than the concerns of the tax-paying owners of SIX HUNDRED affected/neighboring properties?

This lobbyist and his clients have no demonstrable *personal* investment in my community, and they will NEVER have to face *any* of the deleterious consequences so eloquently communicated in the recent P&Z meeting.


The Cortaro 57 project can be summarized this way: We get the unwelcome insertion (and subsequent proliferation) of commercial properties, the destabilizing inclusion of rental properties, the additional noise and traffic congestion, the depletion of the water table, and the destruction of an irreplaceable wildlife corridor. *Projects International* and their clients get... **rich**.

As a textbook case of a well-connected, selfish, special interest working in open defiance of the expressed wishes of the public, this situation represents everything that taxpayers *distrust* about the relationship between government and lobbyists.

A "NO" vote on Cortaro 57 will work to restore our trust, because it will reassert that Board Members represent the citizens—not lobbyists/special interests—of their districts, and it acknowledges that when homeowners amass at a Planning and Zoning Meeting to declare "No".... **That means NO**.

Respectfully,

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Attention Clerk of the Board: This letter is intended for distribution to all BOS Members as public comment to the Cortaro 57 item on the November 16 BOS meeting agenda. Please enter it into the public record.