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Please add my comment into official record. G. Aaron, Pima Co.

Re World View on your BOS agenda 11/1/2022

World View presents another history of bad financial decisions made by you, the Pima County Board and the retired Pima County Manager, Chuck Huckleberry. When I first heard about it in 2016, I noticed that one of Mark Kelly's daughters was on the Board of World View. That was when they first started out in Tucson and when they had only a few employees. She was getting paid for making decisions in favor of the company, but not in favor for Tucson or Pima county.

In my opinion, the \$19 million project costs including interest payments for financing the construction, was unlawfully paid for by Pima County! Who gets a deal like that?

Apparently, a court recently rejected Pima County's Plan to sell \$14M Property to World View affiliated with Mark Kelly for 10 Dollars! By Terri Neff

I agree with Chief Judge Karl Eppich in the recent October 26th appellate decision. He is right, that the deal were "lopsided" from the perspective of the county.

What happened to the 400 plus high-paying jobs and \$3.5 billion of economic impact

that World View would bring to Pima County? World View claimed people will on day travel to the stratosphere by balloon! They have not kept to staffing and payroll projections. Apparently, you had to revise the contract already due to months of late rental payments.

According to the Court of Appeals in Terri Neff's article, the building will still have a 30-year lifespan in 2036 and a fair market value of \$14 million, yet World View would get it for a mere \$10? You are once again not looking out for your constituents!

Judge Eppich wrote, "that the expenditure of public funds to benefit a private company is legal under the Arizona Constitution <u>only</u> when a public purpose is served <u>and only</u> if the benefit or consideration between the public and the private entity is not "grossly disproportionate." I agree!

Please cut your losses and protect Pima County residents! Thank you.