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To the Pima County Board of Supervisors

**RE: Tucson Crime Free Coalition**

Dear Board of Supervisors:

My husband Fred Bass and I are residents of the City of Tucson.

Let us begin by saying that we believe homelessness is not a crime. However, we also believe that the current homelessness crisis brings a lot of crime to Pima County, its residents and businesses.

Our neighborhood alone has had three catalytic converters stolen from cars, several bicycles, barbeque grills, potted plants, and Fed Ex, UPS and Amazon deliveries stolen from homes in the last six months. In response, our neighborhood has added outdoor lighting at our expense and a neighborhood contact system for deliveries. Neighbors leaving their homes for work in the morning have been greeted by homeless persons riffling their carport looking for items to steal. Businesses in our area have either closed or added security, at their expense. This is basically an additional tax on Pima County and City of Tucson residents.

The Flowing Wells Wash borders our neighborhood to the south. This wash is full of homeless camps both in the wash and alongside it. When the camps are being used, open fires are visible and the smell of burning trash emanates our homes. When abandoned, leave an awful mess for City of Tucson and Pima County Residents to clean up. This wash acts as a "superhighway" for homeless travel.

This situation cannot continue.

We completely support the Tucson Crime Free Coalition.

We want the Pima County Supervisors to take the lead on resolutions for these issues. We have no faith that Mayor Romero and the City Council cares what is happening in our neighborhood or any other neighborhood. Mayor Romero is soft on crime. You, the Pima County Supervisors can and should set the tone for Pima County, the state of Arizona and indeed, the country on addressing homelessness, crime and the human tragedy occurring on our streets.

Pima County residents and businesses want to feel safe.

Thank you.

Frederick W. Bass and Bonny L. Bass

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**Subject:** Drug addicts, criminals, homeless encampments - this is how it's impacting my business and quality of life

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Dear elected representatives,

I support the Tucson Crime Free Coalition and truly appreciate Supervisors Bronson and Christy for their strong support of this group.

I am sharing my experience as a business owner, home owner, and resident of Tucson. I will be at the meeting on Tuesday.

**As a business owner in the Grant Road Industrial Park, I have been impacted by the drug addicts, transients, and criminals who pass by our building and through our park.**

- We've had rocks thrown through our windows twice. Cost to replace them and put bars on 3 that face Grant Road: \$6,000.
- We had to install keyless entry and an updated alarm system: Cost \$3,000-\$5,000.
- Customers had their bikes stolen off the car rack *while they were shopping in our store!*
- A transient shit next to our dumpster - we caught it on our security video.
- A very large amount of water was taken from our spigot earlier this year - so much so that we were visited by Tucson Water Co., who notified us and suggested we lock the spigot, which we did. Body cam footage from our excellent security team at Privateer had shown a transient on a bike with a rigged up water tank/bladder who was caught stealing water from our business neighbors. We could never prove he stole our water too, but it's probable that he did.

We have actually fared better than most of our business neighbors, who've had copper ripped from their AC units and those units destroyed, and expensive tools stolen from their shops.

Every day when we exit I-10 at Grant to go to our office we see panhandlers on at least 2 corners, usually 3, as well as people sitting amongst trash and their belongings under the bridge.

We have a fantastic private security team who has reduced the number of people wandering through the private property of our park throughout the night. Cody Beltzer is the head of this team and he has definitely improved things for us. But he can only go so far, and my understanding is that his attempts at communicating with the city about these issues have fallen on deaf ears.

**As an owner of a home in the Broadmoor Broadway Village neighborhood near Reid Park, I've watched my neighborhood and surrounding area devolve over the last 2 years.**

It's gotten so bad that the following 3 things literally happened to me in the last 18 hours:

1. *On the way home from shopping an hour ago*, I drove by 2 incidents of open air drug use on the north sidewalk of Broadway between Alvernon and El Con Mall.
2. *This morning on my walk around Reid Park*, I walked by 3 men hanging out by the picnic table at the corner of Randolph and Broadway - next to the golf course fence. This is a common place for homeless people to hang out with their trash and belongings, do drugs, and use the water from the water fountain at the corner. I see it more and more. This morning there were 3, in the attached photo. I have been running and walking around Reid Park since I bought my house 7 years ago. There was none of this then. Several years ago you might see one or two people. In the last 1.5-2 years, they are everywhere. Last week I came upon 2 men who'd come out of the wash where Arroyo Chico meets the Bell walking Path (near the baseball diamond). There were golfers teeing off behind them - they were just chatting away as they came up out of the wash and scaled the fence to get out of the golf course and off to who knows where.
3. *Last night driving home*, we entered our neighborhood at Eastbourne and Manchester to find a man who was clearly not a neighbor pulling a wagon full of stuff aimlessly down Manchester.

In addition to the last 24 hours these things have happened in and near our neighborhood over the last year:

- 2 drug needles found next to a fire hydrant at the end of our street - found while walking our dog, who almost stepped on them
- Multiple small encampments along the fence near the tennis courts at Reid Park, on Broadway - I've reported those twice to the homeless protocol
- People and their massive amounts of trash in the Arroyo Chico wash - sometimes they even hang a tarp at the bridges at Country Club and Tucson Blvd., for, I'm assuming, privacy
- Neighbors who have left their cars unlocked have had them broken into - change and small items stolen
- Batteries stolen out of cars

I feel we citizens are powerless to do anything. We know there aren't enough police to address seemingly benign issues like this. I also don't know if the person is on meth or carrying a weapon - attempting to confront them could be a dangerous situation. (I am female and 5'1")

**As a regular rider of the Loop for the last 5 years, I'm horrified at what goes on along this fantastic bike path, starting when you get south of Grant. I have personally witnessed:**

- Open air drug use - 2 men shooting up while sitting on the bike path
- People standing/camped/hanging out under/on/next to the bridges at Grant, Speedway, Congress, on both sides of the Rattlesnake Bridge, on Aviation Parkway path extension - too numerous to count!
- Encampments and trash - *so much trash* - in our beautiful washes

RELATED: When we meet our friends to bike on Sunday mornings, we drive down Broadway from Tucson Blvd to the Mercado. On the way there are always at least several people on Broadway or downtown who are passed out on sidewalks, bus benches, and side streets. One morning I counted 5 people in this condition, on the way to the Mercado! In the past I have called 911 to report passed out people like this, who clearly need

medical attention. It's not that I no longer lack compassion, but people in this condition have become so common that I can't call on all of them.

**As a Tucson resident, I have watched as the panhandlers have spread out significantly from downtown.**

I used to own a home in Armory Park. Living downtown you have to expect some level of panhandlers, homelessness, vomit on the street - I lived in downtown Chicago too. Inner cities have their issues. Not that this is an excuse for the city to turn a blind eye, but it is not uncommon to see in America's cities.

Now the problem has reached so many street corners it's astounding. Alvernon and Broadway, Alvernon and Speedway, Alvernon and Grant. Tucson Blvd and Speedway. River and Campbell. Nearly every freeway exit access road from 22nd St north to Orange Grove.

Where is the city council in all of this? While I respect that the "Housing First" concept was done with the right intention IT IS NOT WORKING. The homeless people, drug addicts, and street criminals are not going to be "helped" by giving them a home. Most of them need TREATMENT. Some of them need to be arrested. All of them may need a home but without treatment and significant services, just giving them a home will not work. They will trash it just like they are trashing our streets and parks.

I understand that some of this is due to a lack of law enforcement. But there can be no more excuses – **we need more law enforcement and we need them to be empowered.**

We need a solution that gives police a way to remove these people from street corners, bridges, arroyos, and our streets and take them someplace where they can be triaged so that they can receive services, care or support. Like the Transition Center that is being discussed by our group, with county officials. We also need a solution to the recruitment of police to arrest the criminals among this group.

**Attention Mayor Romero and County Attorney Laura: WE NEED YOU TO JOIN THIS EFFORT and DO something.**

**Attention Grijalva, Heinz and Scott! WE NEED YOU TO JOIN THIS EFFORT too.**

Thank you for putting our Coalition on the agenda of your Tuesday meeting.

Cheryl

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**Cheryl Toth, MBA**

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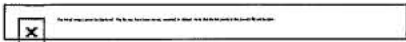
Hello,

I am writing to share my support for the Tucson Crime Free Coalition. I have noticed over the last few years the increase of homelessness and drug use around our store. This has created many problems for us as a business. I have received a large increase in our CAM charges for armed security. Every morning we're not sure what kind of a mess we will have to clean up before we can open our doors. I have watched as drugs are smoked and a woman shoots up into the top of her foot right outside our store window. I have also had customers tell me they were afraid to come into the store because of the homeless presence. I had one customer call and tell me his wife did not get out of her car and shop at our store for the same reason.

Something needs to be done to protect our business, staff and customers.

Thank you,  
Ted MacKillop

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**Subject:** Please support The Tucson Crime Free Coalition

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Good Morning,

I am writing this morning to ask all of you to please support The Tucson Crime Free Coalition and to give a special thanks to Supervisor Bronson and Christy for their robust support.

I am asking Supervisor Grijalva, Supervisor Heinz, Supervisor Scott, Mayor Romero and County Attorney Laura Conover to join to join in the effort and help create solutions to getting crime off of the streets.

Specifically, the staffing issues at TPD need to be fixed, no more excuses. The majority of the staffing issues surround the COVID vaccine mandate. The assault on our public safety needs to end. The result of all of the poor decisions made by the Mayor and City Council are now showing themselves. They didn't work, now change direction and create solutions that do work.

Thank you, Terra Radliff

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We moved to Tucson City from Oro Valley and have been extremely disappointed at the obvious difference in the crime, homeless camps, theft, litter, panhandling, and lack of enforcement of laws pertaining to these issues. It has become progressively worse and prompted us to begin sending complaints and inquiring how we can help bring attention to this issue. Please realize the seriousness of this issue and how it affects the tax paying citizens. We feel victims to be forced to witness this behavior daily in our travels to and from work, grocery store, gas stations and local businesses. Do your job!!! It is getting pathetic and an embarrassment to have visitors come to what used to be a beautiful area to visit. The citizens deserve BETTER.

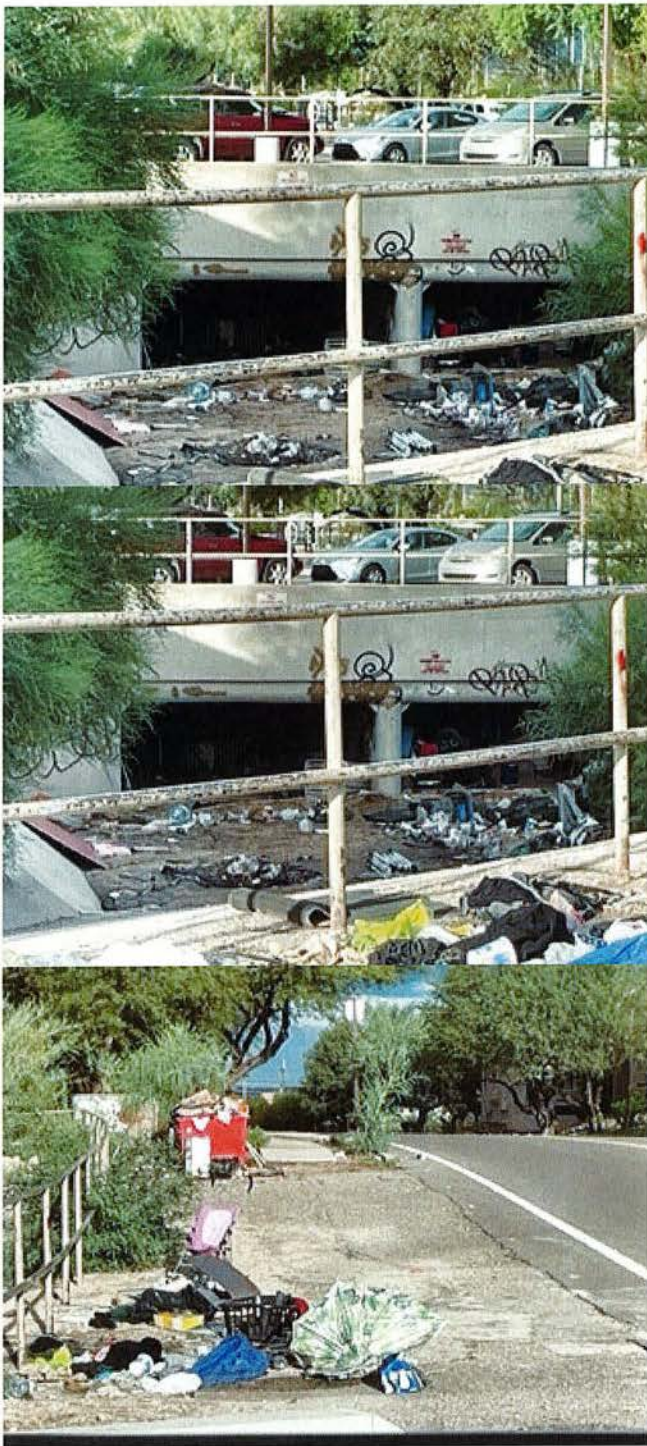
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**Subject:** excessive crime

Dear City Leaders;

I am writing again to ask what you are doing about the continually increasing crime in the City of Tucson. I have been a small business owner in Tucson for over 20 years and have had little problem with crime until the last few years. At my business, we are forced to paint over graffiti more than once per week. We constantly clean up trash, feces, and needles almost every day. This year alone we have spent over \$20,000 on vandalism, broken windows and equipment, cleaning, and installing protective measures. This expense was not from one event, but continual ongoing problems. That \$20,000 is on top of the \$20,000 plus we have paid you in property and sales taxes that are supposed to pay for police protection. When I called the police about drugged up vandals threatening my employees at knifepoint, the cops showed up 4 hours later. Tell me you think that is reasonable.

I understand that I am not alone and The Tucson Crime Free Coalition has been asking you to fix this problem as well. They tell me that Supervisors Bronson and Christy have been working towards a solution, whilst Supervisors Grijalva, Heinz, and Scott are hindering the effort to make Tucson a reasonable place to run a business. They need to join the effort before businesses realize there's a better place to do business than in the City of Tucson. Get the Mayor and County Attorney to actually do something to keep our taxpaying, voting, citizens safe.

Sincerely,

Alex Parrs

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Good morning,

Unfortunately, I am unable to make it to your meeting tomorrow morning. However, I am a supporter of the **Tucson Crime Free Coalition** and I wanted to express my concerns as a small business owner in Tucson.

I manage apartments and commercial industrial plazas in central Tucson. I also own my own apartment community (18 units). The crime issues are a large concern for myself and for the property owners I manage for. We have all taken a pro-active approach by installing camera systems, increasing private security, and taking self defense classes to protect ourselves.

I can give you so many examples of the **crime issues** we are facing daily. But I am sure you are all as extremely busy as I am so I will keep this to a minimum:

- 331 S. Alvernon (Ivy Luxury Apartments). This property is located within blocks of TPD. We have had 10 garages broken into recently, homeless people (peeping in windows), breaking into vacant apartments, needles from drug use found on the property. In addition to repair expenses we are losing residents that are moving out because they are scared.
- 1650 E 18<sup>th</sup> Street Industrial Plaza: Several catalytic converters stolen from work vehicles, small business owners that have had their service trucks stolen during the day, people drilling gas tanks and stealing gas and causing major expenses to repair these work trucks. Homeless camps that have started trees on fire next to our building.

These are just a couple of examples. These property owners and small business owners cannot sustain these additional expenses and vacancy issues. No one feels safe and when TPD is called they rarely respond. They say that these calls are NOT a high priority. I understand the staffing shortage of police officers. However, this is really concerning as a landlord. I cannot say or do much more to make our tenants feel safe in their own home or business.

One other major concern regarding **Section 8 housing**: I think this is great that the city is increasing vouchers to help place homeless people in apartments. However, what is the city doing to increase the staffing to support this movement? We have a long wait for inspections and payment. These small properties cannot hold apartments vacant waiting for an inspector and for rent payment. What can be done to expedite the payment? A person that moves in is

required to pay deposits and rent up front. However, this is not the case with Section 8. This is really a financial burden on these small business owners.

I know that the city is hiring more inspectors. I have a suggestion to ***offer virtual inspections***. Whenever, we have had permit inspections thru the city the inspectors have NOT come out in person. They do a facetime or zoom inspections. This has helped us to expedite the permit process. Is this a possible resolution for Section 8 inspectors? It would reduce your expenses with fuel costs and vehicle allowance for the inspector to come out in person.

We want to be a part of the resolution not just a complainer. Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Angelique George  
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Hello,

I am writing to you today in support of the efforts being made by the Tucson Crime Free Coalition. I appreciate their efforts to communicate the frustration that business owners are feeling in regards to the crime, and quality of life issues that arise from having a growing transient community.

I understand that there is strong support from Supervisors Bronson and Christy to have an action plan set in motion, but there is little time for continued evaluation and discovery on this subject. ACTION is needed! I am asking for all Supervisors to ask Mayor Romero and County Attorney Conover to join the effort and be part of the solution.

I have owned multiple businesses in Tucson. The amount of crime that occurred at my last location at Grant and Stone, was a significant factor in my decision to sell. The idea of "Thrive in the 05" cannot be realized until the issue of petty crime, drug use, and loitering are eliminated from our society. Currently, the parking lot of my current business is impacted daily by transients checking for unlocked car doors, and open drug use on the street corners. We are daily having to remove unwanted individuals from using our bathroom facilities to shower, and loitering around our vehicles.

I look forward to hearing of a concrete plan to support small businesses and eliminate the need to move our businesses away from the city.

Thank you,

Ron Moore

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ITEM NO. A004

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I am 70 years of age.  
My lady is a Dr., younger  
I take her to work { banner / Campbell } ,, on the days she works there because that area of town is not safe at  
early or late hours,I walk her in.  
Twice we have been to events downtown Tucson.  
1, auto broke into  
2, a group of person's tried to strong arm us for money.  
I pulled a weapon, this making her upset with me, she did not know I was carrying.  
I have since rid myself of my weapons at her request.  
I personally do not agree with however,,?

I have been assaulted riding my bicycle,  
Our home near TMC,our B.B Q, grill stolen, a gardening cart stolen,  
We no longer will travel anywhere near down town, nor do we go out at night unless either very important or  
we are traveling.  
Having fun, dinning out should be enjoyable, not looking over my shoulder to make sure we are safe,

Q -T, speedway / magnolia, stopping for gas, a night stick pulled on us, I happen to have a baseball bat with me  
in our auto.  
They ran away.  
TPD,has reports, we were never contacted in the after-math.

Tucson streets , speedway especially, people driving 70-80 miles an hour,  
WHAT POLICE DEPARTMENT,,?

MR Arlen N. Lemons  
Dr Courtney Hillman,  
She is working this week at Mao . Scottsdale,  
I am receiving leukemia treatments same hospital  
Thank you.

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Dear City council and County Supervisors:

Let's work together to help ALL TUCSONANS by reducing the scourge of vagrancy, violence, crime and homelessness that is so prevalent on the streets of Tucson today. PLEASE listen and consider the pleas of the "Tucson Crime Free Coalition". Reducing this problem will benefit ALL Tucsonans, not the least of which are the low-income citizens who reside in some of the hardest-hit areas. Let's be serious and focused on this, the #1 most pressing issue in Tucson.

-Brandon Rodgers



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