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From: Destructo6 [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:35 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Vote yes for Mosaic Quarter

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my support for the Mosaic Quarter project. My primary interest is in the Iceplex and the enormous benefit this will bring to the greater Tucson area and my family.

My son, and by extension, my family has been heavily involved in hockey for the last 9 years. Unable to find reasonable opportunities for him to play ice hockey in Tucson, he has played roller hockey, year round, in multiple leagues. Without exaggeration, we have spent 5-7 days a week at the rink for months on end. We have since bitten the bullet, so to speak, and started him playing ice hockey, though he still plays roller regularly.

Presently there is only one seasonal opportunity to play ice hockey in Tucson. The Tucson Convention Center has ice from later October until April, though hockey has to split the time with the Roadrunner AHL team, the Junior Roadrunners highschool team, UofA Ice Cats, Junior Roadrunners (below highschool), adult hockey, Disney on Ice, etc. So while ice is technically available, to any one team it is available only on occasion. Often, we travel the two hours to Phoenix to play at one of their 6 rinks.

My point is there is likely enough interest in just the hockey aspect of the IcePlex to keep all 3 rinks busy and bringing in business while providing a great opportunity for children as well as adults to play the great game of hockey. With all of the other activities available at the Mosaic Quarter, I believe it will be a great place for a great number of people in and around Tucson.

Please vote in favor of the Mosaic Quarter.

Thank you,

Timothy P Thomas

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From: Kendra Kent <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:00 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Agenda Item - Mosaic Quarter Development Vote



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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you today to encourage you to vote in favor of the land lease regarding the Mosaic Quarter development. This entertainment complex will be vital to our community and will help us grow our athletic community.

My son recently joined the Junior Roadrunner ice hockey program this year and is completely over the moon being able to participate. As you know, the only ice currently available for use is at the TCC. The venue is not easy to work with, parking is sometimes impossible, and ice time is squeezed in between other high priority events (GEM show, Rodeo, concerts, etc.). This limits the ice time available to our kids to hone their skills. Add in sharing the ice with the UofA men's team and next year the women's team as well as community leagues often leaves our kids with late night time slots which isn't great for their school academic focus or success. There are families that commute to Phoenix multiple times a week just to get the ice time they feel is necessary for their kids to succeed in this sport since we don't have access here in Tucson. That shouldn't be the case. We need this complex not just for our youth but to help support our UofA franchises.

I am a native of Tucson, born and raised. I remember the IcePlex on the east side and having fun times on hot days. It is a shame that we can't share that with all of the kids in our community. I truly believe that this development will benefit not only those of our kids involved in ice sports but will give additional opportunities to help grow other athletic programs throughout Tucson by opening up additional spaces to be utilized for basketball, volleyball, football, and other sports. Your vote could help Tucson grow and thrive for many years to come. Please consider supporting this development.

Sincerely,
Kendra Kent
Tucson Resident/Parent

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From: Steven Melendez
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:16 PM
To: COB_mail
Cc: Jason Melendez
Subject: Mosaic Quarter project

Attention Cleark of the board.

March 04,2024

Please, I write this e-mail in support of the Mosaic Quarter project, and the skating community Hockey, Figure skaters of Tucson and Pima county.

I am not a fulltime ice skater, but I can skate. I came to appreciating the skating community when my sons became involved in the Tucson Hocky program a 501-C in late 1994 early 1995. My oldest was 12 years old and my youngest was 7 years old.

Durning this time the only ice that was available in Tucson was the "Tucson Community Center". The skating programs were at the mercy of the availability of ice based on the UA ICE Cats schedule. All the programs would have to be scheduled around this availability. So, the programs would take ice when they could get it, and when I mean get it 4:00, 5:00 Am, 10:00: 11:00 PM middle of the night for 7-year-olds and younger along with all the other age groups. This is what I appreciated about the program was the desire of this group of young athletes who only want to be on the ice no matter the hardship was amazing.

For Kids to compete competitively meant traveling long distance Phoenix, Las Vegas Albuquerque, Flag staff, ect.

Both my boys were very competitive and stood out, but they, like all the others in tucson, were stifled by the lack of ice time. My youngest went onto play for Delaware University after 6 years in the air force and both still play today in adult programs.

Sometime in 1997, 1998 the Ice Plex skating Facility at 7333 E rosewood Blvd Tucson AZ 85710. It was built as all-inclusive for all but that did not turn out to be true. There was for a brief time when more ice was availability for the programs, but because the owners Glassman wanted to take over the 501-C and the Tucson Hockey program would not allow that to happen. The ice plex owners started their own hockey program. The managmeant started to banning Tucson hockey players from the ice plex, they would not schedule games for the Tucson Hockey program at the ice plex and they attacked the city for unfair business competition for providing ice to the Tucson hockey Program.

This claim of unfair business competition turned out to be disproved through multiply audits the TCC did to determine exactly how much the TCC was paying to support the Tucson hockey program. It turned out that the skating programs figure skaters, youth hockey and adult leagues, were the only youth programs in Tucson that were paying above what its actual cost for their use of the city facility, In other words the TCC was making a profit from the 501-C programs (look at TCC Aduit reports). The only youth program in Tucson that paid its own way in which there has been little or no support from city or County leaders.

The hockey programs 1999-2000 due to the mis-management of the ice plex became a toxic environment pushing all prospective participants to other sports. This abandonment of the Ice plex was not an abandonment of the ice-skating program, but resulted in the ice plex shutting it doors and become a passport office.

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In 2000 and 2001 it became better for my youngest. Phoenix started a high school program. They had about 20 teams and Tucson had 2 the Tucson teams were included in the phoenix program. I am sure Phoenix has more than 20 teams now.

Tucson, Pima County has enough baseball fields, soccer fields, basketball courts and gym. What it needs to do is provide for the skating community, of Tucson. The figure skaters who work hard to be competitive. The youth hockey teams that long to beat the phoenix teams, the adult Hockey teams, who are trying to hold on to a happier time and to the community, by providing another alternative form of entertainment for all. Birthday party, who does remember skate country and Ice land on speedway and open skate.

It has been promised too long it is time to deliver, and I guarantee you will be best money spent.

Yours truly

Steven J. Melendez

Aliza Barraza

From: James Beard <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:20 PM
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Subject: Kino Sports Center Ice Rink



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I am greatly interested that the Board agree with the plan for the Kino Sports Center Ice Rink. This will bring so much value to our community and a great tax generator. Please vote YES!

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James Beard

Owner

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From: Stacey Hadlock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:22 PM
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Subject: Letter of Support - Mosaic Quarter

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Good afternoon,

My name is Stacey Hadlock and I am writing to urge you to please support the Mosaic Quarter project currently on the voting agenda for tomorrow, 3/5/24. As a proud Junior Roadrunners family, we stand in support of the project by Knott Development to bring a leading ice facility to Southern Arizona. We are so eager to have a facility of this magnitude in our city. We have had the pleasure of traveling to El Paso for a youth hockey tournament. El Paso was a gracious host, and their "barn" was so neat! You could immediately tell it was a beacon of community and the spirit of sportsmanship and family rang loud on that sheet of ice. The town of Odessa was also present, and I was so amazed by the enthusiasm and support these families had for their players. I later looked it up and found out Odessa is a town of 100,000!!! Surely with a community our size, and with the exponential growth we have seen in youth hockey year after year, we too can be an inspiration to others and a pillar of the community with our eagerly awaited, extremely anticipated ice sheets!!!

As a hockey parent, it would also be wonderful to have the opportunity to host other cities, and to be able to have the space and ice-time to develop a girl's youth hockey team. It is dispiriting to be invited to tournaments in other cities, and be unable to reciprocate that generosity. It is surprising to many in the hockey community outside of Tucson that we do not have our own facility.

On a personal note, it would also be nice not to have to continue to drive to Chandler, Gilbert, and Scottsdale just to get ice time. There have been years in our life we have made 1-3 trips a week to Chandler for skating and hockey practice for our now 10 year old.

On Tuesday, please vote in support of the Mosaic Quarter project, and bring this long-overdue facility to Pima County.

Thank you so much for your time and attention to this matter!

Kind Regards,

Stacey Hadlock