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Hello,

I am writing in support of the Mosaic Quater project now being considered for approval by the Board. I am a Tucson native, father of four, and avid supporter of you the sports. I currently serve as a juniors baseball coach and treasurer for the Tucson District 12 Randolph Little League. I have children in both little league baseball and junior hockey programs here in Tucson.

Growing up in Tucson there was always a lack of affordable youth sports programs available in Tucson. I remember wanting to be involved in sports outside of my schools and there was very little opportunity to do so. I come from a family of four raised by my single mother. When we found leagues we could afford and I could participate in, the available spots were often very limited.

Now, as a father with children wanting to play sports, I understand the difficulty local leagues have in supporting all of the interested children. Often there is either a lack of funding to subsidize the costs for low income families or a lack of facilities for the leagues to utilize. I see this all the time in my role with the little league now.

The Mosaic Quarter will help address both of these problems by providing new sports facilities and community programs to give all kids the opportunity to participate in youth sports. Youth sports that will help teach responsibility, understanding for others, team work, and provide a sense of community for children that may not be blessed with the best home lives.

I know personally, we had to travel to Chandler to find a hockey program that had space for my five year old before space opened up with the Junior Roadrunners.

I ask that you please vote to approve the lease of the land needed for the Mosaic Quater to move forward. This is a truly wonderful opportunity for Tucson's youth, business community, and the city in general.

I thank you for your continued leadership and work to make Tucson a better place for all of us through support of important projects such as this one.

Best,
John F Howard
Attorney, University of Arizona Professor of Practice, and small business owner.