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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jon Hanson and I am writing to you to express my wholehearted support of the proposed development of the area directly south of the current Kino Sports Complex on the south side of I-10. I understand that the plan is to use the space for several lighted soccer fields.

Currently, I am the athletic director for San Miguel High School. We lack the space to have our lighted fields so we have had to go outside agencies to obtain practice and game fields. We have worked with several agencies in the past but have settled with Kino Sports Complex for the relative proximity to our campus and the ease of access for the schools against whom we compete. We also choose Kino because the fields are extremely well maintained and safe.

Other groups select Kino for the same reasons and the only drawback is the current fields are in high demand from local youth, adult leagues, club teams, high school teams and now professional teams. Scheduling practice times and games can be quite a challenge. I am grateful to the staff and administration of Kino Sports Complex for doing their very best to address our needs as well as so many other groups but we are now at a tipping point. There simply is not enough available field space. As I have experienced firsthand, The City of Tucson Park and Rec Department is fully committed to youth and adult leagues throughout the city and it is nearly impossible to secure field space on a regular basis.

Developing the field space will be the best thing the county can do to give our community and particularly our youth a safe place to play. It will also be a message to those that will see the complex as they travel along the freeway that Pima County is committed to the health and wellness of its residents and I know that is the most important investment the board can make. Please support this initiative and give Tucson community the fields it so greatly needs.

Sincerely,

Jon Hanson
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