

# AGENDA MATERIAL

DATE 11-16-21

ITEM NO. RA15

**Melissa Whitney**

**From:** Jerry Price <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 3:17 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** Jerry Price  
**Subject:** Cortaro 52 Project (P21SP00001)

Attn: Clerk of the Board - Pima County Board of Supervisors

Please distribute this e-mail to each of the Board of Supervisors.

Rex Scott - District 1  
Matt Heinz - District 2  
Sharon Bronson - District 3  
Steve Christy - District 4  
Adelita Grijalva - District 5

Honorable Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

On November 9, 2021 at 11 AM, an envelope packet was delivered to the Clerk of the Boards office containing a cover letter and a Petition from 447 area residents opposing the Cortaro 57 (P21SP00001) Project. One of these packets was addressed to each of you. Also, 60 form letters signed by area residents was given to the Clerk of the Board.

Within an hour of these packets being delivered, Mr. Jim Portner of Projects International, Inc. sent an e-mail requesting a Continuance of the BOS Public Hearing for Cortaro 57 Specific Plan. Mr. Portner was probably overwhelmed by the tremendous opposition to this Project and he is now requesting that the November 16th public hearing be rescheduled to December 7, 2021.

The purpose of this e-mail is to encourage you, the Pima County Board of Supervisors, to DENY Mr. Portner's Request for Continuance of the November 16, 2021 meeting. Mr. Portner states this request "would allow further discussions with the appropriate stakeholders". He has had plenty of time to prepare his presentation. The public hearing for the Cortaro 57 (P21SP00001) has been scheduled for many weeks. Letters were sent out to all of the residents in the area affected by this Project giving the time and date of this hearing. Also, while obtaining signatures for the Petition against Cortaro 57 everyone was reminded of the meeting date and time and encouraged to participate. Many of these people have jobs, and plan other activities, and have made arrangements to accommodate their being able to participate in this meeting. At this stage there is no way to inform all of these 600 people of the public hearing cancellation or to inform them of the date for the rescheduled hearing. It is blatantly unfair to these 600 residents to be blindsided at this late hour by this change. Why should one man be able to dictate to the Pima County Board of Supervisors and 600 concerned area residents when this "PUBLIC HEARING" should take place? Mr. Portner is probably hoping that waiting a few more weeks will cause people to lose interest and he can have a better chance of succeeding. As you are all aware, the opposition to Cortaro 57 is OVERWHELMING. The 600 area residents have spoken and they have no intention of changing their minds.

Please DENY his request for Continuance and continue as planned with the Cortaro 57 agenda on November 16th. Please represent the voices of 600 area residents who adamantly oppose Cortaro 57 and DENY their request for approval of Cortaro 57.  
Thank you so much for your help with these important issues.

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**From:** Jennifer Cabrera on behalf of District3  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Anissa Ramirez  
**Subject:** FW: I object to Cortaro 57

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**From:** Xiaojun Zhang [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** I object to Cortaro 57

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Dear Dir/Madam,

I'm writing to let you know that I object to Cortaro 57.

Please add this comment to the BOS agenda, and CC to all of the Supervisors.

Thank you!

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**From:** Jerry Price [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 11:24 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** Jerry Price  
**Subject:** Cortaro 57 P21SP00001

Clerk of the Board: Please add this to P21SP00001 "attachments" in the November 16th Meeting agenda. This is a copy of an e-mail sent to Mr. Poirier, Deputy Director, DSD Planning Division

[Chris.Poirier@pima.gov](mailto:Chris.Poirier@pima.gov)

Mr. Poirier:

On October 26, 2021, you wrote a letter to the Honorable Rex Scott, Supervisor, District 1, regarding P21SP00001 Cortaro Farms 15 LLC, et al. In that letter you stated that "Public Comment to date: As of November 16, 2021, staff has received 12 written comments in protest to the request." That comment is incorrect and very misleading. In fact, as of November 12, 2021, the Clerk of the Board for the Pima County Board of Supervisors has received about 600 signatures from a Petition, letters and e-mails from concerned area residents who adamantly oppose Cortaro 57 P21SP00001.

In that same letter, on October 26, 2021, you also wrote under the category "STAFF RECOMMENDATION; APPROVAL". Who exactly is the "STAFF" that is referred to that is APPROVING an issue on October 26th that isn't even to be brought before the Board of Supervisors until November 16th, and before the area residents have even been made aware of this Project and have not had a chance to express their opinion? In fact, 600 area residents do oppose this project and the negative impact it will have on them. They don't want a beautiful, unique, biodiverse piece of desert landscape destroyed to put in 200 homes, apartments, rental homes, and commercial usage. Many people have stated that they specifically bought homes in this area due to the natural desert landscape. They don't want more noise and further traffic congestion on Cortaro Farms Road near Quail Run Elementary School. This school is also near capacity and can't handle more students from these proposed homes. It is a known fact that Arizona is facing a water shortage and doesn't need more homes in this area. There are many new housing projects within a few miles of this area and hundreds of homes are being built already. Enough is Enough!

It is my understanding that a "Public Hearing" is to be conducted by Pima County Board of Supervisors on November 16th, 2021. However, it appears from your letter that the decision to Approve Cortaro 57 P21SP00001 had already been made by the "STAFF" in your office and you are recommending to Mr. Scott that it be approved. It was my impression that the Pima County Board of Supervisors are to make this decision, and part of their decision should certainly be dependent on the wants and needs of the 600 residents who live in this Project area.

In light of the OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION by the people who live in this area I am requesting that the "STAFF" reconsiders its recommendation of APPROVAL of Cortaro 57 P21SP00001 and listens to the voice of 600 people who call this area their home. They have nothing to gain from this Project. Only the land developers can financially profit from the unconscionable destruction of this beautiful desert area that is already home to many Saguaros, Ironwoods, desert plants and animals, who will die from approval of this Project.

The Planning and Zoning Commission was against this Project and DENIED APPROVAL.

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The Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection is against this Project.  
447 people who live in this Project area signed a Petition to DENY APPROVAL.  
Many other residents in this area have sent e-mails and letters OPPOSING this Project.  
We live in a Democracy and the many voices of the people must be heard and respected.

Thank you for reconsidering and DENYING the approval of Cortaro 57 P21SP00001.

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