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C. H. HUCKELBERRY
County Administrator

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Dirk Arnold
3919 East 17th Street
Tucson, Arizona 85711

Re: Your Question Regarding the May 18, 2004 County Bond Election and, in Particular, Question 1

Dear Mr. Arnold:

First, let me say that the advertisements that you have received regarding Question 1 were not produced nor paid for by Pima County. An independent group is advocating specifically for Question 1 and I assume these are the brochures that you received in the mail.

In answer to your question regarding a line item veto, there are no such abilities in a bond issue. You may vote yes, you may vote no, or you may simply choose not to vote on that question.

The reason open space bonds for Davis-Monthan were included in the open space question is that County bond legal counsel indicated that the County could not place the Davis-Monthan question in any of the other five questions on the ballot. Legal counsel indicated that the County had no legal authority to place Davis-Monthan with the public safety question, the parks question, or any other question. The only statutory authority the County has to purchase land to prevent development encroachment on Davis-Monthan is in the form of open space; hence the reason the Davis-Monthan issue was placed in Question 1.

I hope this answers your questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Huckelberry", is written over a large, stylized flourish that extends from the bottom of the signature down towards the typed name below.

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

CHH/jj

c: Jim Barry, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator
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