



Palo Verde Neighborhood Association

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Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W Congress Street
Tucson AZ 85701

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and Members,

On behalf of the Palo Verde Neighborhood Association that I represent, I would like to express our support for the *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal* put forward by the Living Streets Alliance.

Walking is one of the most basic forms of human activity and yet pedestrians are faced with numerous challenges and severe safety risks in many neighborhoods across Pima County. Tucson ranks number 25 on the list of Most Dangerous Metropolitan Areas, with between 250 and 300 pedestrian-involved car accidents each year, and an average of 21 annual pedestrian fatalities. The lack of a safe, convenient, and comfortable pedestrian network prevents walking from becoming a viable transportation option for many individuals in our community.

Walkability is not only important in terms of creating a free and equitable transportation alternative, but also is an essential element for the vitality of our neighborhoods. Walkable communities support physical and mental health, provide better access for people of all ages and abilities, promote economic development with increased property values and local business patronage, improve air quality, and help our neighborhoods become safer and more friendly places to live. Investing in the quality of life of residents in this community is a key strategy to create a healthier, happier, and economically competitive region.

I fully support LSA's *Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Proposal* as a strong initiative to start improving the pedestrian environment in Pima County, and request your recommendation for its inclusion in the upcoming Pima County bond election.

Sincerely,

Ronni Kotwica
Palo Verde Neighborhood Association President