

## Purpose

The purpose of the election is to submit to the qualified electors of Pima County six separate questions as to whether bonds of the County should be authorized to be issued in addition to all bonds authorized at previous elections.

## Overview of Questions

**1. Sonoran Desert Open Space and Habitat Protection; Preventing Urban Encroachment of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base** **\$174,300,000**

For the purpose of acquiring real and personal property for open space and habitat protection, and to prevent urban encroachment of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base?

**2. Public Health and Community Facilities** **\$81,800,000**

For the purpose of acquiring, developing, expanding, improving and equipping new and existing facilities to further the health, education, welfare and safety of the citizens of the County, including County hospitals, clinics and other buildings, museums and facilities for the arts; facilities for the disposal of solid waste; and lighting, housing and other improvements and facilities to further neighborhood reinvestment?

**3. Public Safety and Justice Facilities** **\$183,500,000**

For the purpose of acquiring, developing, improving and equipping public safety and justice facilities in Pima County, including a new court complex, renovation of the County's Old Courthouse, jail security improvements, and a regional emergency radio communications system?

**4. Parks and Recreation Facilities** **\$96,450,000**

For the purpose of acquiring, developing, expanding, improving and equipping new and existing parks and recreational facilities in Pima County, including athletic fields, community centers, libraries, historic and cultural facilities and trails?

**5. River Parks and Flood Control Improvements** **\$46,200,000**

For the purpose of acquiring, constructing, expanding and improving the flood control facilities in Pima County, including bank stabilization, channels, drainage ways, dikes, levees, and other flood control improvements, river parks and related facilities?

**6. Sewer System Revenue Bonds** **\$150,000,000**

For the purpose of paying the costs of improvements, expansions and extensions to the sewer plant and system of Pima County?



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## QUESTION No. 1

**Sonoran Desert Open Space and Habitat Protection; Preventing Urban Encroachment of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base** **\$174,300,000**

For the purpose of acquiring open space and habitat protection, including Sonoran Desert open space, protecting wildlife habitats, saguaro cacti, ironwood forests and lands around rivers, washes and recharge areas to ensure high water quality, and the acquisition of lands in the vicinity of Davis Monthan Air Force Base to prevent urban encroachment?



*Tucson Mountain Park – 36th Street Corridor; Davidson Canyon.*

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### BENEFITS

Preserving these open space and habitat parcels will help to protect the scenic, recreational, biological, cultural and historic, and natural flood control values associated with these properties. In addition, Pima County is applying for an incidental take permit under Section 10(1)(a)(B) of the federal Endangered Species Act. Under this permit, preserving these open space and habitat parcels will ensure that public and private development projects can continue in areas suitable for development.

### COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE PARCELS

The number of Community Open Space projects identified is in excess of the number that can be purchased with the \$37,300,000 allocation of bond funds. This provides necessary flexibility during the property acquisition process. Individual acquisition amounts for each Community Open Space project will not reasonably exceed cost estimates.

- 1 Sweetwater Preserve ..... \$13,000,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple of 695 acres in the Tucson Mountain foothills. Acquisition of these acres will protect a key segment of the Sweetwater Wash that connects Tucson Mountain Park to the Santa Cruz River, recreational opportunities, known archeological resources, and scenic views.
- 2 Camino de Oeste ..... \$2,000,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on 100 acres bordering Tucson Mountain Park. This project will protect habitat for a wide range of plants and animals, provide viewshed protection and a strategic boundary enhancement to Tucson Mountain Park, and protect cultural resources.

- 3 Dos Picos ..... \$1,000,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on 80 acres bordering Tucson Mountain Park. This will be a strategic addition to the boundary of the Tucson Mountain Park and will protect a pair of prominent landmark peaks.
- 4 Tortolita Mountain Park Arizona Preserve Initiative ..... \$7,000,000**  
For the purchase or preservation through other available methods of 4,519 acres of State Trust Land located within the planning boundary of the Tortolita Mountain Park. This project will protect habitat suitable for a variety of species including the cactus ferruginous pygmy owl, protect an area of high archaeological significance, protect a key segment of Upper Honey Bee Canyon, and preserve recreational areas and scenic views.
- 5 Tucson Mountain Park Arizona Preserve Initiatives ..... \$1,000,000**  
For the purchase or preservation through other available methods of two State Trust Land parcels totaling 100 acres. This project will protect scenic slopes adjacent to Tucson Mountain Park and high quality habitat suitable for the cactus ferruginous pygmy owl and other species.
- 6 Catalina Conservation Easements ..... \$1,000,000**  
For the acquisition of conservation easements over private properties between the southern ends of the Catalina State Park Expansion and Tortolita East Biological Corridor Arizona Preserve Initiatives to ensure the efficacy of the area as a biological corridor.
- 7 Canoa Ranch ..... \$3,000,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on 133 acres along the eastern side of Interstate 19 surrounded by the County's 4,651 acre Canoa Ranch property. An equestrian facility on the property would augment the planned use of the ranch for environmental education, a museum, and short-term rentals for birders and hikers.
- 8 Los Morteros ..... \$1,000,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on 45 acres located in the northern reaches of the Tucson Mountains in the Town of Marana. This project will protect irreplaceable archaeological resources as well as the scenic values of the northern reaches of the Tucson Mountains.
- 9 Carpenter Ranch ..... \$1,000,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on 300 acres located north of the Pima-Pinal County line and Tortolita Mountain

Park. This project will expand Pima County's existing Tortolita Mountain Park holdings, preserve natural and scenic resources, protect a portion of a historic ranch, and provide additional public access.

- 10 Tortolita East Biological Corridor Arizona Preserve Initiative .. \$10,000,000**  
For the purchase or preservation through other available methods of 4,761 acres of State Trust Land situated immediately north of Oro Valley. This project will facilitate the creation of a key biological corridor between the Tortolita Mountains, Catalina State Park and the Coronado National Forest, protect an area of high archaeological significance, protect a key segment of Upper Honey Bee Canyon, and preserve recreational areas and scenic views.
- 11 Catalina State Park Expansion Arizona Preserve Initiative ... \$5,000,000**  
For the purchase or preservation through other available methods of 2,320 acres of State Trust Land located immediately north of Catalina State Park. This project will facilitate the creation of an important biological corridor between the Tortolita Mountains, Catalina State Park, and the Catalina Mountains, expand the popular Catalina State Park, and protect trails.
- 12 Colossal Cave Expansion ..... \$6,000,000**  
For the purchase or preservation through other available methods of 1,600 acres of State Trust Lands northwest of the Colossal Cave Mountain Park. This project will expand the existing Colossal Cave Mountain Park to preserve Pistol Hill, protect valuable biological, cultural and scenic resources, and create new recreational opportunities.
- 13 Painted Hills ..... \$4,500,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on 300 acres located between Anklam Road and Speedway Blvd. This project will protect the saguaro-studded slopes along both Speedway and Anklam roads, habitat for a wide range of plants and animals, and the viewshed of the upper foothills of the Tucson Mountains.
- 14 South Corridor (Ajo/Mission) ..... \$2,100,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on properties to preserve a corridor from the southern end of Tucson Mountain Park to Mission Road.

**Bond Allocation for Community Open Space Parcels (Not Less Than) ..... \$37,300,000**

### URBAN OPEN SPACE REQUESTED BY JURISDICTIONS

#### City of Tucson

- 15 Agua Caliente ..... \$5,000,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on parcels located between Agua Caliente Wash and Tanque Verde Creek, west of Houghton Road. Preservation of a natural wash corridor will protect the sensitive riparian plant communities and decrease the potential for flooding.
- 16 36th Street Corridor ..... \$5,000,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on properties along the west end of 36th Street to preserve a corridor from the Santa Cruz River west to Tucson Mountain Park. This project will protect scenic views, provide additional public access into Tucson Mountain Park, and protect a wildlife corridor linking the Tucson Mountains and the nearby Santa Cruz River.
- 17 Habitat at 36th and Kino ..... \$1,000,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple of a 26-acre parcel located at the southeast corner of 36th Street and Kino Parkway. The property is within walking distance of six schools, the Holmes-Tuttle Boys and Girls Club, and the Quincy Douglas Recreation Center, all of which could benefit from nearby natural habitat conservation and environmental protection.

#### Town of Oro Valley

- 18 Kelly Ranch ..... \$2,500,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on 103 acres located at the intersection of Tangerine Rd. and Oracle Rd., and surrounded by Catalina State Park. Preservation of these parcels will prevent urban encroachment on the sensitive natural resources of Catalina State Park, protect significant cultural and archeological resources, and create recreational and educational opportunities for the public.

#### Town of Sahuarita

- 19 Santa Cruz River Open Space ..... \$1,500,000**  
For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements to preserve natural open space and environmentally sensitive habitat along the Santa Cruz River within the Town of Sahuarita.

**Bond Allocation for Urban Open Space Requested by Jurisdictions (Not More Than) ..... \$15,000,000**

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## Open Space acquired with previous County bonds:



Tortolita Mountain Park – acreage acquired with 1986 and 1997 bond funds



Colossal Cave Mountain Park – acreage acquired with 1986 and 1997 bond funds.



Canoa Ranch – acreage acquired with 1997 bond funds.



Agua Caliente Creek – acreage acquired with 1997 bond funds.



Tucson Mountain Park – Perper Rollings property acquired with 1997 bond funds.



Tucson Mountain Park – Holsclaw property acquired with 1997 bond funds.

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### DAVIS-MONTHAN ENVIRONS OPEN SPACE

**20 Urban Open Spaces to Prevent Encroachment on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (Not More Than) ..... \$10,000,000**  
 For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements to prevent encroachment on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Benefits of the project include preserving open space, protecting habitat, and creating recreational opportunities; enhancing prospects for the long-term operability of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base; and controlling levels of noise and risks associated with over-flights.

### HABITAT PROTECTION PRIORITIES

In order to provide Pima County flexibility in the expenditure of bond funds, acreage identified on the map as Habitat Protection Priorities far exceeds the acreage that will actually be purchased.

**21 Southeast Corridor Project Area ..... \$38,000,000**  
 For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on lands identified as Habitat Protection Priorities in the Southeastern Corridor Project Area. The Southeastern Corridor Project Area is located southeast of the Tucson metropolitan area and includes the northern extent of the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, the Empirita Ranch, Davidson Canyon, Cienega Creek, Colossal Cave Mountain Park, and a key segment of the Agua Verde Creek.

**22 Santa Cruz Basin Project Area ..... \$22,000,000**  
 For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on lands identified as Habitat Protection Priorities in the Santa Cruz Basin Project Area. The Santa Cruz Basin Project Area is located south of the Tucson metropolitan area and includes the Santa Rita Mountains, the Sierrita Mountains, the Santa Rita Experimental Range, Canoa Ranch, important riparian habitat along tributaries such as Sópore Creek, wildlife corridors connecting the Santa Rita, Sierrita, and Tumacácori mountains, and significant cultural resources.

**23 Altar Valley Project Area ..... \$21,000,000**  
 For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on lands identified as Habitat Protection Priorities in the Altar Valley

Project Area. The Altar Valley Project Area is located in the far southwestern extent of eastern Pima County and includes a number of working ranches, the Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge, and Pima County's largest and most intact semi-desert grassland valley.

**24 Avra Valley Project Area ..... \$5,000,000**  
 For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on lands identified as Habitat Protection Priorities in the Avra Valley Project Area. The Avra Valley Project Area is located west of the Tucson metropolitan area and east of the Tohono O'odam Reservation, and includes the Tucson Mountains, Saguaro National Park West, the Ironwood National Monument, unaffected expanses of the saguaro-palo verde-old growth ironwood plant community, as well as two of the County's prime wildlife and riparian corridors: the Santa Cruz River and the Brawley Wash.

**25 Tortolita Mountains Project Area ..... \$11,000,000**  
 For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on lands identified as Habitat Protection Priorities in the Tortolita Mountains Project Area. The Tortolita Mountains Project Area is located northwest of the Tucson metropolitan area between Interstate 10 and the Catalina Mountains, and encompasses the Tortolita Mountain range, Catalina State Park, the region's best examples of the saguaro-palo verde-old growth ironwood plant community, prime habitat for the cactus ferruginous pygmy owl, natural flood control and recharge capacities, and highly valued scenic resources and archeological sites.

**26 Tucson Basin Project Area ..... \$6,000,000**  
 For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on lands identified as Habitat Protection Priorities in the Tucson Basin Project Area. The Tucson Basin Project Area encompasses metropolitan Tucson, Saguaro National Park East and part of Coronado National Forest, key remnants of high-quality riparian habitats located in and along Sabino Creek, Tanque Verde Creek, Agua Caliente Creek, and the Pantano Wash, and priority archeological and historic sites.

**27 San Pedro Project Area ..... \$9,000,000**  
 For the purchase in fee simple or acquisition of conservation easements on lands identified as Habitat Protection Priorities in the San Pedro Project Area. The San Pedro Project Area is located in the far northeastern corner of Pima County east of the Catalina Mountains, and encompasses the San Pedro River - the last free-flowing river in the state of Arizona, and provides Pima County with the best opportunity to protect cottonwood-willow riparian forest and a rare free-flowing river, to expand Pima County's existing Bingham-Cienega Natural Preserve, and link the Rincon Mountain Range to the Catalina Mountain Range.

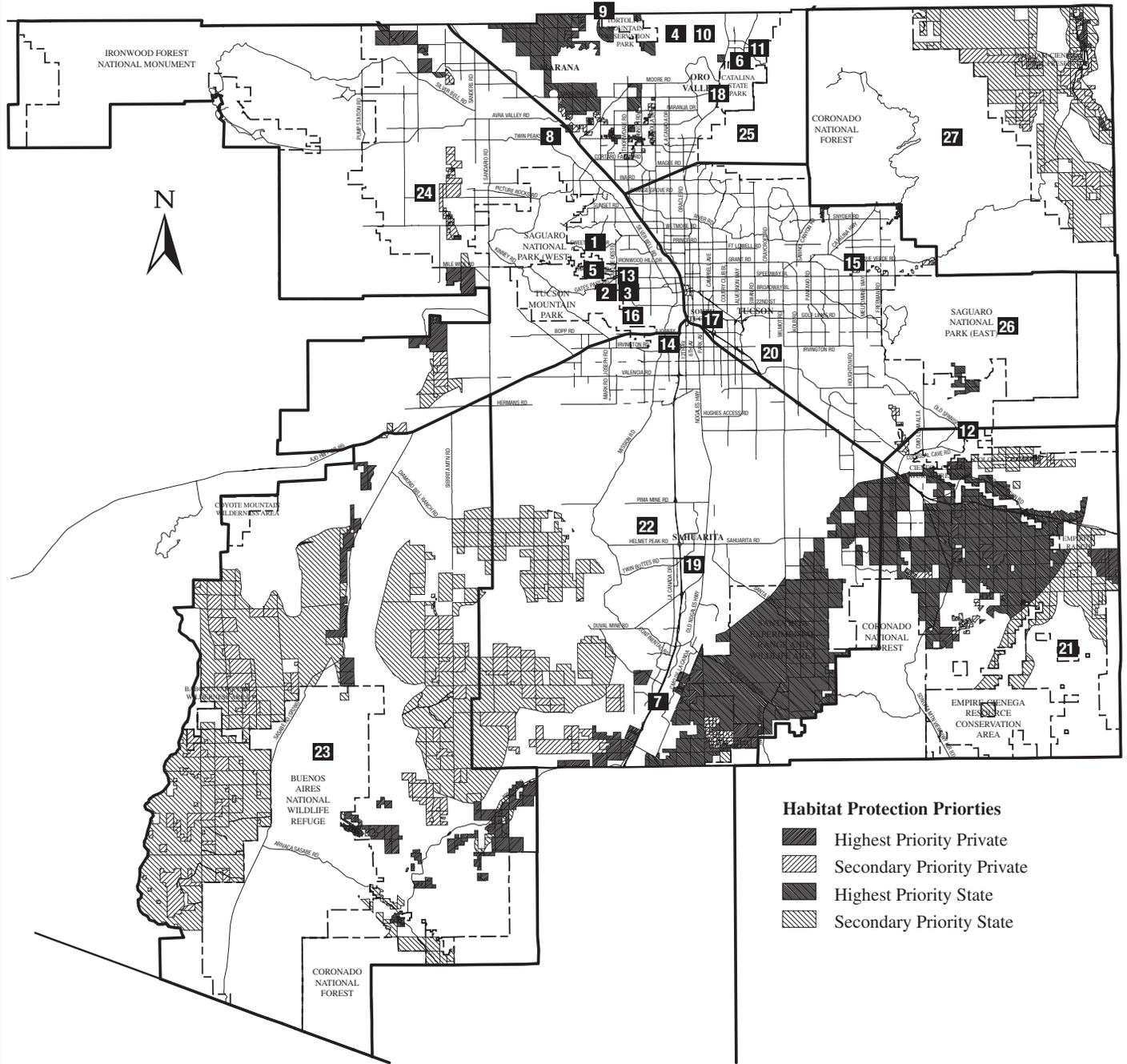
**Bond Allocation for Habitat Protection Priorities (Not More Than) ..... \$112,000,000**

**TOTAL FOR QUESTION NO. 1 ..... \$174,300,000**

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