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Dear Councilman Waring,

Recently, I wrote to you about a mailing that Save Our Sonoran Preserve was doing to gauge public support for retaining the Desert Character Overlay District. The mailing was made to a total sampling of 3400 of the nearly 12,000 registered voters living near the Preserve in District 2. The area is highlighted green in the map posted

at: <https://app.box.com/s/bnui5b5w5ufyqidem2mmwfg0jofh1c6f> [app.box.com].

An aerial showing where our 1100 petition signers are located can be viewed at: <https://i0.wp.com/ceds.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Save-Our-Sonoran-Petition-Signer-Locations-5-11-2022.jpg?ssl=1> [i0.wp.com]

A 35-page compilation of the reasons provided by 98% of the petition signers is at: <https://ceds.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Reasons-Why-Voters-Want-To-Preserve-the-Desert-Character-Overlay-District-4-29-2022.pdf> [ceds.org]

I am pleased to report to you that the mailing is showing a high degree of deeply felt support for the Sonoran Preserve among nearby voters, all of which are urging you to maintain the overlay ordinance.

We would love the opportunity to meet with you again at City Hall to discuss these results and hopefully work on a solution that your constituents would find agreeable.

Please reach out to me on how we can schedule a meeting before the June 1st City Council meeting.

In the meantime, I have listed some helpful links on the survey results below.

Looking forward to speaking with you again soon and thank you for your invested interest in this development!

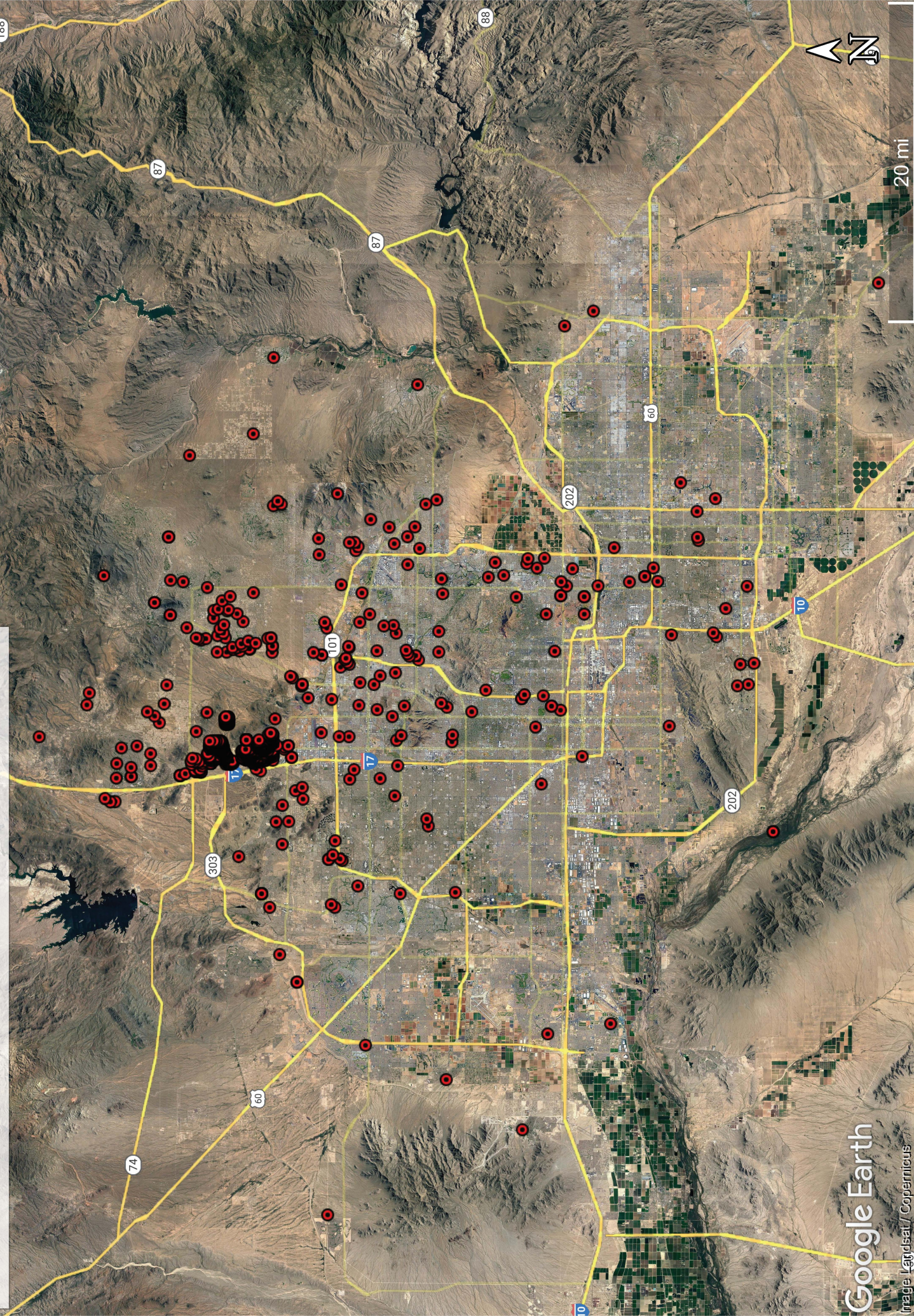
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Links:

- We mailed the letter at the following link to 3400 registered voters, half of which were Republican and half Democrat: <https://app.box.com/s/3wp1f022c56vu1j566ph0kdcmbztdh8> [app.box.com].
- The mailing to 3400 voters has thus far generated 1100 signatures of the petition at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sonorapreserve> [surveymonkey.com].
- A map showing the location where supporters live is at: <https://app.box.com/s/t0am8a0717ksk0o1sdalrgdc19zhldk> [app.box.com]. As you'll see support is coming from voters living up to four miles from the Sonoran Preserve. And support is about equal from Republicans and Democrats.
- Nearly all of the petition signers provided the reasons for why they want the Sonoran Preserve safeguards of the Desert Character Overlay District retained. These reasons can be viewed at: <https://app.box.com/s/405n9bnddchkl92qj29j1x1m0yx8xhun> [app.box.com].

Save Our Sonoran Petition Signer Locations

5-11-2022



**Reasons Provided By Phoenix Residents for Why They Signed
the Save Our Sonoran Preserve Petition at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sonorapreserve>**

We need to do everything we can to protect the Sonoran Desert Preserve. There shouldn't be lots of homes there. We've already taken so much of the natural habitat and developed it. We need to leave large chunks alone so that those animals that live in the desert have a place. I love having the wilderness nearby and untouched. Increasing the number of homes near the preserve is asking for trouble and displacing so many of the desert animals. I bought out here to be close to nature not to bring the downtown traffic here.

I walk and bike at the preserve at least a couple of times a week. It's beautiful, and quiet. Driving through to cave creek rd is actually relaxing, I drive that way when I want to stay away from the crowds on the freeways (17 & 101). It's a beautiful drive, it's what living in Az is about, wide open and beautiful to look at. Don't ruin it with more houses and traffic congestion.

As a native Arizonan I am saddened to see so much of the natural beauty of our desert being scourged. Driving anywhere in the valley and nearby areas you are assaulted by the lack of natural beauty. We need to halt urban scrawl and save the desert for our grandchildren.

I chose to live in this community because I wanted to be closer to nature and enjoy the desert preserve.

The amount of traffic we already have on dove valley is excessive. We do not need to add more.

I use the Sonoran preserve almost daily to get a brief reprieve from the overcrowding of Phoenix. The ability to briefly enjoy the desert views without seeing endless developments and choking smog of cars is why we decided to live in this area.

Too much traffic and too many users making heavy environmental impact. The preserve is there for a reason. any change to Desert Character Overlay will open the door to the entire area being filled in with high density housing. Forever destroying the natural landscape of the area. Please vote NO.

Safeguarding the Sonoran Desert Preserve values we treasure

The reason we moved here was the beauty and tranquility of the desert. We were not aware of the proposed 'city like' community Verdin wishes to build.

Beautiful desert! Everything doesn't need to be destroyed and built up

The Arizona desert is a truly beauty that nothing else compares to. Large Cati with blooming flowers, mountain ranges from every aspect, and wildlife that is crucial for our ecosystem; there's are just a few reasons that make Arizona great. WE ARE KILLING OUR SONORAN PRESERVE WITH NEW CONSTRUCTION AND HOME DEVELOPMENTS. We do not want more homes, we want to save our preserve!!!! I want my everyone to be able to drive down Sonoran desert dr and experience the breathtaking views that I get to see everyday I drive to and from work. This is truly a special place and we need to keep it that way. Taylor Morrison can go find another place to destroy if they want to make a quick buck. But I don't want to see it here

The Sonoran Preserve and the Sonoran Desert Drive represent the last of pristine desert in the city of Phoenix. Anyone who has visited the Preserve and the Drive will see beautiful views, wildlife, and people using the bike lanes and hiking trails. To allow a massive development destroy the character overlay will ruin the peaceful drive and endanger the ecosystem. I also fear that the additional traffic will no doubt create dangerous conditions for cyclists that regularly train on Sonoran Desert Drive. We live here to appreciate the desert. But the desert is disappearing in Phoenix. The Sonoran Preserve is a wonderful area of Phoenix and a great place to escape to from the hustle and bustle of other areas. To grant the rezoning request of a home builder will send the message that the City of Phoenix cares more about development and not about the constituents who

Need to preserve the Sonoran desert. Too many greedy developers that don't care since they probably don't live here.

The Sonoran preserve is a natural heritage that should not be jeopardized in our beautiful state. Preserving our natural resources is vital in maintaining our environment as well as maintaining tourism . It is a shame that our government is allowing this to Happen.
There is already so much danger to bicyclists. Also, just as important, keeping the desert beautiful and allowing wildlife to thrive in the Sonoran Preserve.
The number of people hiking is increasing but even if is not, the streets are narrow and it is dangerous to drive.
Keep the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve desert beautiful with no construction expansion- there's plenty of other areas to build houses, etc.
I want to preserve the desert. We have a water shortage not enough water now for the people that live here. Not enough schools why aren't the building responsible for building schools for the children?
The unique space is one of the main reasons we built our home in the Gateway region. It has only been open for a few years and needs to remain a "Preserve" and not stress or encroach on the desert any more than already has happened.
We have overpopulated the North Phoenix area already with many dense residencies, namely apartment complexes and townhomes. I believe we need to slow down and consider expansion in a different direction so that we don't lose many of our beautiful mountain and nature parcels that we need to save. I feel this is being rushed and has not been thoroughly reviewed and vetted.
This is so important to protect the natural beauty, wildlife, ecosystems, and quiet quality of life that draws people to the area and the state in general. Please act to prevent the potentially irreparable damage discarding these safeguards could cause!
Beautiful desert and shouldn't be changed for housing
Environmental protection of natural areas/habitats, reduce water demand, reduce pollution and traffic congestion in this area.
We enjoy hiking, biking, and taking beautiful nature photos! Please don't pollute our beautiful desert with more needless building!
Enjoying the desert environment is something we need to protect so that we can continue to share it with
Keep some of Phoenix beautiful and preserving the desert beauty. The Phoenix police department can not handle the calls for service right now how will they handle more traffic.
Traffic and it will ruin the beauty of the area. This is corporate greed
Preserving the preserve - wildlife Traffic and then needed retail to support the development Overdevelopment of this area
The desert beauty of this area is its most treasured asset
The Desert Character Overlay District was put in place to allow for growth but with measures and safeguards needed. Ignoring and allowing growth beyond that allowed by the Desert Overlay District in the Sonoran Preserve area is wrong and will lesson the uniqueness and beauty that we currently have, while also adding traffic and reducing safety for those that currently enjoy cycling, walking, hiking, etc. along Sonoran and the preserves. Please do not allow Verdin development to move forward with their plans to exponentially grow this area and add more homes To the Sonoran Preserve. Thank you.
Please follow the Desert Character Overlay District plan. Keep traffic low and undeveloped land so we can enjoy the preserve.
Preserving our land for wildlife, beautification and the earth needs to be heard! Enough has been taken over by businesses and HOA builders. This needs to stop!
The beauty of the desert is disappearing fast! We drive Sonoran desert drive 2-3 times a week west bound around sunset. So many people simple stop to take pictures because of the beauty. There is a brief opportunity to do this because soon houses come into view and obstruct the natural vistas. Home being built today are huge two story monstrosities, craning this large home together will destroy this beautiful landscape.

I moved here in 2007 to be near this great preserve and to live in a quiet community. Adding this much housing developments will forever impact this natural environment
My wife Barbara and I have lived in Sonoran Foothills for nearly nine years. The appeal of this location was and still is the Sonoran Preserve, a true gift to the residents of Phoenix. Many years ago the overlay district created a plan for growth balanced with the fragile ecosystem of the preserve. Neglecting this balance jeopardizes the character which makes this place so special as well as places the preserve at risk. I respectfully request the Phoenix City Council comply with the overlay and hold Verdin to the established guidelines. After all, one of the reasons this area appeals to them is they recognize the beauty and appeal of this location to future
as a third generation native zone, I have seen too much of our beautiful desert turned over to developers. We must preserve the very asset that draws so many to move to our wonderful state- find a better balance between growth and preservation. I recently moved to a home in Sonoran Foothills to enjoy this beautiful area. Please do not allow the greed of developers overbuild our desert.
I mountain bike this area at least twice a week and do not want to see the area changed. It is already crowded on the weekends
When we moved to Arizona nearly 7 years ago, we chose the Sonoran Foothills neighborhood because of the surroundings. We did not want to live in an overdeveloped area in more developed parts of the valley. We enjoy our trails and open desert and do not want them further disrupted by overriding existing protections.
Natalie Karis
The Phoenix Sonoran Preserve is one of the finest uses of tax payer dollars. The ability to hike and mountain bike on miles and miles of trails is one of my favorite parts of living in North Phoenix. We are already inundated with apartment complexes and home developments with plenty of inventory. Plus, there is plenty of land available for developers to build on that won't wreck one of the best things that the City of Phoenix has done in the past couple decades.
Too much housing buildout, need to slow down a little
It is a very peaceful place to hike. My family goes there frequently. The beauty of Sonoran Desert Dr is so beautiful it should not be disturbed.
I live in the Sonoran desert preserve. Since 2007
Climate change
This area is important to preserve. I regularly use this area for recreation and it is an important reason why I choose to live in the north valley as opposed to other areas in Phoenix. I DO NOT WANT THE NORTH VALLEY TO TURN INTO CHANDLER OR GILBERT!!!!
It's vital to keep the preserve natural and untouched for the use of hiking and supporting outdoor activities. Without the regulations in place there would be no preserve to use and admire. The animals in the preserve would be greatly affected by a larger population crowding them.
The amount of traffic increase will greatly harm the ecosystem as well as increased foot traffic in this unique
I've hiked the Apache Trail and adjacent areas through the years while visiting my family in Phoenix. I recently bought a house in the area and I'm saddened and alarmed that the Phoenix City Council would entertain the doubling or tripling the number of housing units on the Verdin site. There is a reason why the Desert Character Overlay District is in existence. I strongly urge the Council to reject the Verdin development company's proposal to double or triple the number of housing units for the Verdin site.
Destroying desert habitat, overpopulating an area not intended to. Negative effects on property value.
Our desert is beautiful. There won't be much of it left if it keeps getting built on.
Too many housing developments going up, water, waste and increased traffic issues.
To preserve the beauty and nature of the Sonoran Desert

We are losing our open spaces at a rapid rate all in the name of money. We need to preserve these open spaces for our future children to enjoy and for the natural animals and plants that were here before us. The increased traffic and housing will deteriorate the quality of life for all (humans, animals and plants alike). The increased concrete/pavement will ultimately increase the heat retention which has a detrimental effect on water, wildlife and plant life. Do not ignore the Desert Character Overlay District.
I drive this road regularly and it's already getting over populated with traffic with the current development. More housing and construction will take away the natural beauty of the Sonoran desert preserve and will also increase unwanted traffic.
This would forever destroy the natural landscape and open the door to even more urban sprawl. Please vote NO
No wanting any more home developers tearing up the preserves. With the additional Verizon zone site there will be too many dangerous EMF's in the community
There are plenty of other places to build, this beautiful piece of land beautiful. Keep the traffic down for those of us who use this area for biking. Oh yes, and where are you getting all the water to support all of this new construction?!?
I'm concerned that continued development will destroy the beauty of our Sonoran desert. It will bring increased pollution and traffic to the area.
The reason why I'm signing this petition. We are over developing because we have all these people moving from other states. We are destroying our beautiful desert to please all these greedy business people to put more money in their pockets.
I enjoy hiking at various times of the year on the trails in the Sonoran Preserve. I've seen an owl's nest, lots of birds, turtles, and cactus of all kinds in all stages of bloom. There is presently no noise pollution and the area is pristine. I want it to remain as such for future generations to come, not just in my lifetime.
We don't have the infrastructure to support any additional growth. I wish we could halt the issuance of any further building permits in the state until we can guarantee the people of AZ that we will have adequate water and energy resources to match projected growth rates. We can NOT have growth outpace supply.
I live directly adjacent to the open desert by the Sonoran Desert Preserve, just off Sonoran Desert Parkway. We regularly see wildlife, and hear coyotes on a nightly basis. This is a fragile and important ecosystem, and is a hallmark of the beauty of Arizona's natural desert landscape. If it disappears, it will destroy this magnificent aspect of what makes Arizona such a great place to live. For my family, the day the bulldozers show up to tear down the majestic Saguaro's to make room for concrete & asphalt, is the day we sell and move away.
I believe honoring the meaning of the preserve is of utmost importance.
1- more traffic 2-displacing wildlife and plants.
Traffic is already overloaded on Dove Valley Road and commitments were made to develop the Sonoran Desert Drive. Nothing has happened. Trying to exit my desert enclave neighbor is a struggle now, adding more traffic is negligent. I also moved to the area for the serenity of the preserves and natural habits, all developers in the area must comply with the desert character overlay.
This area is greatly used for hiking, biking, trail running, and outdoor recreational activities. We do not want over development to ruin the natural aesthetics, significantly increase noise, or pollution that would degrade the value of the true remaining wilderness in the Sonoran Desert Preserve. Please seek to enforce and uphold the Desert Character Overlay District toward the Verdin project and other subsequent proposals.
Our schools are already over capacity and adding yet another high density housing development will adversely impact the school infrastructure as well as the safety to bikers in Sonoran Boulevard/Dove Valley. Allowing larger lots and this home sizes will attract more affluent residents and this increase the tax revenues for this
I oppose the Verdin site changing the current Desert Character Overlay District plan. We are already seeing traffic that is dangerous to our cyclists and pedestrians. Adding additional homes without concern for the traffic it will bring will greatly make this road even more dangerous.

Preserving the natural beauty of the area is important to current residents. They use this area for healthy recreation. It also should be saved for environmental reasons. Don't add to the sprawl that is already part of many areas in Phoenix.
We live in a largely unspoiled Area of the city. We chose this location for its natural beauty and remoteness from the busy-ness of the city. We enjoy the outdoor activities it has to offer without the noise and pollution we see elsewhere. Please help preserve this area for future generations to enjoy.
Currently traffic on Dove Valley / Sonoran Desert Drive is heavy during busy hours. With the addition of Verdin adding 1200 homes could increase traffic by 3 times and with 2 new housing developments currently being built west of us and the new semiconductor plant being built could increase traffic by 6 times as where it is today. Plus taking over more of the desert landscape that was originally approved is just being greedy. I am all for progress and increasing tax base but there must be limits to preserve the beauty of our area.
With all the planned development in the area, I have a major concern about the infrastructure, and even planned expansion, being able to support the additional housing in the preserve. Part of the appeal of our area is the desert beauty, so additionally, overturning district safeguards not only damages the natural environment, but risks all those that already live/work in this community.
The preserve is a sanctuary and feel that this increased volume of homes would create a dangerous high traffic in an area that is a recreational haven for cyclist, hikers and runners. The impact of these homes will also have a negative affect on the the wildlife and natural dessert of the area.
My family and I use these trails for recreation purposes. We are also concerned as a community for the traffic as well as how it will effect the wildlife.
As the builders destroy the land for more houses the animal life get pushed away and in to smaller areas of open land. Or get caught in or on people's property. Unacceptable to just ignore the standards for there
It's a gorgeous area that exemplifies the desert...and it's close to the valley. Developing this area is a sad mistake that we should learn that open spaces need preserved
Maintain desert preserve, congestion, quality of life, safer place to enjoy desert with exercise.
With the amount of traffic on Sonoran/Dove Valley today, when we pull out of Sonoran Gate Community, it is taking a chance on your life when needing to turn left. Why would anyone approve more home building to get more traffic? Also cars - and trucks - are speeding between 55-70 miles an hour on this stretch. You should have traffic lights at all intersections for turning traffic. Also, Let's Save Our Desert Views - that's why we built a
We are overbuilding this area. Traffic, water supply, pollution are all contributing factors to limit growth. In addition, the limited wildlife will be severely impacted
Sonoran desert is such a beautiful drive. Everyone should be able to experience it. Sonoran desert drive is not meant for a high volumes of traffic and our beautiful Sonoran desert would be ruined with the addition of housing developments along Sonoran Desert Drive.
We moved here for the a handful of reasons, one of them was the beauty of the state. But that seems to keep getting chipped away, literally.
It is important to preserve the natural desert landscape and prevent overbuild that will destroy habitats.
Adding additional homes when there is no road infrastructure will add so much traffic. I drive SDD and there are times when there are more than 25 cars backed up at the intersection of Cave Creek Rd. Also I am concerned about closing up the wash between SDD because animals need to be able to traverse the entire wash. I am not against the original number of homes but to increase it to what TM is asking is a lot more homes. The Sonoran Preserve is very beautiful and I enjoy biking there but it is hard to cross the street with the current amount of traffic on Dove Valley Rd and the Verdin Project will triple the amount of traffic.
Enjoy bicycling through the preserve. The road is too narrow for the traffic already using the parkway.
I live here and traffic is already getting too much! We moved here 10 years ago to be out in the desert!!! I hike on the trails at least twice a week! Please keep more desert!

The beauty and quiet of the desert and the Mountain views are priceless. This is why I live in Arizona. The clean air and the wild life are amazing. The wilderness of the preserve needs to be maintained.
The Sonoran Preserve is absolutely beautiful and filled with flora and fauna unique to the area. Sonoran Preserve should remain natural for the benefit of the critters who live there.
Beautiful desert scenery and nearby desert recreation like hiking and biking.
It is vitally important that the Sonoran desert preserve is kept safe from over population of the surrounding areas! The overbuilding of the area will degrade the beautiful that we and future generations need in our lives to create the balance of city living. It's critical! Over building followed by extremely high traffic increases will destroy the preservation of it's natural beauty. I ask that the members of the Phoenix City Counsel hear our concerns and uphold the Desert Character Overlay District as it was intended.
The beauty of the desert & also a place for the animals to live. We have already taken enough of their home.
We need to protect our beautiful desert. There are many other areas to build on so we can all appreciate the scenery. After all this is why we live here.
Use that area to bike the trails. Want to keep the space natural beauty not filled with homes.
Traffic congestion, pedestrian and bicycle safety. Preserving this area from development, as envisioned by the Desert Character Overlay District.
The beauty of this Preserve area should be PRESERVED. There is a reason why the DCOD exists.
As a 4th generation native Arizonan, I adore our beautiful deserts and believe we must take great care in unbridled expansion of urban growth. This project would place a huge strain on the preserve area, parkway, noise, and environmental elements.
Without a road plan for major increase in traffic and the current drought in AZ, I oppose developments like
Not only do I enjoy the scenic view along Sonoran Desert Drive, but I strongly believe our future to continue to live in Phoenix depends on limiting new developments the number one reason being our limited water supply. We are already in water crisis. How can we continue to develop and build and be able to meet our water needs. This is scary for already established residents. How will my home value be impacted if there is no water? My second concern for this development is how it will impact my home value. With increase in traffic, and development of additional major roads right by my house obstructing views and increasing noise levels, my home value will most likely be negatively impacted. My house backs up to the beautiful desert and as homes continue to be built in the desert, our view continues to diminish. Lastly, so many animals that live in the Sonoran desert will be displaced. With so many developments currently taking place in this area, the animals have no where to go. We are destroying our habitats, which will further contribute to climate change, continuing droughts, increasing fires making this location less desirable to live.
Natural beauty along with reduced noise, traffic and night lights.
Love the beauty of the area. So peaceful to drive along and see the plants and trees, which would be lost forever with more housing. Please save this beautiful area for our children and all those who come after them.
I am signing this petition as I care deeply about keeping the Sonoran preserve sacred. It is important to preserve the existing ecosystems. Additionally, This area is already dangerous with increasing traffic.
The Sonoran Desert is home to many species. It's important for their survival that their habitat isn't cut up by roads and other development.
I have lived in Sonoran Foothills for 15 years. I do not want to see my beautiful natural desert destroyed. I like living in a quiet and not so busy area of town. I would be devastated if Sonoran desert drive turns into another freeway right next to my house. I specifically moved in this area to get away from the noise and traffic. The natural wildlife here will also be destroyed which part of the character of this area.
Preserve recreation area that is part of and enjoyed by our community. Prevent gross over development which will destroy the desert community which we call home
Would love to keep this scenic drive the way it is. Scenic.
We value the beauty of the preserve and feel strongly it should be maintained.

I have been hiking at the Sonoran Preserve for years with my son and my dogs. We love the beauty and the feeling of being in the wilderness just a couple of miles from our house in Valley Vista. I know our area is experiencing tremendous growth right now but I feel the area on the preserve needs to continue to be
My family and I enjoy this land and don't want to see this over crowded We use this nature and Beautiful preserve in north Phoenix area.
It's critically important to protect the preserve and maintain the natural beauty of the area. This is why so many of us moved here. It's already not safe to leave the neighborhood with people speeding and limited visibility of the rolling road. Added traffic would make routine activities no longer enjoyable.
Great hiking and exploring area.
The Sonoran Preserve is a promise to keep our beautiful desert pristine. Encroachment of more homes breaks that promise. The delicate balance of between humans and wildlife is already teetering in the wrong direction. Let's save some beauty for future generations.
I support maintaining the desert overlay requirements for the Sonoran preserve. We need to maintain a healthy balance between nature and development and not allow these safeguards to be discarded for development of any current or future projects.
We moved up to the area because there was space and open land. We don't want to live where people are on top of each other and traffic is out of hand. Don't ruin our beautiful space.
There are so many communities being built simply for the benefit and profit of the builders that little attention is given to the people who actually want to have both, a beautiful home in a beautiful well thought out community where the desert we live in is represented and not just the interest of the builders bottom line. Do the right thing for a change.
I hike and bike in the preserve and love listening and seeing all the blooms, wild animals and quietness the desert has to offer. Please quit the over building that is going on! Preserve our water resources!!
Preserve the desert hiking areas.
I live near this area and use it all of the time. Love it! The area is getting congested already and it's starting to ruin this special area/space we have available to us to enjoy nature.
I want to preserve our current area and I bike 6 days a week in what I already consider dangerous traffic to get to the preserve and ride the path!
What comes after houses? Walmart, McDonald's, Circle K. Build on the west side of I-17!
I participate in running and hiking in the area and treasure the natural beauty of the desert landscape.
The Desert Character Overlay was put in place to preserve open spaces and promote responsible development. Developepers should not be allowed to bypass rules and guidelines. Please maintain the integrity of Overlay safeguards for the sake of the future of our community.
We need to protect these lands and stop paving over the natural beauty of this Preserve. There is a reason it is called a Preserve. Let's preserve it and the abundant plants and wildlife that call it home!
The speed at which the traffic flows is about 20 over the speed limit and it is a matter of time before a biker is killed. This is happening currently and with more traffic /homes it will be worse. We don't have the school space to support more homes. We moved up north to get away from traffic and now the desert is at risk of being destroyed by more builds.
I hike thru the preserve almost everyday. It is a beautiful and peaceful area amid the city. Losing this area to Korea housing would be awful. There is so much development everywhere so these special areas are becoming all the more important to spare or not over develop. Once it is gone it can not be replaced. Please don't let this wonderful area be ruined by more over development!
We bought a home in this area in 2009 with the idea that the Sonoran Preserve would remain a Preserve. We and many of our neighbors enjoy using the walking, hiking and biking trails because of its serenity. Please don't let the lure of developers' money start chipping away at it. The city invested a lot to create the trails and the Apache Wash trailhead. Let's preserve the Preserve.

We do not want this new development because we love the natural desert we chose to live near. In addition, we do need the excessive amount of traffic that such a development would cause.
I live in the area. I don't want to see any further development in the Sonoran desert preserve area. I ride my bike through there and drive through there frequently. I have already noticed how dangerous it is for bicyclist and that road is becoming extremely congested. Adding a new development will only make matters worse.
I'd be like to see less traffic and houses. This a beautiful area, and treasure our Sonoran preserve.
There is no landscape in the United States like our beautiful Arizona deserts. It is critical that they be protected as well as the wildlife in them!
Want beauty while biking
Myself and so many of my neighbors and friends hike this area on a regular basis! There is a nest that an owl comes back to every year! There are beautiful fees of the amazing area in which so many of us call home! Please don't destroy an area we love and cherish
One of the main reasons we bought our house here in 2018 was because of it's location in relation to the Preserve. Already traffic has become a nightmare with the recent developments and removing the Preserve will only exacerbate an already horrible problem. Also, to quote the great Joanie Mitchell, "you don't know what you've got til it's gone." Losing the Preserve would cause irreparable damage to the environment and the
The Sonoran Preserve along Sonoran Desert Drive allows us close appreciation of the scenic desert and its thriving ecosystem. Other parts of the valley are better equipped for growth and infill. We need to embrace density where the city is more prepared to support it. This patchwork sprawl into the outer reaches of the desert chops up the expanse of habitat unnecessarily. If it continues, we can only look forward to small patches of desert brush between homes as opposed to miles of our unique desert that we can all enjoy.
Preserve the natural beauty of the AZ desert.
It's a beautiful, natural preserve. It's a generous drive and the hiking and biking trails amid the serene desert are therapeutic.
The Desert Character Overlay District should be adhered to.
I want to keep the area accessable for recreation.
It is a beautiful drive and I am sad to see they have done any development along this stretch of road. I thought this was a preserve but it doesn't seem like it lately with all of the signs I have seen go up lately.
After retirement, I moved here from the city specifically to enjoy the Sonora Preserve. To lose the beauty of The Preserve would be nothing short Of a crime.
I live around the corner in Sonoran Foothills community and one of the reasons we moved here was to be able to bike on Dove Valley and Sonoran Desert, as we train for Triathlons year round. Every car you add to these roads makes this more dangerous for us. I have almost been hit twice by cars coming out of Sonoran Gate community. The proposed development of over 1400 homes will destroy this very special area.
As a resident living at Fireside, I have seen javelinas (up to a dozen at a time) and other wild animals come up to our home looking for food and emptying garbage at night. By tearing down more natural and wild habitat for additional homes will only increase the existing problems for the animals in the dessert when more of their natural habitat is torn down. Stop tearing in to the natural surrounding preserve.
The beauty of the Sonoran Preserve will be replaced with urban area???? During the hike or bike ride are we supposed to admire the houses???
This area was set aside to preserve nature and all her beauty. yes the land is very valuable but so is central park in New York. Preserve means exactly that PRESERVE
I live in Sonoran Gate. I hike Apache Trail.
For the animals. We can't continue to build on their land. They are constantly being pushed out. This earth cannot sustain all the building

There is no need for additional housing in our area specifically so near a protected preserve. There is not enough water so support the additional homes and businesses that come with a development such as this.
Jennifer Walter
The Desert Charter Overlay District is in place to protect the Preserve. We are simply asking to maintain adherence to it. Other than profit, there is no valid reason to break the Charter. If housing shortage is an argument, then investors should absolutely look to revitalize and invest in existing residential spaces.
We moved to this area to enjoy the beautiful desert landscape that it offers unlike many other Phoenix areas. To destroy this beauty that offers hiking, biking, and general nature opportunities so close to home would be devastating for my family, not to mention the traffic that it would bring. Our neighborhood is already being robbed of its quiet and peace from the houses already built on this road and it's use as a through street. People speed through at 50+ miles per hour to the point that it is difficult for me to turn left out of my gate. I can't imagine the impact on this traffic should more homes be allowed through the preserve. Let's keep this beauty to enjoy. Things like this are disappearing from the Phoenix area. We must save this.
This preserve is important for the community and wildlife!
There are plenty of areas to do future developments we shouldn't marginalize the beauty of the Sonoran
Sonoran Desert Drive is a highlight of living in the area, and provides a safe place to walk and bike near the preserve. For those of us who live along the road, this is a matter of peace and safety, but for our wildlife, this is a matter of survival. Allowing the Verdin development company to increase the number of planned housing units would increase noise and traffic, endangering cyclists in the bicycle lane and make it unnecessarily dangerous for the wildlife of the Sonoran Desert Preserve to cross the road.
My concern is for public safety first and foremost. In addition to the widening of the Sonoran roadway and the disregard for the serenity of the desert. Finally I feel the City is growing too fast with little regard for Public Safety and infrastructure growth.
I frequently recreate in the area - it is frequented by a lot of people. Both on the road with limited traffic and on the trails. It would be detrimental to the foundation of the Phoenix Preserves to take away land dedicated to open space and letting developers tear it apart. Developers can get land further out on the outskirts of town to develop - not areas already dedicated as open space for all to recreate now and future generations.
We live in the Sonoran Gate community. I'm also a cyclist. We moved here to escape congestion and enjoy the outdoors. All of that is threatened with this current building frenzy. Why would we abandon the express purpose of these Preserves, so carefully planned and uniquely executed?! And where are we finding a sustainable water supply for this unbridled development? This is madness.
I live in the vicinity of the preserve. I moved here to be close to nature and removed from the hustle of town. I have enjoyed having wild animals pass through my backyard, but since all of the building along Sonoran Desert Drive/Dove Valley began, wildlife sightings near my home have decreased dramatically. We are edging the native species out of their rightful territory. Please do not butcher the desert any further.
We need to preserve the open spaces that attract so many to the area for recreation. There is a lot of building of high occupancy units and housing underway. Schools are already at capacity, new services are being built on Jomax to ease the influx, road infrastructure needs to be in consideration to.
It is very important to retain our natural desert and the Sonoran Preserve.
There would be too much traffic and it will ruin the beauty of this area of the desert. There are enough developments in the area and we need to keep these areas open.
There are many other places to develop. None of those areas are as "Arizona Natural" as the Sonoran Desert area. Preserve this area for people to enjoy not trash with developments.
There is enough congestion and traffic as it is. Not to mention, our beautiful desert is continually being built in.

This beautiful desert area needs to maintain its character and uniqueness. It's the reason why many people live in the area. Stop!!
The main reason we bought our home in this location was because of how beautiful the desert is and very peaceful. Almost feels like we're out of town in our very own neighborhood. Also, there is already an infrastructure challenge with the lack of grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations etc. Adding 1200 more homes would have a major impact on everything around us and create serious traffic issues to go anywhere, even on
We are in a huge water shortage all over the country and building in our preserves just takes more resources that we all need to survive!
Standards are acceptable as they are set. I have many safety concerns through that Corridor. This is purely profit over planned and locals paying the price.
Deserts are fragile environments/ecosystems and overcrowded land use will create problems that will take generations to correct. Native species need to have their environment protected.
Councilman Waring, please continue to protect the Sonoran Preserve.
So many animals will get displaced from there natural habitats.
There are limited resources that we can all share and enjoy. The Desert Character Overlay District was established to allow for growth but also to protect our wonderful desert. We are responsible for the stewardship of this desert for future generations.
We moved here 3 years ago. We knew we wanted this home when we were driving around the home and drove down sonoran desert drive. We loved that the desert was so close to us, that we were going to live to close to a preserve that our kids could learn about the Arizona and the desert right out their back door.
I live right next to it and want to see it preserved.
Traffic is already too heavy and congested. Our streets are becoming dangerous.
We need to start limiting the amount of residential builds in the Sonoran Preserve area before this majestic natural place is no more. Preserve the habitat and recreational area this land offers local residents and tourists. The area is already congested and poses safety concerns for bicyclists, hikers and drivers due to the increased motor traffic activity. Adding more congestion would further escalate the risk and concern associated.
It's a Beautiful area for our community. Hiding companies should stay within how the area is zoned
It's going to change the complete landscape of our community. I do not want an excessive amount of traffic.
I live in Sonoran Gate. Moved here to be by my sons. One lives in Sonoran Gate also (6 houses away). We moved here for the beauty and serenity of the desert preserve. Our hope was to continue to grow our family and ensure our next generation will also have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of this area. Hot air Balloons and bike riders every morning. It's a place of beauty, calmness and peace. Please do not destroy this gift. Thank
I bought 20 years in area specifically for the landscape and to be outside the city. We have so many accidents and fatalities due the EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC. We can't handle the i flux of cars students business. Phoenix not supporting all the builds! What makes this area so desired is the preserve!!!
Once the natural land is gone we loose the gorgeous desert that many people move here for. Pollution has gotten much worse in the past few years. More home mean more traffic and even worse pollution. The water table is getting lower and more homes mean more water usage. We don't have water for them!
No more building and take away from our desert landscape. Stop already.
I live near this area and enjoy hiking the mountain preserve. I also enjoy diving through Sonoran dessert drive to see the beautiful landscape our state has to offer without having to drive so far away. Please don't take this
We have lived in Sonoran foothills for 13 years. We have always loved how quiet it is up here and love the beauty of the desert. Please do not build more homes and ruin all the great things we have up here!
To keep the nature as treasure and beautiful view
We love the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve. Please protect what is left and save the beauty of the dessert.

While the continued expansion of homes and building into this area is inevitable and needed, the maintenance of the Desert Character Overlay is important to keep the beauty and feel of this area. The residents who live here moved here for a reason, and we appreciate the forethought that went into the Desert Character Overlay originally. Please do not abandon this. It would be one thing if the builder were building reasonably priced homes to assist with the affordable housing shortage, but they are not. This request is purely for the financial advantage of the builder and the detriment of our community.
We moved to this area because of the preserve, and while we support growth, the aspects of the preserve that can be protected, should be. It is our responsibility to growth responsively!
Desert overlay is in place to protect the area from over development. We use the preserve multiple times a week as a family and more cars and will make it ever more difficult to access the amenities from our
We selected this area to live, in part, based on the feeling of being closer to nature. The Sonoran Preserve played a big part in that feeling. The loss of any Preserve open space or the increase in traffic thru the Preserve will diminish that feeling. Please require all developers to comply with existing develop restrictions and do not "lessen" those restrictions. - Thank you...
It is a spectacular preserve and should kept that way. This area can't handle the traffic now let alone of more developments are added.
Living by the beautiful Sonoran Mountain Preserve area and Sonoran Desert Drive, allows people to interact positively with nature and the environment. This is necessary for people's physical and mental well being, which we all rediscovered during the pandemic when it was one of the few things people were allowed to do. The Mountain Preserve allows people to connect with nature and enjoy the peaceful outdoor environment. The people in the area love the open spaces and serenity that the Sonoran Desert Mountain Preserve provides. They walk, bike or hike in the neighborhood everyday. If these developers are allowed to over develop this beautiful area it will be a detriment to the already established neighborhoods by increased population through clustered housing, traffic, safety, noise levels, over crowded schools, and a host of other issues. This mountain preserve is vital to the well being and safety of people who chose to live for here for a better quality of life. Please don't allow these developers to destroy the Mountain Preserve. Thank you
I live in this area, I use the hiking trails and bike paths along Sonoran drive on a weekly basis, I love looking out into the Desert everytime and taking in its natural beauty it has to offer, Roof tops would hinder this.... If the county/city ever needs additional funding they can have Police officers patrol Sonoran Desert drive and would run out of paper giving traffic tickets, its already a race track with the driving practices on this road,,,,, more congestion will make it worst and a lot more dangerous than it is now, I quit riding my bike in the bike lane on that road, I ride on the bike path to the north of the road for that reason...
Like to go hiking there and see the natural views.
With all the apartments being built on the west end between Dove Valley & Sonoran Desert Drive, the traffic will become just like the city streets—noisy and congested. Verdin proposing additional homes will make it that much worse. In addition, we moved to this area because of the Sonoran Desert Preserve which is becoming non
We moved here to be next to open desert and away from valley traffic. Increasing to the proposed developmentm will eliminate both of these coveted features!
The Sonoran Preserve was one of the most important reasons we purchased a house in this area. To continually chip away at this wonderful area would be so detrimental to the wildlife that live there as well as the wonderful hiking trails that allow people to get out and experience nature at its finest. I am strongly against ruining anymore of the Preserve.
I want to protect the wilderness and essence of the preserve. I thought this land was protected from future housing development
Please do not increase the level of traffic on sonoran desert parkway. The additional cars will increase risk to current commuters and cyclists.
To adhere to our natural landscape and preserve the area and its wildlife.

Bike safety Road overly congested
One of the reasons I moved to this area was because of the Preserve and being told it would not be developed. How incredibly sad we're even needing to have this discussion. Please do the right thing and save the Sonoran
Why destroy a beautiful, well loved, piece of land when we already have too many houses.
I have many reasons for you to consider preserving the Sonoran Preserve and Sonora Desert Drive. Homes and traffic directly impact the fragile desert. Urban heat, pollution, and human destruction directly destroy the desert plants. The Sonoran Preserve was set aside for the specific reason of preserving an area for people to enjoy the beauty of the desert. Adding homes along the Sonoran Preserve and Sonoran Desert Drive will increase traffic. Solutions to traffic congestion is to add and or expand lanes which will take up desert land. Lastly and more importantly, Arizona is in a major drought. More homes means less water. There are plenty of homes and apartments being built in Phoenix without taking from the Sonoran Preserve and Sonora Desert
Two reasons: to preserve the beauty of the preserve and the home of the animals living there. Second, is the traffic. We are already experiencing new heavy traffic with our growth up here and adding this will increase it greatly. I moved up this way because of the lifestyle it afforded without so much traffic. Along with the traffic comes more accidents, which we are already experiencing, more congestion, etc.
This is a designated Desert Sonoran Preserve. The established trails are used by thousands and the preserve hosts habitat for Arizona wildlife including javelina, bobcat, coyote, raccoon, ground squirrel and many more. There are a variety of bird and reptile species Gila Monster, great horned owl, roadrunner, gambel's quail, Inca dove, Cardinals, spotted whip tail and chuckwalla lizards to mention a few. This area of Phoenix cannot be expanded into a legislated preserve. Too many apartments in the area has already increased crime, drugs and traffic congestion. Any additional housing and apartment development requests in the north Phoenix area must be denied. Respectfully, Bill Shackelford. Voting Resident
Concerned about excessive housing & associated traffic density causing problems & congestion. Please do not override Desert character Overlay District guidelines
I have lived in this area for over 16 years and am a native Arizonan. The City has done a wonderful job on Sonoran Desert Drive, in terms of incorporating areas to recreate and enjoy the unbelievable desert scenery within the Sonoran Preserve. I have hiked the area and marvel at the beauty. Increasing the planned housing units by multiples of two or three will significantly detract from the area's beauty and tranquility and add an unsustainable amount of traffic and introduce ecological damage to the area. There is a reason so much land was designated as a preserve all those years ago. It should stay that way.
I purchased my house on the southern boundary of Sonoran Gate with the intent of enjoying the serenity of the desert in my backyard. This expansion will replace my view with a 6 lane high traffic road. The Scenic Dove Valley road will also become increasingly busy affecting outdoor activities such as biking.
Please preserve the beautiful desert.
We moved from the city specifically to enjoy the natural preserve and wildlife of this area. Also, we were assured no building would take place along the Sonoran Preserve corridor. Our family loves to bike ride in the peaceful desert preserve and request that it remains a preserve for our wildlife and for all to enjoy in its natural
To preserve the natural desert. Traffic is already excessive. This area is amazing for bike rides, hiking & exercise. Let's keep it that way.
Arizona is destroying so much of the natural land that people moved here for. I don't want more traffic. It's awful as it is. Water is at emergency levels and more homes will only tax the water levels more.
Ruin of preserve / increased traffic volume
We live in the area, have hiked these trails, our two boys attended nearby CCUSD Horseshoe Trails elementary school, and I'd say that in general we have a strong desire to act as good stewards of this land and therefore have a vested interest in maintaining the beauty of the Sonoran desert preserve and our balance with nature.
We need to preserve our natural habitat. Increased construction around the area already put too much load on traffic and school system. We have no new building of schools and we are worried where all these will get

The beauty and sanctity of Sonoran preserve and the surrounding area is vital to our wildlife and maintaining there habitats is crucial to these animals that are being continually uprooted by builders and developers greed. Traffic is already increasing on Sonoran dessert drive and frankly adding more homes will make it more dangerous for people trying to enjoy the beauty nature is already providing us. We cannot keep destroying Arizona's natural beauty just to pad the pockets of a few and bring in more people to an already overpopulated area, where policing these areas is challenging already for our stretched to the limit police force. Stop building and start enjoying the beauty that our Sonoran preserve is providing us.
Too much growth and congestion. Lack of conservation to desert land and outdoor activities.
Overdeveloping is irresponsible when there's no plan for increased traffic and water supply!
Keep our desert traffic and congestion to a minimum; we still enjoy a lot of wildlife.
We need less development and more room to safely enjoy nature with trails and outdoor activities. Dove Valley Rd is already a speed zone and super trafficked, more development is a detriment to our beautiful Sonoran Preserve. Please reject this proposal.
The scenery is beautiful along Sonoran Desert Drive and to see sections of it being developed for housing projects will take away from the beauty that we have all come to love about this area.
The extra traffic flow will affect all the wild life amongst many other reasons.
The Sonoran Desert Preserve is so beautiful and serves MANY purposes. That's why we moved here, and we don't want to lose it ! We MUST keep development at a reasonable amount.
We moved up here to be away from the crowds and we love the desert landscape And the air quality is better for our son who has asthma
This project has the ability to set precedence for any other development. The fact the developer is asking to refine for more houses and remove the desert overlay is a slippery slope to having high density homes stacked on what is one of the most beautiful areas of desert. It is too dense, goes against city plans meant to protect the desert character of north Phoenix and will bring an influx of traffic to the area. Please look at giving up some land somewhere else that is not across from a beautiful nature preserve.
My family and I are avid cyclists, and for the past five years we have seen an increase of cars and speed. I myself had a couple of car and motorcycle incidents due to the amount of traffic and their speed. I'm worried that with the increase of housing it's only going to make our rides more dangerous, as drivers don't respect speed limits. Please keep the overlay as it was intended. Don't put money over our safety. Thank you
I want it to remain natural. Don't want more noise, development coming to the area.
We do not want the sonoran preserve to be destroyed just to build some additional homes. The traffic is already a major problem and there is not enough infrastructure and businesses around here to support all these homes.
To much growth for what this area was set up to be.
I moved to this area because I love the open spaces.
I am for protecting as much land as possible and conserving water.
It's a beautiful area to walk or hike or bike and it's the last area I know of that is close to me. Otherwise I'd have to drive over 40 minutes to find a preserve that is wild and natural
The Sonoran Preserve needs to be saved, it provides recreation like walking, hiking and biking. Also, it keeps the heat down. Adding more homes will only create more traffic. One of the reasons we moved to this area is due to this Sonoran Preserve.
The traffic currently traveling on Sonora Desert Dr is already at a dangerous amount. Not specifically due to frequency or number of users, but due primarily to their speed on the roadway. The current speed limit is 45mph, but traffic regularly travels in excess of 60mph. This in combination with the vulnerable users of the road and the addition of a significant amount of vehicles is a disaster in the making for the roadway as it is now.
Traffic concerns and safety for cyclists along SDD.

I love the desert landscape, and enjoy hiking on my time off work. I see the amount of buildings that are being constructed and the traffic it is creating. Please do not destroy the little bit of desert that exists in this large city, the habitat of our beloved desert animals.
I am a third generation Phoenician and have lived in North Phoenix most of my life. I have watched the growth of the valley over the years and am not opposed to progress but it needs to be done thoughtfully and responsibly. This proposal to increase the number of homes along the Sonoran Desert drive is reckless and irresponsible. The developers of the Verdin project are not thinking about the residents of the area or the future generations that will use the preserve but are rather motivated by the lure of maximizing their profits. I am strongly opposed to discarding the charter and hope that as our representatives you will do the right thing for the citizens of this area. Seriously take into consideration what's best for not only the residents but also the wildlife and the desert itself. This decision will not only impact our quality of life but the quality of life for those that will come long after we're gone. A sea of homes and pushing more and more people into an untouched area of desert is not good for the future of our community.
We moved here from Chicago to near a more spacious beautiful desert area. We've watched the traffic increase three fold which takes away from safety and the beauty of the land. We moved here to be near the natural preserves, hike, bike and enjoy nature. In the almost 6 years we've been here we rarely see the wild life we've come to love no longer around. Traffic on North Valley is dangerous at times.
Beautiful drive and prime hiking area
The Sonoran Preserve was the deciding factor for my wife and I to move to this area. We had hoped that Preserve would stay as it is a Natural desert landscape that was protected for all to enjoy. We enjoy the numerous hiking trails, walking areas that are safe and the pavilions that we use to gather with friends . We knew that there would be issues when we seen new developments popping up and took away the Natural surroundings. This has to stop . Did I mention the wildlife that we all see and enjoy? These developments are all about one thing - greed. Please let this continue to be the Sonoran Preserve!
Wide open space without traffic & housing congestion, w/o water & schooling requirements is vital to this area of the Sonoran Preserve.
Additional development will ruin the Sonoran Reserve's pristine nature. Please preserve this vital area for our Desert's wildlife for generations to come to enjoy .
The Sonoran a preserve is a peaceful area used by many people for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. Adding more houses will increase the number of people using the trails as well as create more traffic in
I do not wish to see this beautiful desert landscape overcome with more traffic and houses.
I'm concerned about all the animals in the area. As well as if you continue to build what about the schools and the traffic. It no longer will be a peaceful environment. And the more expensive homes you build people really can't afford them but end up in bankruptcy and then they'll be empty
I ride my bike religiously on Sonoran Drive and bike safety for our cyclist should be a main concern and priority.
I am very concerned about the additional traffic volume that will be a result of large Verdin community. I am a triathlete who uses Sonoran Desert Dr. daily for training and with the increased traffic I fear for my safety. In addition, we moved to this area (85085) for the beauty of the desert. Abandoning the Desert Character Overlay District will eliminate the protections that were placed to ensure conservation of the ecosystems in the area while still allowing for some development. The large number of homes the Verdin development company proposes to squeeze into this area will detract from the wilderness and beauty of the Preserve. Yet, another area of concern would be the overcrowding of schools in the Deer Valley School district.

The desert in the Sonoran Desert Preserve is already quite overused by hikers, bikers and equestrian riders. By increasing the population adjacent to this preserve, not only will it lose its true wilderness experience, but it will have increased urban pressures placed upon it, threatening its very existence. Additionally, as I live just meters from Dove Valley Trail and witness the already heavy traffic along this corridor that connects to Sonoran Desert Drive, any increased volumes in traffic would effectively make it very difficult to exit my community onto Dove Valley Road where no traffic lights exist.
Area should remain as it is. Area is also over populated with new homes and congestion with traffic.
Sonoran Desert Drive & surrounding preserve area can not accommodate traffic volume due to proposed Verdin development.
Ignoring the desert character overlay district would be a HUGE mistake. Overdevelopment will ruin the desert and will change the habitat in and around that area and big developers don't care about that so it's our job to care for them.
Traffic is already becoming very busy along Sonoran Desert Drive. Many large trucks are using this now too. We were told this area was supposed to preserve the Sonoran Desert. Many people use the bike paths and hiking paths. I feel it would become more dangerous to use these paths with the increase of doubling or tripling traffic with the increased number of homes they are asking for. Keep the same number of homes it was originally
I am a city of Phoenix park steward for the far north valley preserves including Apache Wash and Dixie Mountain. I patrol these trails for hiker safety several times of month. The beauty and open desert landscape of the Sonoran area is a prime reason why people move to this area or visit it to hike or bike. Please do not add higher density housing and destroy the open land we currently enjoy.
The growth in this area is already at an all time high. This small area of desert PRESERVE is why many of us moved to the area. The PRESERVE is used by hikers and bikers as a beautiful getaway that is in our backyard. Every other inch has already been developed by apartment complexes. Enough!! Leave our PRESERVE alone!!
I do not want the desert destroyed any more than it already has been, it needs to be preserved. I hike daily along the trails from Apache Wash to Paloma Pkwy, the scenic views are being compromised by building, the noise of the traffic is ruining the peace of the outside and nearing running me off the road as I try to cross to the trails. It's insane the number of cars already and Copperleaf development isn't even populated yet. No more homes to destroy the serenity and beauty of this area.
I prefer an environment that is a balance between housing and open land
This drive is very vital for bikers and the natural trails and parks the residents across the city come to enjoy. The new development across the dedicated Sonoran landscape is going to spoil everything and increase the safety concerns on the biking corridor. This corridor is used by Olympic gold medal winners , Tour de France
Maintain the natural open space in this areas Traffic congestion issues
The Desert Character is an important part of Phoenix that needs to be kept preserved and available for all Phoenicians and other AZ residents to enjoy the natural scene this Sonoran Desert can provide outside of the busy metropolis of the Phoenix metroplex and other surrounding cities.
Need to preserve as much of our beautiful mountains as possible
Wildlife protection and natural beauty
Our desert is part of our lifestyle's. Many of us hike and enjoy our desert landscape. The area is not built for even 400+ homes, with an average of 2 vehicles per home. Our local school system doesn't support the vast amount of new developments going up currently. It's will also decrease night visibility of the sky in the evening for those who use telescopes. It will also increase area emissions, pollution visibility, and area temperature.
People need places to live but so do animals. The Southwest has beautiful deserts and what makes this place
I moved up in this area to get away from the city, crowds and traffic, enjoy the outdoors to hike and cycle.
We need to keep as much of the natural habitat in this area as possible for the enjoyment of all residents and

Too much traffic already
My family and I love hiking in the Sonoran Preserve. It's how we spend our weekends. We would hate to lose anymore of the land, the atmosphere, the animals. Please save the land. Thank you
Our family enjoys the scenic drive down Sonoran Desert Drive. I'm saddened to hear they already have plans to develop some of that land. The dessert landscape and easy access to trails from Fireside are unique to living in Norterra and I would hate to see that change. It's already becoming over crowded up here and traffic is effected. Please consider preserving our beautiful desert landscape.
Want to keep area lower traffic
GREED at its finest asking to ignore the Desert Character Overlay District... PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS!!!! Seriously...one more development along the route is no good. Too much traffic now for those who frequent the area.
I have lived here for 10 years and watched the beauty of the desert being destroyed with development. The plants, animals and the majestic beauty of the desert is ruined by the continued development until there is no desert left. It is very sad.
I absolutely love the beauty of the desert and the opportunity we have to get out in the preserve to hike, run and bike. I am an avid trail runner and hiker and would be devastated if we lose that ability just to make way for more houses.
The Preserve is meant to be just that—preserved. Excess traffic, construction and increased carbon footprint will endanger the flora and fauna of our beautiful desert. Please protect it!
1. Concerned about wildlife being displaced and natural habitats being significantly reduced 2. High occupancy buildings coupled with houses will bring more traffic and pollution and impact the infrastructure 3. Impact on city resources such as water especially scary as water levels are so low 4 impact to education facilities - schools are over crowded
We love biking on the path along the reserve with our 2 girls, crossing Sonoran Desert is already a bit nerve wracking with current traffic, I can't imagine how much this would increase given the added homes. This is such a beautiful stretch of road and adding these homes would greatly impact the noise, traffic and beauty of this area. Not to mention the surrounding grocery stores, roadways and restaurants are already stretched so thin because the number of homes has increased greatly without the other resources to support it!
The area should be preserved for enjoying the natural surroundings.
Please save the desert preserve, this is very important! Thank you
Need Preserve, otherwise we will lose out on the beautiful scenery and have way to much congestion.
I love this natural area. It is very important that the building be kept down as we are losing our natural areas to concrete and overdevelopment. AZ does not have enough water for all of these homes/buildings. Traffic is horrendous already. Please don't do this.
It changes the whole landscape of our community. Every available space is being built and we are losing the beauty of our area.
We need to keep as much nature untouched and beautiful.
The Sonoran preserve is just that, "A preserve". It was specifically zoned to prevent this kind of development, or any development for that matter. We use this area almost on a daily basis for hiking, biking and driving on the parkway. If these projects are developed and built I will seriously consider leaving this area and moving to a quieter place. These builders should look for other areas not designated as preserves to build their housing.
Preservation of our land is critical. While I accept development that has been approved, businesses need to consider the impact to the surrounding area and growth for the sake of growth is not an acceptable plan.

Actions need to be taken to preserve the natural landscapes of Arizona. The degradation of lands is reaching a tipping point. The area does not have the infrastructure, business, school capacity nor natural resources to support this development. Corporate greed is advancing the rapid expansion of the Sonoran desert and we are on the cusp of a major water shortages in the region. Enough, have some foresight for future generations for
Resource impact and cyclist safety
Keeping the integrity of the preserve intact while allowing current hiking, biking, and traffic levels to remain the
Have you seen how beautiful this portion of metro- Phoenix is. We absolutely do not need more and more and more. We have enough people streaming into our state already, no need to encourage more.
The sonoran preserve is a beautiful place that is essential to maintaining the ecological balance for wildlife and vegetation. The developers and owners knew the rules of the overlay district when they decided to develop, and should be required to follow it. Not doing so benefits only them, and puts the damages on all other citizens.
The builder should be held to the character overlay that is in place to ensure the neighborhood fits into the desert landscape.
The Preserve was the reason we moved here 14years ago. The city should not be able to re-zone and stick with the original plan to leave it for hiking biking etc. There is plenty of land on the west side of I-17. Way too much growth, traffic, and Desert lost to developers. with NO regard for the quiet life we enjoy In north Phoenix.
Too much housing buildout, let's slow it down
We need to keep our natural surroundings for the overall health of our environment.
We only get one chance to maintain the character of our community. Once altered, there is no going back.
We need more open space and already have enough homes!
As a former 12 year resident of the Desert Canyon subdivision (32nd / Beardsley) I have supported the efforts of SOS-P since the rezoning signs went up. I find it deeply ironic and fundamentally offensive that the first ask of the developer is to set aside law and planning already in place that ensures what they only pretend to espouse (" environmental commitment to raising the bar for protecting and preserving the desert environment").
We love the beauty and tranquility of the desert.
I hike on the trails of the Sonoran Preserve many times a week, enjoying the beauty of the untouched desert. It would diminish the quality of the experience by adding more and more housing developments to the view.
The Sonoran preserve is a spot where I hike, bike and run 5-6 times per week. I truly enjoy the beautiful natural preserve this area has. The animals I see during my adventures is also priceless. I truly hope this petition makes a change !
I live very close to the Sonoran Preserve. My family and I love living near the preserve because we get to enjoy beautiful hiking and biking trails right in our back yard. The trails are clean, well maintained and much less crowded than other trails in Phoenix, such as Camelback Mountain and Piestewa Peak. The Sonoran Preserve is the reason we moved the North Valley. And we moved here based on the growth parameters identified by the Desert Character Overlay District, which were instilled to safeguard the Preserve. Please don't alter the growth density plans, it's not good for the viability of the Preserve and it's not fair to the residents who moved to the area based on the development measures in place.
It is important to save the Preserve and Drive because developers and their need for more and more money is literally killing the desert and taking away all things that are indigenous to this perfect State I have lived in my whole life, born and raised. I have worked up in this area for 20 plus years and it has been so sad to see the loss of the desert. The Sonora Desert Drive is something so special and one of the few places left in the Valley that makes you feel like you are really in the desert without thousands of pieces of property. Please do not take away the beauty of these areas!!!
We love going to the preserve as a family, and having another major development project will only bring more traffic, noise, and wildlife displacement. We need to do better and protect our wildlife and say no to money
Traffic will increase dramatically! Hiking and cycling will no longer be enjoyable and r safe.

My household enjoys both biking and hiking along the Sonoran Desert Drive several times a week. One of the main reasons I moved out of the Kierland area was to escape the traffic/congestion. Please don't turn my beautiful Sonoran Preserve into a traffic nightmare. Uphold the safeguards that make this preserve a treasure. Thank you, Councilman Waring.
Me and my friends use that area to ride our bicycles and hike and just enjoy the desert and it would be dangerous with it a lot more traffic out that way and it will destroy the beautiful desert environment please do
This will affect the local fauna and flora and compromise what is supposed to be a protected ecosystem.
Traffic is already heavy and dangerous for my wife who bikes and myself walking
It is nature at its finest. The desert is dwindling especially in this area with all of the commercial building and housing going up. The hot air balloons are even running out of space to take off from and land on. Dove Valley Road / Sonoran Desert Drive has become a speedway and dumping ground. It is a shame that people have such disregard for such a beautiful area and putting up more housing will only make it worse. Years ago we were told that no homes would be built off of that road. I know because I used to live in Carefree Crossings and attended many meetings about it. Listen to the people for a change and leave this area alone. It was built for people to enjoy it, not destroy it.
We need to preserve the beauty of the desert.
I use the preserve at least 3 times a week for fitness. Mountain biking, hiking, and trail running. Wildlife encounters are always beautiful and their habitat must be preserved. The human population density in this area is already getting to be more than what it can sustain.
We need to limit desert impact & traffic in the area as it's already getting congested.
Phoenix is growing at a very rapid rate. If something is not done now to save lands, there will be no desert areas left and all wildlife here will perish. We must preserve this unique Sonoran Preserve.
We love our desert and the fascinating wild life! Lets all work together to conserve our beautiful desert!
We need to preserve the hiking and biking trails as well as the bike lane on Desert Sonoran Drive to keep it safe for pedestrians and cyclist.
The Sonoran Preserve is a beautiful area that lends this neighborhood a great amount of character and appeal. Over-development would greatly detract from this, leaving it just another sprawl.
I urge City Council to require Taylor Morrison to comply with Desert Character Overlay safeguards. We moved to this area because of the close proximity to hiking and biking and close to nature. This is necessary for people's physical and mental well being.
We need to maintain the beauty of the valley. Areas need to be protected and respected so all can enjoy.
Quality of Life will be destroyed! Let us start with habitat destruction. Then let's discuss the water shortage. September 2021, it was reported that the Bureau of Reclamation has declared a water shortage on the Colorado River, which means that Arizona, along with Nevada and Mexico, will get less water than normal by 2022. If we continue to destroy our desert with unnecessary development for the sake of the almighty dollar then we might as well lift all restrictions. When will it end? When is enough growth enough? Maricopa County was the number one county in the nation for growth in the past year. This needs to stop! We are destroying our human habitat by allowing these developers to bully their way into these areas. Now let's discuss safety? Look at our Police Dept or lack thereof. We can't sustain this ridiculous growth. Please do what you can to help preserve our beautiful Sonoran Preserve!
Tjhis is the last strip of Sonoran Desert left in Phoenix. I'm sorrythe preserve doesn't border Dove Valley. Whats done is gone do not make it worse by 3X the number of people
I prefer to keep the Somoran Preseve "wild" for all to enjoy. Please stop taking beautiful desert away from the residents that moved here to be near it.
Primary reason we moved to this area from Houston is to avoid the glut of development and related traffic that we had in Texas. Please let us retain the environment we fell in love with back in 2010.

Too many people and too much traffic is bad for the environment and the people living in the area, like me. Traffic will likely significantly increase staying within the growth guidelines, so ignoring the guidelines and increasing the number of dwellings in the area beyond the guidelines will make traffic and life even worse.
I love to hike the trails with my dog and my family. It is often the only exercise my aging parents get.
Everywhere near Sonoran preserve and desert drive constructions are happening, it's a very beautiful hike place to enjoy quality time with family and friends, as a neighborhood resident I would like to keep it beautiful and not have homes after homes getting built there... there are hardly any community park getting built in the area..
I urge you not to ignore the Desert Character Overlay District and over develop one of the few remaining preserves in city limits so a developer can make more money. Please consider your constituents way of life and safety over profits for a corporation. Thank you for your consideration.
Traffic is my main issue. As a Sonoran bike route it is becoming more and more dangerous for bikers. School traffic on main roads and through neighborhoods also has become more dangerous. Wilderness can never be recaptured once homes are built so we have a once in a lifetime duty to save land for conservation and wildlife. Thanks for listening
The Sonoran Preserve is important to me because of the beauty if the area and the animals that call it home. Sonoran Desert Drive needs to remain a less busy road so it is safe for the bicyclists that use it for exercise and the people that walk the path along the road and preserve.
We need to preserve it for the wildlife that lives in it and keep the beauty of the desert environment in tact.
My friends and family and their pets walk there every day! Also it's called a PRESERVE!!! Preserve it!
We need to preserve the beauty of our natural habitats. There are already plenty of places that are zoned for building. Please do not let greed ruin our neighborhood.
Protect the Sonoran preserve
We live in the area and do not need to have more houses built, apartments, etc. The traffic is becoming unbearable, and to abolish the desert is a terrible thing for the wildlife and beauty of the desert. I enjoy hiking
We love walking, & biking sonoran desert drive. It's nice to be active in that pristine desert. Please keep the DCOD safeguards active
Ekosystem Preservation of natural wild life
I have children and grandchildren, outside the gates, it's TOTALLY UNSAFE TO RIDE BICKES, TRAFFIC IS ABSOLUTELY ~~100~~ INSANE WHATTTT IF IT WERE YOUR NEIGHBOR HOOD? Thank you
Volume of traffic will be too extreme and hiking, cycling and just walking will be negatively impacted.
Biological and cultural resources
I hike from Apache Wash frequently as well as the trails in Sonoran Preserve South and don't want to see the desert character of these areas impacted. Please hold Taylor Morrison to these rules. They were put in place for a reason. Don't allow them to disregard them.
This city is growing so fast & we need to preserve some of the beautiful desert landscape. If we keep building more houses, we will have nothing left. We don't need more houses!!
I firmly feel that natural areas have to be maintained and protected in order to maintain the beauty and balance of our communities. Doubling or tripling the traffic on the Sonora Parkway within the areas of the Preserve will most definitely create safety issues with cycling and walking for all folks wanting to enjoy the beauty of the
This place is an amazing getaway for families to go walk, cycle and hike. It's nice to go over there without all of the traffic that goes through there. It is such a beautiful scenery that should not be taken away.
Our family enjoys the wildlife and open beauty that the preserve provides very much.
There has been enough development in this area. Stop crowding out the wildlife.
Overcrowding is harmful to animals and to people. There are already too many car accidents due to the current road infrastructure doesn't support the number of people in this area. Therefore, more growth in this area will lead to higher traffic volumes and increased car accidents. Thank you for this opportunity to voice my concern.

We love to hike this beautiful area. Also the drive down Sonoran parkway is incredible. We must preserve this desert not only for human enjoyment but also the wildlife that call it home
This land is our closest access to nature. It is where I hike. It is where I take my children to visit the great horned owl nest. This land is theirs—not to be traded in a land swap where a few people get rich at the expense of our nature preserve.
It's imperative to preserve and protect the wildlife and their natural habitat. This area is already exploding with growth & traffic.
This area is beautiful and it would be a shame for it to be overdeveloped.
As a resident here, we need to preserve our natural habitat. You need to think about building more schools before taking over the desert preserve and destroying the ecosystem just so you can make some builders happy through these deals. If we can't preserve our "Preserve", then what is even the point?
I've lived in this area for many years and treasure the Sonoran Desert Preserve beyond measure. As an avid hiker and lover of the unique beauty, plant life and wildlife of the Sonoran Desert, I feel privileged to be able to enjoy this natural area as part of my "everyday." I'm also aware and incredibly proud of the hard work and careful thought that went into preserving this land in the first place. It was a job so very well done, and I would be incredibly disappointed and dispirited to see those efforts and safeguards dismantled in any way.
We chose to move to Sonoran Foothills to be close to the desert landscape and away from the dense population of the city. We understood that the city had protected the areas surrounding the preserve by requiring certain standards and limiting the number of homes that can be built. The requirements that were in place while the Sonoran foothills community was being built, maintain the overall integrity of the surrounding desert. There is a mix of apartment homes, patio homes and homes with lots. All were required to follow strict landscaping guidelines to match the desert. Why aren't these standards being upheld for any future development? It is evident that greed is now winning. The home builders goal is to build as many houses as will be allowed as this is most profitable for them. They are NOT concerned with the impact this will have on traffic, current residents or the desert. Also, it appears the city is trying to solve the housing shortage by putting in a disproportionate number of high density dwellings from I-17 to Cave Creek.
There is already a staggering amount of traffic between the preserves and additional housing per acre only harms these sacred areas. We are growing at a staggering rate and sacrificing our beautiful lands and existing safe guards isn't the right approach to addressing this growth. The land and homes will sell and the only reason to increase homes per acre is to increase their profits.
Original 2006 owner who has seen this area grow and change. I'm very concerned about the population over expansion in this area. I live right off Dove Valley which has already become unsafe due to traffic volume and lack of proper traffic signals (some of which are on the way). However, I don't believe Dove Valley was ever intended to hold the kind of volume it will experience if growth is not governed. I for one wholeheartedly support the enforcement of the Desert Character Overlay District. Thank you
An agreement was made to limit the number of homes for the area, why now is it ok to go back on that. Will bring more traffic and ruin to area from overpopulation.
The Sonoran Preserve is a special and somewhat rare piece of Phoenix. It provides beautiful trails and vistas for all Phoenixians within the city limits. As the city continues to grow I believe we need to preserve these few natural spaces for all to enjoy.
When we moved from Wisconsin we specifically picked the Sonoran Desert Preserve area because it was so beautiful and peaceful. Please do not ruin it by putting up homes there. It is a protected preserve for a reason -- to keep it natural.
Way too much traffic
This area needs to be preserved as originally designed in order for the members of this community to enjoy a place to get away from all the over development.

Protecting preserve areas within an urban community is important and contributes to a healthy quality of life. Respectful development along the perimeter of a preserve protects the integrity of the native area. I want the desert overlay left in place as it is the legal vehicle created with intention to accomplish this. We need to be forward thinking as we approve developments especially when they border preserve areas that were acquired and built with significant personal and financial resources!
Desert preservation. Water conservation
The Sonoran Preserve and Sonora Desert Drive must under all circumstances remain intake and undisturbed
Preserving open spaces is becoming more and more important as they are being lost at a alarming rate. Increasing housing density is damaging with increased traffic, pollution and water usage.
Our house backs up to the desert. We bought that house because it backs up to the desert, I want to to keep our view and our slower simple lifestyle there and not turn its into a big city feel.
To preserve the beautiful views of the desert and maintain wildlife and landscape.
it's a natural treasure that is special and needs to be protected.
The Phoenix metro area is quickly consuming our natural wildlife. The Sonoran preserve and areas around the preserve are blessings to those near them. An escape from the overgrowth of population.
Preserve natura
I am an avid mountain and road cyclist in THIS area, especially! I also hike and run in the preserve. Safe to say I am absolutely for the preservation of the Sonoran Preserve. I live in an area very near where a housing development is under way and the amount of houses being built will be over double what was originally zoned. Please let those that run the show consider the longer (negative) lasting impacts of high-density development to what we have all found profoundly beautiful and desiring of this area; the Sonoran Desert!
I have lived in this area for 11 years and have been walking those trails for just as long. It is an amazing preserve that I treasure walking every single day. The scenery is beautiful and the wildlife thrives in the area. Losing any portion of this place would be a disgrace to this gorgeous piece of land that should be protected for the people of our area. Please reconsider this, i am beyond disappointed to hear that this is even a thought. Please save our
Northern Phoenix is already getting overrun by new developments. Would be nice to keep some lands in their natural state so we can enjoy the beauty it brings
My main hiking spot, beautiful views, would think u are out in the wilderness
I am concerned because my backyard will face the six lane road. As it is the two lane road(dove valley and Sonoran dessert drive) is driven like a freeway and most people do not go the speed limit. I could just imagine what the six lane would be like behind us. When we purchased this home we were not made aware of the plans the city had for this area. Very disappointed. Also Verdin having 1400 hundred homes would really make the traffic crazier than it already is right now.. like I said very disappointing!!
Desire to maintain the nature preserve and to limit traffic and related safety hazards.
No need for more development eating up our desert.
We moved to our current home to enjoy the benefits of having access to the Sonoran Preserve. The Desert Character Overlay District was created to preserve the integrity of this precious commodity, if it is ignored, the beauty and recreational benefits of the preserve will be significantly reduced.
I chose this area because of the preserve and hiking trails. We love the motorcycle rides through the area on our way up to Cave Creek. I already think they are building too much and it's going to overpopulate and ruin the very reason we chose to live in this area.
I walk the desert everyday it is vital to keep it preserved . Arizona is in danger , water shortage , wildlife please keep preserve
Our wildlife is being displaced and soon will not have a place to live. People want them killed as they are afraid of them! We will live in a denser area and it will soon feel like NY City! We must find a balance for all.

Conservation will protect the wildlife. Driving them out of their natural habitat could put some animals at risk of extinction. There are other desert areas/land that could be built on. Preserving will help reduce our footprint and help reduce traffic and pollution.
Keeping some semblance of the desert lifestyle is why we moved here. Do not ignore the safeguards. Reduce the number of housing units. Why do you want to do business with a company which clearly does not respect nature, but only the economic bottom line - \$
This would cause pollution dust noise and would be harmful to our health
I am concern about the beauty of the Desert Landscape and more concerned about the increase in traffic that will be on Dove Valley/Sonoran Desert Drives. Besides Verdin there is also the new semiconductor plant going up west of us that will increase traffic. There is also 2 other new housing developments going up on Dove Valley and also Sonoran Desert Dr west of Paloma Pkwy. This will also increase traffic tremendously on Dove Valley/Sonoran Desert Drives. Please be concerned that traffic could increase 10 times the current rate and that your plan to expand lanes is already insufficient.
The Sonoran preserve area is vital to providing a habitats for all the wonderful creatures and wildlife in the area. It also provides for great walking trails for people to enjoy and get exercise while exploring all that Arizona has
The Sonoran Preserve and surrounding area are why we moved to the North Valley 7 years ago. The natural beauty and outdoor activities make it our special home. We need to manage and control growth so it will not negatively impact our surroundings with excessive traffic. Thank-you.
Preserve land is sacred and should maintained as such to keep the value to it's community members.
Traffic on the preserve road is already quite busy during rush hour. Adding more homes will increase the danger of the road and damage the beautiful desert.
The beautiful hiking biking and walking trails!! What they are proposing is way too many homes for in the middle of the preserve!!
I moved to this location in 2019 to be away from congestion of traffic and buildings. I am already concerned about the traffic on Sonoran Parkway/Dove Valley. I love the open desert and trails and lack of buildings. This area needs these open spaces to remain as building and development is moving closer to the preserve on all sides. Help save some precious desert/animals/freedom and peaceful nightblack skies!
As a resident of a nearby community I am concerned that the traffic that will be generated by the proposed Verdin community will present many safety concerns. The Preserve provides a tranquil environment that will most likely change dramatically in character if this densely populated community is built. I don't mind some building along the route but only if it is not populated as densely as some of the surrounding developments.
We need to save our desert preserve and wildlife. There are plenty if other placex in the area and in Phoenix where it is more appropriate and less disruptive to build.
Destroying the desert, views and too much traffic on Dove Valley/Sonoran PkwyN which also funnels to Jomax where many school-aged child ride bikes and walk.
This is my neighborhood..I live here. I hike these beautiful trails five times a week. There are plenty of acres of desert in other areas. People come from all over the valley to hike and bike here.This land has been set aside for this and should not be taken away.
I am signing this because we would not have moved to this area had we known it was even possible for a developer to unilaterally request a community density plan, carefully and deliberately produced and agreed upon, be thrown out so a company can increase profit. I question the ethics of a company that would even propose it. I question the ethics of a local government that would even entertain it.
Mark Dotterer
Marcella McCormack

This is a beautiful and vibrant part of our community. Don't destroy it by adding additional residential development. Once those houses get in there, they are going to be complaining and advocating for commercial development because they don't want to drive 20 minutes to shops and restaurants. Before we know it, all of the preserve will be gone. The hiking trails, the nature, and the area is pristine.
It is important to me to keep our beautiful desert open and the way nature intended it to be. We are the desert southwest and everyone should be able to enjoy the beautiful scenery. It does not do anything or anyone any good to fill it with homes and commercial properties that would only increase traffic, smog, trash and unwanted things. Our desert animals need their home and do not need to be pushed out due to unwanted construction.
I believe there are multiple reasons for keeping our views for all to enjoy - to preserve the desert and the animals - so we can enjoy the solace in this wonderful area by walking, biking, driving or just plain relaxing in the outdoors. Also driving on this Sonoran stretch of road currently needs more restrictions - such as traffic lights at all intersections for turning. Much speeding - need to have more monitoring of speed requirements. Adding more housing is just going to add to a lose of the desert preserve and impossible street/road conditions. When we built our home here, we were told that there were restrictions to keep our desert preserved.
We live along the Sonoran Preserve. We bought here because it was a quiet peaceful area to raise kids and explore nature. Please don't allow more homes to destroy this area of nature. It will ruin the bike trail and hiking trails and cause a lot more traffic in the area.
Concerned about traffic, School crowding, and preserving the desert. They need to keep the desert safe guards in place.
We are losing the beauty and integrity of the area that makes the Phoenix valley iconic.
I moved to this area to enjoy the desert and the wildlife associated with the environment. Developers have one objective - money. We must preserve what is left of this beautiful landscape
My husband and I moved into the area specifically for the trails and wilderness of the Sonoran Preserve. We hike the trails at least twice a week with our dogs. Please do not allow more encroachment just for the sake of making more money! I am a retired registered nurse and served the indigent populations and can't afford to move again. Please stop this!
I hike in the preserve almost daily, and would like to continue to enjoy the nature and the solitude. There are so many other areas to build along the I-17 corridor, so why cause more damage to the beautiful Arizona desert and the wildlife living there. I used to hike Thunderbird, but that's a couple foothills with development all around, whereas the Sonoran Preserve is just that - a preserve to protect wildlife and allow people to enjoy nature. Please don't allow any more development of the land!
ASU has spent millions in studies, to this DAY, of the wildlife is THIS IMMEDIATE area. The area between these two washes are a habitat for species that exist NO where else. Contact ASU if you don't believe me, they have a professor that performs studies out there...they have for many years! In addition, the access roads proposed are between two bridges that are TOO low. There needs to be a NEW study performed on how the destruction of the plains will affect run off and increased volume in the washes! Otherwise, one heavy monsoon might wash the people and homes away.
We moved to this area specifically to enjoy the natural beauty of the desert Hiking, biking, and walking is an important part of the north valley lifestyle Please do not allow developers to ruin it with dense urban housing
It's rare coming from Vegas to have such a natural landscape. It's so beautiful to have natural landscape and to have the desert wildlife around our home. There's plenty of other places they can build and they're building now. Save the preserve and the wildlife. They can build somewhere else that isn't here.
I've lived in the preserve area since I was very little. We need to keep the desert a desert, our native animals are continually being forced to co habitate with humans and it's not going welk. Continue to give them their space so that we can all live together without hostile interaction
I am concerned with the number of people packed into a small space. Not only would this increase traffic to an unmanageable level but will ruin the desert in this area.

We have enough housing in our area. Please keep the land open so that families can continue to enjoy our Sonoran Preserve.
This zoning would be uncharacteristic of the Sonoran preserve and city park surrounding the site.
The preserve gives us hiking trails and allows everyone to enjoy the beauty of the Arizona desert and wildlife. It would also dramatically decrease property values for the people voting for you to remain in office.
The Sonoran preserve is just that, a Preserve. It preserves many species of plants and wildlife that is indigenous to the area. It is vitally important that we preserve this area for our children and their children.
We need to keep the open land and what makes our area great.
I love hiking in the preserve. Anyone who intends on building anywhere close to it needs to follow the rules. Our desert is at risk. We need you to protect it by requiring the builder to do the right thing.
Preserve landscape, Mountain View's, prevent traffic
With so much growth in Arizona & Phoenix in particular, it is vital to retain the open spaces for all residents to use and enjoy - there was great foresight when determining preserves and buffered lands around them. The roads - current and even proposed new ones - won't be able to safely support the sudden surge of vehicles and will most definitely increase the traffic volume and many drivers, bikers and pedestrians will experience a greater risk of accidents. Please listen to the residents in the area that will be most impacted. Thank you.
This land is important to keep more open than crowded!
I have lived in this area for twenty years and it is getting so crowded and overbuilt. We must preserve open outdoor space for people to enjoy the peace of the desert and recreation areas that are our Arizona treasures
Aaron Cushner
the Desert Character Overlay District safeguards were put in place to keep this specific and unique area from overdevelopment and should not be overturned due to developer greed.
To prevent additional congestion and traffic and to preserve the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve.
I know that growth in our area needs to happen but it shouldn't be so much that it take away from the Preserve and the reasons we moved here.
It's wrong to ignore our Desert Character Overlay District! We bought our home here because of these protections, and we love our desert! Thank you!
Will Ruin the wildlife and nature surrounding the preserve in addition to increasing the already challenging traffic issues on Sonoran desert drive
Uniquely beautiful desert must be protected. Overly dense housing not consistent with that preservation.
Living in Desert Vistas subdivision since it's existence 15yrs ago has been an absolute blessing and we expect to keep it that way. With that, we enjoy hiking, biking and walking frequently all year around. Over time the "preserve" area has seen a HUGE increase in vehicles, accidents, speeding, crime, pollution & noise to name just a few. Our understanding has always been that no further housing/development of any kind would continue past our subdivision into the Sonoran Preserve. That certainly did not happen. Sonoran Desert Drive is so busy NOW that adding additional housing will not only threaten people but the natural terrain and wildlife habitat. That's a resounding NO WAY!
I hike and trail run in the preserve at least five times a week since I live within walking distance to the Vista trailhead. It is a beautiful and relaxing and meditative time for me believe it should be left as is like, as I understand the story, the original owner wanted it to stay, which I agree with.
Becasue we hike the trails regularly and the feeling of being lost in nature so close to home is special. It should be protected and I hope my daughter can enjoy it the same way one day.
We moved here from Wisconsin almost 4 years ago. 100% the reason we selected to live up here in the North valley was because of the Sonoran preserve. We chose to not be inside the 101 on purpose.please don't allow the Sonoran desert drive and beautiful desert around it to be taken over with cars and traffic.

Cycling and hiking in the area
Since living in Phoenix this has been a place where I can get away to escape the noise of the city. Please don't take that away from us. For a lot of people, having a place to get away to is vital to every day life.
We need to preserve the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve.
Arizona is growing too rapidly for its own good. The demand for water is only going to increase with these unnecessary expansions. Destroying the natural habitats of the wildlife that surrounds is also harmful to the already damaged ecosystem. There is no necessity to continue to tear up the desert to accommodate an exodus of out of state buyers. They can find a more sustainable environment to live, Arizona is already overly populated and adding excessive traffic flow to an underdeveloped part of the city is asinine. Keep Arizona wild.
I live less then a mile away and it's a beautiful area that should remain the way it is. We hike, bike, and drive to grandparents house on this beautiful road/preserve. Please let it stay beautiful and let us continue to make memories here.
We moved up to this area because of the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve. Please keep our beautiful land the way it is.
As someone who regularly drives, hikes, and bikes this area, it's important to me, my family, my community, and Phoenix at large to protect these kind of "open/brown/green spaces". There are plenty of places around Phoenix for development - the Sonoran Preserve should not be one of them.
Maintain the beauty and areas to hike.
I run and cycle on the parkway and traffic is already dangerous, especially near the passing zones. I also hike extensively and if many more houses are built, the views will become less spectacular than they are now. In addition, wildlife would be affected by overdevelopment
I and my family moved to this area to enjoy the preserve. While we understand there is growth in the area, it was done under the rules and regulations set forth. I would ask that all builders comply.
We use the preserve for hiking and horseback riding. Heavy traffic volume can create a hazard for horses, even at a distance.
I travel Sonoran Desert Drive every day because I live right off of it. It is a beautiful drive, but also one that is very serene and peaceful. I am concerned that allowing the Verdin community to be built at the requested density it will cause a great impact and stress to the drive through the Preserve. Even if the road is expanded to more lanes, this road will become a dangerous route for the bikers and hikers in the area, not to mention the drivers. Please do not allow the density for this new community as requested!
1. There has been poor oversight with planning roadways to keep up with the existing development in the Sonoran area. 2. Sonoran Desert Drive is supposed to be a scenic drive and is utilized by many cyclists and has a gorgeous walking path. The increase in traffic will be a further danger to cyclists and pedestrians. 3. Many of us have to keep moving further and further out of the city to get away from all the Phoenix traffic and live in a peaceful community. The existing planning with the "water project" has been a nightmare with construction and took 8 months to complete. We already have problems with adequate water in our area and other areas of Phoenix area under water restrictions. Where is all the water going to come from to support all of these houses. 5. Schools are already overcrowded and there is already a problem with staffing for school buses and teachers. How are we going to support an increase of additional kids and families when we cannot support the ones already living here adequately?
I love being able to enjoy the beautiful preserve without all the traffic. The preserve is what makes city living do-

I have lived at this address for 20 years and have watched the area grow. My wife and I have hiked and biked in the Sonoran Preserve area hundreds of times, and now we have introduced our children to a love of nature through seeing Olive the owl on Hawk's Nest Trail and wildflower blooms biking along the Apache Wash trail. In the middle of a growing city, this Preserve is an oasis that allows residents from near and far to relax and escape the pace of city life. It magically transports visitors to a place that feels quiet and free. Please help us preserve this for us and future visitors!
Traffic, keep the beautiful desert, water resources
The infrastructure is not setup for a development of this size and the tax payers shouldn't bear the cost to
We have 2 parks there, we need to connect these parks. People live here for the openness of the land. We need more open spaces, not more house's.
Please preserve this pristine piece of Sonoran Desert for the native flora and fauna and for our future
My family lives in Sonoran Foothills. We chose this beautiful area because of the gorgeous desert preserve. We love our out of the way pocket and want to protect the gorgeous pristine desert from further development.
I live in the neighborhood and don't want them to change our desert look it's very important
The development will increase the footprint traffic and damage to these natural areas and habits. We must look forward to responsible growth in unity with our surroundings and not just perceived revenues.
I am an avid hiker. I enjoy being able to see nature, plants and animals. We are already taking so much natural habitat from desert life. Overcrowding the preserve area increases pollution by humans and their machines. Furthermore, light and noise pollution create additional issues. Please conserve our preserve.
As local residents, my family loves to hike at the Apache wash trailhead and the trails behind Sonoran foothills/Fireside. My family's Christmas pictures have been taken in the surrounding desert for years. All the surrounding neighbors have the desert overlay, which is more important than ever with the water shortage in Phoenix. If you plant the appropriate trees, cactus etc., NO WATER IRRIGATION is needed. Our trees were watered deep for the first two years, then turned off. 15 years after NO WATER, beautiful and thriving. You have my address, drive on by. PLEASE keep the beautiful desert overlay our Sonoran Preserve deserves.
I live on the South-West edge of the Sonoran Preserve. I am an avid outdoors person that loves the wild flora and fauna and am concerned about destroying the natural beauty of the preserve as well as the natural habitat of wild life. I believe that we need to prevent this oasis for recreation and wild life refuge to be altered.
I moved to this house 10 years ago to move out of the "city" and be near desert-stop building so much up here!
We cannot keep moving the wild habitat out of their homes! Moving into this community we were told this reserve was here to stay so we would never have to worry about build going up on it - clearly, that has changed. Do not let greed destroy our quality of life.
This is a beautiful scenic preserve that has already experienced housing growth, wild fires caused by humans, and an increase in traffic. We have lived in this area for 15 years and specifically love that it used to be quiet and just outside of the city. No thank you to further developments! Preserve the land, wildlife, and natural growth!
Love the beauty that this area brings to all.
I've lived on the north side of town my entire life and thr natural desert is why I continue to live away from the noisy city. The Sonoran preserve has protection in place to conserve the natural environment and this development is threatening that protection for the sake of the American dollar. We live up here for the wide open space, peace and quiet, uninterrupted views and opportunity to enjoy nature. The traffic that's started to grow is threatening this with speeders flying by at 70+MPH, endangering bikers, walkers and nature. Please do now allow for more development than this preserve can handle and do not threaten the natural ecosystem by
We back up to Dove Valley.....the traffic has already increased exponentially over the past few years and people use this road as a freeway.....safety for our kids and everyone in our community is a huge concern.

I live in the Sonoran desert north of Phoenix, Don't want it destroyed by continuing building. Leave it in it's natural state, so we can enjoy the desert for generations please .
I live on Dove Valley and the traffic is already horrendous. We also love driving "the back way" when we're headed to Scottsdale for the scenic route. We would hate to see that go and hate for it to be filled with more homes than are currently allowed (none would be the perfect amount in my opinion). The schools are already far too filled for the existing amount of homes and the roads were not built for the amount of traffic that currently passes through on a daily basis. There are so many reasons to not allow more homes!! We moved up here to be away from the millions that live in metro and we'd like to keep it that way.
I enjoy hiking and biking in the area. Houses and cars really ruin the beauty of it.
Please do not overcrowd our area and stress our resources. Sonoran Desert Drive is beautiful and offers wonderful opportunity to be outside and healthy. Please preserve this area.
Me and my family and friends are all avid trail runners with great respect for our wildlife and natural ecosystems. I don't dispute the need for housing but the Desert Character Overlay District put the standards in place for exactly this reason - to prevent developers from overdevelopment that would ruin the NATURAL ecosystem. I applaud them for some of the measures they propose in planning but that will never make up for any zoning change and quite frankly is hypocritical. Please make sure Verdin complies with the current standard
I will not vote for an elected official that allows this to happen
This area is important to us as we hike and bike. Knowing that preserve will always be here made buying our home easy. We would like for all development to mind and take care of our desert spaces. There is a reason the Desert Character Overlay District was created. To ignore this would be a tragedy.
Too much traffic. Dangerous to have additional traffic where lots of bikers use the bike path. Why not build on the other side of 17 instead of near the preserve. Help of wildlife not be pushed out even more.
Taking away the sceneries wildlife and open park trails to enjoy. Once you start building gets crowded needing more wider roads taking away from the above
Safe and beautiful area to hike and bike.
As a local real estate agent, I understand the need for more housing in the metro area. But there are many other locations that are not in the middle of a preserve. Outdoor recreation and the beauty of the Sonoran Desert are reasons why people relocate to the area or purchase vacation homes. Having the preserve remain a preserve and not another housing project is vital to our community.
Being surrounded by the Sonoran Desert Preserve is probably the biggest reason that we built the house that we live in now. It is just so beautiful to be able to drive home after a long day's work and enjoy God's creation at it's finest. It is truly breathtaking and spectacular. Many people flock to Apache Wash Trailhead recreational area to enjoy this beautiful natural setting through hiking and mountain biking. It would be a travesty to overpopulate this area and ruin the enjoyment of the preserve for generations to come. It just wouldn't be the same. Not to mention the destruction of the natural habitat of so many desert creatures that make the preserve their home. I witness this first hand while living in the Sonoran Gate Community. These animals do not deserve to be displaced and have their homes destroyed. The line has to be drawn somewhere in order to maintain a level of natural beauty in our urban areas. This seems like as good a time as any to make a conscious decision to halt the human encroachment on the habitat of all of God's innocent creatures and keep this little slice of
My family and I love to hike this area, especially to feel like we're away from city life and enjoying the natural outdoors. That is one of the reasons why we chose to live in this area was because of the preserve.
We moved up to this area to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the area. Now it is being threatened. We moved up to this area to see our beautiful dessert in its natural habit, and now it's being threatened. We moved up here because it was a great dream come true, and now that dream is again being threatened by those wishing to make many dollars off the land and environment that belongs to us all. Please, please let's stop this travesty. Thanks for reading my input. We just so love it up here and hope for no more growth and
Keep population down to preserve the wildlife

This road is a quick north valley traffic bypass that remains somewhat traffic free for now. There is great hiking and desert views. For profit expansion in this area would destroy that.
We specifically moved to this area b/c of the preserve and the peacefulness that it brings to our lives and neighborhood. District guidelines are in place for a reason and should not be adjusted for a greedy developer.
I think the peace and quiet and a safe place for the Sonoran wildlife to roam freely is vital. We cannot keep pushing these animals out of there natural habitats. Traffic on Sonoran desert drive has already increased and to increase it more is simply careless as families riding bikes will be at an increased risk
The Sonoran Preserve is beautiful Natural landscape that keeps the heat down vs concrete, provides opportunities for walking, hiking, biking ect. Many of the residents in this area including myself moved up here due to these walking and hiking trails. Also, the traffic on Sonoran Desert drive is already bad and adding more homes will only make it worse. Please listen to the residents and save the Sonoran Preserve.
The drive along Sonoran Desert Drive is very relaxing and calming. I enjoy hiking and I would like it to remain a desert oasis to enjoy.
Would cause an overpopulated area that is meant to be preserved for nature. Would ruin hiking and biking do to the amount of traffic and would become dangerous. Would effect the views and the ability for people enjoy the scenery. Would also effect the wildlife pushing the coyotes and javelinas into residential areas. Which they belong in the desert.
Beauty of the natural desert provides peace & tranquility in this world of unrest. Don't destroy the zen
My family and I enjoy biking and hiking in that area, which is part of the reason we live where we do. We believe the City of Phoenix made a informed and important decision to maintain the wilderness, beauty and safety of that area for a reason and would hate to see that decision overturned.
Hiking and the overall access to the outdoors
It is one of the most beautiful areas of the valley. Please dont spoil it.
The Sonoran Desert Drive is a beautiful natural area that needs to be preserved for future generations. There are plenty of other places to develop closer to the I-17
We live in this area for its natural beauty and we do not want to lose that.
I bought the house for privacy and quietness. The sound from the cars already are a issue, the amount of roadkill is brutal and water shortages have began. Taylor morrison has so many issues with the houses in Sonoran gate , they are not prepared for this project. Pollution and traffic is just not right in this area. Why wouldn't they build on the area on cave creek road. It's open, houses have no issues. This seems the state is taking money to push this project through. Who's paying for the roads and why would you put a road up by the state hiking trails. This ruins the landscape !
Please adhere to the Desert Character Overlay District safeguards. We need space to walk, bike, play and enjoy the natural beauty of the desert.
I feel that they are over building in Phoenix. Have limited water supply. The traffic is already congested and difficult to around.
I love where I live and the traffic is manageable. The mountains and hiking trails are beautiful and right now there's congestion when I hike with bicyclists and hikers. More people would make hiking and the outdoors troublesome for parking and just hiking the trails.
I grew up in cave creek which is right on the other side and I know the value to this desert landscape and the peace it brings to others. It's natures playground let it be
Preserving the open space, flora, and fauna native to the area
The natural desert is one of the most unique places and somehow we have to realize it is something we cannot afford to destroy. I understand the need for homes and such, but please leave this area be. Please!
Keep the desert the desert and keeping it natural where I bike and hike

I love driving on the Sonora Desert Dr. and seeing our beautiful desert. I and my family members also enjoy hiking and biking on the trails.
Keep the beauty and peacefulness of this special area. Protect wilderness and cyclists. Cut down on traffic. It is a rare beauty we cannot afford to lose.
My family and I hike at this preserve every week. I take friends to it, have had Girl Scout events, and even volunteer to clean up the trails. It is one of the most gorgeous gems in Phoenix. In addition to that, numerous animals call it their home. It is not ok to take that away from the people of Phoenix.
My family hikes and mountain bikes several times per week on these trails. We truly appreciate this land and would not want its inhabitants to be disrupted any further than they already are.
I'm mainly just concerned with the increased amount of traffic new housing developments will create.
The development that is already out there detracts from the natural environment immensely. Additional development will only make this worse. Build elsewhere...just not here please!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
The desert is slowly vanishing which breaks my heart. The Sonoran Preserve should be as it is titled "PRESERVE"
This area can not support anymore homes. We don't have the commercial needed. Also, we need to preserve the desert. That is a popular scenic drive and hiking area.
It was designed to be protected. It is that simple. There is already too many cars going through that preserve.
Natural beauty
My family and I enjoy walking, hiking, and driving by the preserve and the planned Verdin development on a daily basis. It is a highlight of our day and one of the only areas in Phoenix that people can enjoy the natural beauty of the desert, because it maintains the desert character overlay. It would be very disheartening if this beautiful surrounding area loses its desert character. I trust that members of the Phoenix city council will reject the request to maintain the desert character overlay. Thank you.
The volume of traffic is already out of control on Sonoran Desert Drive. Please keep the Sonoran Preserve as it
Already getting too crowded in the area. And the desert preserve is in jeopardy.
It is a beautiful preserve that holds opportunity to connect with nature, and allow us all in the valley to have natural habitat for wildlife and flora and fauna that are so important to keeping the integrity of our great state.
Concerned about too much growth and traffic. Moved up here in 2005 for the beautiful open Sonoran Desert. Absolutely do not want to see that all developed - we do not need anymore housing or apartments.
All of the building is already over done. It's taking away any part of the beauty left in the area. My family does alot of biking and hiking in that area and it doesn't need to be ruined with more structures. Leave AZ alone and stop overtaking anything left. The traffic is insane. Why do we need more of it in the area?! That drive is one of the last drives left near by that is ALMOST untouched.
As a native of AZ, north Phoenix particularly, I've seen the increase in population boom over the last 20 years. The traffic, noise, crowds are destroying the natural beauty and peacefulness of N Phx. Also... the water! Where will all the water come from to sustain such a population? We don't want to end up like Anthem!!
Beautiful hiking area and bike riding.
Beauty, Congestion, MTB trails
Being able to walk , enjoying the beautiful landscape the LORD make.
Congestion. Rezoning opens doors to more rezoning. Will cost the county money to widen roads. And I like less people around.
Destroying the beauty and traffic concerns.
Destroying the beauty, and traffic concerns.
Greg Laursen
I am concerned about the increase in traffic on Sonoran Desert Drive and Dove Valley roads. I would like to see this portion of the desert remain protected.

I am concerned about the volume of cars, traffic and safety. There have already been fatal accidents for motorists and bicyclists on that road/area. I am concerned about ruining the integrity of the beautiful Sonoran Preserve. PLEASE don't let this happen!!
I am extremely concerned about over building at the expense of the natural desert. Loss of natural settings/habitat, increased traffic, speeding, congestion, crime, burglary, all the issues that come with high
I am signing this petition for multiple reasons - we do not have the proper roadways to support additional housing units and want to preserve the beauty of the region
I believe it is vital to preserve the Sonoran desert lands. The more we build the more we push wild life out of their habitats and into neighborhoods where they inevitably will get injured or killed. If we keep building on these lands we won't be the Sonoran desert anymore, we will just have to explain to our grandkids what the Sonoran desert once looked like.
I do not want the massive increase in traffic it is already horrible in this area. We do not need more housing there are plenty already being built.
I don't want to see traffic increase. I would like to see the desert stay peaceful and empty.
I enjoy taking hikes with my family and dog. It is so wonderful to get out of the city and neighborhood to experience nature. We also enjoy taking our bikes along the Sonoran Desert Drive to safely ride without traffic and congestion. I do not want to lose this ability to development. There are so many other areas available for development without jeopardizing the beauty that is preserved in this area.
I frequent the Sonoran Preserve 2-3 times a week and my husband road bikes 4-5 times a week in the bike lanes. We enjoy being able to go enjoy the desert without having to see home after home. We are also in a drought and putting more homes up does not help address the issue. Please think about keeping more open spaces for everyone to enjoy who already lives here it is getting crowded enough.
I go hiking there to appreciate the natural beauty of the Sonoran desert and the breathtaking views of the McDowell Mountains and Boulders of Carefree etc. One of the last pristine places to go up here in the N Valley .I do not want more housing subdivisions and apartment buildings obstructing the views along with more traffic congestion coming from the constant relentless overbuilding of housing presently occurring .Please save this beautiful,natural corridor which is used for hiking and biking along with the equestrian trails for horseback riding.Please allow local residents a sacred piece of land to cherish for us now as well as the generations to come ,we need somewhere to go that we can take pride in .The Natural beauty of our desert lands is what drew me to the area 42 years ago please Preserve it!!
I have lived in this area for 17 yrs. and we are raising our daughters here. My family enjoys the trails and hiking. I am also a teacher at one of the neighborhood K-8 schools. Our school is busting at the seams even before all the new construction being completed. You can't keep overloading the schools and roads to crisis points.
I hike the preserve almost every day, year round. Exponential increases in large commercial trucks and unforced city and state (ARS 28-955) traffic laws related to excessive noise ruin the wild experience of North Phoenix' best attraction. When the city pushed Dove Valley Road through the desert 10 years ago, I was a member of the Sonoran Citizens Improvement Association. At Phoenix City Council meetings I brought up the noise issue and stated that the city will never enforce the noise statutes on the books, because the police were over worked and had more important issues to deal with. And that was 10 years ago before the defend the police movement decimated law enforcement moral. 10 years ago, City Council told me not to worry, noise issues would be addressed. I knew it wasn't true a decade ago. And I have sadly been proven right. The city needs to finish the Sonoran Desert Drive extension off the 303 as per MAG and the city's (so far) empty promises from a decade ago. I have a long memory. And I vote. https://sonorancitizens.wordpress.com/
I like living in the city with a place to go(the preserve) where you feel like the city is so far away. I hike, mountain bike and enjoy seeing the wildlife as well as nature in general.
I live in the area and my family and I walk, bike, and hike in the preserve daily. I also see all the animals who live in and rely on the preserve.

I love all the preserved open desert. If there are rules and guidelines already established for a certain amount of homes built, we need to stay within that, and stop over building whenever a builder wants to cram more homes
I moved here because of the nature. I grew up in the country and this was as close to it as I could get. I love the nature and the quiet that we all paid premium dollar for as well
I moved here to get away from the high volume of homes and traffic in Gilbert and to enjoy the beautiful surrounding desert trails and nature paths north and south of Sonoran Desert / Dove Valley.
I often go hiking in the preserve for the peacefulness, seeing wildlife, and being surrounded by nature. I bike ride along Sonoran desert drive and feel safe due to very little traffic. I will be devastated if homes get built on our beautiful preserve. Animals will suffer, people will suffer, and preserve plant life will be killed. This should not happen. Preserve means preserve!
I purchased my home in Sonoran Foothills in 2010 primarily because of the desert character overlay and how the neighborhood blends in with the natural surroundings. I moved to this area because of the desert character and would like it to stay that way as it expands.
I spend a great deal of time hiking and biking there. The north valley is quickly being developed and it would be nice to at least have this area remain what it was intended to be...a preserve. Thank you
I understand that growth is inevitable, but we need to be smart about it. There needs to be a balance of large homes, apartments, and smaller homes. There have been hundreds of apartment spaces built west of this area and the increase in traffic has been considerable in the past 5 years. I urge the council to consider keeping this balance on the north end of the city.
I use the area all the time for hike, bike and great out doors
I use the area weekly running and hiking. It is a beautiful diverse area with wildlife and plant life. Also concerning is water shortages. The area needs to be preserved.
I use this area for cycling and running. Additional congestion will make it unsafe for these activities. We are losing more and more areas where it is safe for recreation. The preserve provides safe space for recreation and adds value in its current state to the residents of the Phoenix metro area.
I very much enjoy the drive through there. Traffic has already increased too much as it is.
I want to continue enjoying walking and biking along the Sonora Desert preserve in a pleasant and safe way.
I want to keep it as is so that we all can enjoy the area and keep the daily traffic down.
I wish to preserve the Sonara Preserve as it is and prevent the reckless encroachment by developers to rob the community of this precious resource we all enjoy.
I would like to preserve what we have in our area and community!!
I'm mountain bike in the Sonoran preserve 3 to 4 times per week and feel it is vitally important to keep some space set aside with minimal traffic and housing.
It is a beautiful community! I love seeing people ride their bikes, walk, hike, ride atvs so close by but with more housing it becomes impossible to enjoy the preserve. Save the last piece of Arizona the beautiful desert and wild life in Phoenix!
It is important that we preserve our land to make it available to enjoy the outside life without the traffic.
It is my training ground. I spend countless hours a week there riding in the bike lane, running on designated sidewalks & trails. It is regarded, by local athletes, as a safe stretch of road to cycle on due to the generous bike lane and limited traffic entering/exiting Sonoran Desert Dr.
It's nature. Beautiful parts of the valley have already been ruined by housing projects. This shouldn't be another
I've lived in this area for the last 3+ years and a major reason we moved here is because of the desert setting and because it didn't feel as crowded as other parts of the Valley. Sad to see our beautiful preserve turned into crappy track homes.
Keep the beauty of the desert and keep traffic minimal on Sonoran Desert Drive as there are no crossroads to take as an alternate route if traffic is heavy on Sonoran Desert Drive.
Keep the desert!!! One of the reasons why I love where I live is the Sonoran preserve!!!!

Keeping natural habitats for the animals that belong here. We are on their land and need to be cognizant of that. Also, future generations need to be able to enjoy nature as it is meant to be.
Keeping the natural desert habitat is better for the environment.
Leave the desert un touched
Living in the area I regularly hike and bike in the preserve with my family and do not want to see it get overrun with more housing developments. Additionally Dove Valley is already very congested, I want to preserve our desert, Phoenix in general has a water issue, and most importantly the schools in this area are already over
My family and I value the Sonoran Preserve and open desert. We've lived next to and used the Sonoran Preserve for over 15 years. We mountain bike, run, hike, and enjoy nature on these trails multiple times per week. The surrounding open desert is an integral element contributing to the peace of the Preserve. We were dismayed at the building of the neighborhood off Dove Valley Rd between the two sections of the Preserve a few years ago. Please do not crowd the area surrounding and within the beautiful Preserve!
Original safeguards put in place by longtime developers who created the Preserve and associated housing (Sunbelt Construction). They balanced the housing needs with need to create liveable areas that honored the fragile desert. This request for increased density is about money and is unnecessary for a profitable development effort. Everyone needs to get paid for their work, including developers, but respect for the fragile ecosystem and desired lifestyle in the north valley is also required. Profits are fine and were factored into the original deal.
People already speed like crazy on this road and I'm afraid accidents will go up
Please don't let greedy developers have their way!
Please preserve the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert. It is irreplaceable!! The proposed excessive development will permanently destroy the beauty of this desert!!
Please stop encouraging overgrowth. We do not have sufficient resources for the population growth. Let the desert live. There should not be such things as zoning changes that crowd people and houses into areas to allow developers to make money and walk away.
Please! We must protect our desert land. For the animals, the plantation, the beauty.
Preserve- should be just that preserve. Preserve the natural Sonoran desert as much as possible. This development would not only take away so much of our desert beauty but also the wildlife habitats & wildlife would be greatly affected.
Preserving more of the natural landscape is important. The Apache wash recreation area is a beautiful way to experience nature and enjoy the area. More homes bring more cars and traffic and noise pollution, disturbing the natural habitat. There are so few places left to enjoy nature and leave it beautiful. We don't need more homes there.
Preserving natural areas and wildlife
Proposed area would block the migration of wildlife through the preserve which is likely its originally intended purpose. Also, there is not enough water already....
Sara Rovarino
Save the preserve
That is a protected place that we need to take care as part of our lungs we need good air, we have so many houses, why we need to destroy the habitat of a lot of animals.
The beauty of living in Phoenix is having the ability to have open spaces for not only the wildlife but also the citizens to use the land the way it was intended. There are plenty of other places to build and expand without overcrowding the desert areas.
The city of Phoenix is running out of desert space because of so many large communities. Taking away the beautiful desert or desert character overlay to add more concrete and asphalt among houses is deeply concerning for Phoenixians, tourists, and the wildlife in the area.
The drive through the preserve is truly a beautiful drive. With more houses comes more traffic which will take away from the beauty and wildlife of the preserve. It is called a preserve for a reason.

The entire N Phoenix area cannot accommodate this influx of new homes without increasing law enforcement and fixing the road grid. The city needs to be proactive, not reactive.
The natural landscape of the Sonoran Desert must be preserved so that all may enjoy its true beauty and the rewards of living in the desert. It takes courage and decisive action to prioritize the natural land over development yet it is a gift you provide to countless generations. Protecting the preserve is action toward a meaningful legacy. Please honor the desert preserve and say no to more development in this rare and special area of Phoenix. With hope and gratitude, Krystal Mazzola Wood
The open space is becoming increasingly scarce, reducing not only the lands for recreation but also the
The Sonoran desert preserve is admired for its standing beauty. Arizona is Home to tons of desert land scenery that makes our cave creek town so special. Please preserve this land and build somewhere else
The Sonoran Preserve is truly the most incredible place to hike, bike, and just enjoy the beautiful desert. Just driving through brings my family so much peace. For it to be surrounded by dense development and traffic would steal the joy it brings from to the whole community, as well as visitors who are lucky enough to see some of our most spectacular views.
There has already been enough building along Dove Valley/Sonoran Desert Drive. Please leave the preserve so that we can continue to enjoy its beauty.
There have been too many accidents and deaths.
This area is vital for wildlife and preserving the bike trails be able to trail ride in the unspoiled desert we don't need anymore traffic thru here it would completely ruin the whole area
This desert area is beautiful and with more and more houses being built, this will reduce the amount of natural preserve we have to enjoy. I love to hike in this area.
This is a great place to hike and enjoy the beautiful desert landscape. The city planners and council are ruining the desert plus there is no thought of water shortage when these zoning changes are made.
This is a safe place to bike and hike. The balloons are beautiful to watch there. Let's keep the open space
This is an important area to keep Phoenix as special as it is. In addition, the growing drought crisis makes the option of further building less eco friendly.
This pristine desert area should not be developed, it needs to be PROTECTED.
This proposed change in zoning will allow new development that will infringe on our recreational area. Zoning is there for a reason. Please do not change it.
This stretch of road is the safest and most beautiful stretches of uninterrupted roads for cycling in the valley. Please save it
To be able to get out of the city and experience the peacefulness and beauty of the Sonoran desert so easily is what makes this area unique. Once it is gone it is gone.
To destroy nature in order to build more homes is wrong. We are speaking for all the animals that currently call the Sonoran Preserve home.
To preserve the beauty and conservation of the area, as well as safety for cyclist and hikers.
Traffic along Sonoran Desert Drive and Dove Valley is already becoming a major problem. Increased traffic will make for a dangerous situation for cyclists riding in the bike lanes. Also, the increased density of homes directly against the road will affect the desert nature of the area.
Upon moving to my home in Sonoran Commons I was told all this state land would stay undeveloped. That was a key factor in purchasing my home because I love the drive, but most importantly Hiking and biking. It was very disappointing when the Taylor Morrison community built where I was told no homes would be and increasing more homes and traffic would be disappointing not to mention destroy the sonoran desert further. Please do not allow this to happen!
Walking along the Sonora preserve desert in a safe manner is very important for my kids

We are homeowners in Tatum Highlands and use the beautiful Sonoran Desert Drive to get to one of our favorite hiking areas, Apache Wash Trail. It is vitally important both ecologically and aesthetically to maintain the Desert Overlay Plan to keep this remarkable Arizona treasure intact with low density, one story, blended into the environment, natural colors, and with great respect of the surrounding preserve. The developer's existing project just to the west on Sonoran Desert Drive is an example of the opposite of this- homes close together, no subtle and natural build character, no boundaries between homes, no blending with the Sonoran Desert landscape. Sticks out while on the drive or hiking the Preserve rather than disappearing/tastefully blending in. This is very concerning and must not be duplicated in any way. Please retain the existing Desert Overlay Plan to maintain the incredible Sonoran Preserve. Thank you Councilman Waring and all city council members. Respectfully submitted, Laurie Foster

We are loosing preserve land left and right. We need to keep the preserve the way it is. Plus not to mention all the traffic and extra water for all these new builds.

We are loosing the beauty that was one of the huge reasons for moving where we live. All you are you doing is bringing more infrastructure. I understand that growth needs to take place but I think that it should be done in a much better way. Putting up a bunch of houses on top of each other is not the solution. I see greed takes the upper hand over more intelligent decisions. Thank you

We chose this part of Phoenix when we moved from out of state because of the open desert and what that offered, little traffic, and less people in general. In just 4 short years we are seeing things change for the negative...reminding us of overdevelopment we experienced in the East San Francisco Bay Area. Overdevelopment that led to traffic issues and overcrowded schools, just to name a couple problems. We don't want to see these same mistakes take place in our new home. And we don't want to lose the beautiful open

We have a young family and love to hike which is why we moved to this area. If we don't stop this, it will destroy the area and wildlife.

We have already encroached & displaced our very important desert wildlife, my hope is to prevent further destruction of our desert ecosystem. I enjoy hiking, less pollution, nature and safety within our preserve. Please keep it that way.

We have so few Desert Lands left for generations to appreciate

We hike and drive through here for mental health. Please don't fill more desert preserves with homes and commercial property.

We love the natural area of Sonoran Preserve! Adding more homes is going to take away the beauty of this land. We cannot allow new developments to destroy our desert.

We moved here to not be so close to continued urbanization. We utilize the preserves regularly for hiking, biking, and running.

We moved to this area because of the beauty of the preserve and the desert areas around us. The area is already congested with traffic and adding more subdivisions will just clog our streets, increase pollution, displace animals and ruin the desert. Please do not let that happen.

We must preserve the natural beauty of Arizona. The generations to come deserve to see the natural beauty that we have today. It is also home to many of Gods creatures and sustains their lives.

We need to have open space to enjoy hikes, trails, horizon visibility. We do not want the Preserve to turn into a asphalt map.

We need to stop doing things for the sake of the bottom line. We have destroyed enough of our natural environment for the sake of exploitation, and disregarding something that has been set in place creates a precedent for this to continue arbitrarily. People move their families to areas like this because of the environment around them. If we wanted to live in the middle of the city, we would live in the middle of the city. Allowing this to continue will greatly reduce and diminish the purpose & meaning of preserved & protected land, as well as the ability by which we are able to enjoy it in it's natural form - mitigating the full purpose

We truly need to preserve our Sonoran Desert and we need to maintain the original reason this area has been preserved. We are rapidly losing our Sonoran Desert and our recreation areas, not to mention our wildlife are losing their homes. We can't be nothing but concrete. We should take pride in living in a beautiful part of town. Please Preserve!!
we use it weekly for hiking and dog walking please please don't ruin this!
We want to preserve the natural beauty and opportunities we have now to bike, hike and pleasant walking with families and friends while enjoying the beauty of our Sonoran Desert. So please don't grant permission to build more housing communities.
When does this stop? We have a responsibility to our next generation of children to save our desert for them to enjoy. Take the building elsewhere. PRESERVE what is left of our precious desert
Would like this preserved with desert lands as much as possible