

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

1	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.
2	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.
3	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.
4	As a native Arizonan I am saddened to see so much of the natural beauty of our desert being scoured. 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.
5	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.
6	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 appreciate the desert and all that it offers.
7	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.
8	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.

9	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.
10	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 region.
11	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.
12	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.
13	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.
14	as a third generation native zoney, 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.
15	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.
16	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.
17	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.
18	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 home here.
19	Traffic is already overloaded on dove valley road and commitments were made to develop the Sonoran desert drive. Nothing has happen. Trying to exit my desert enclave neighbor is 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.

20	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 residents. Regards, Bryan
21	There's very few places in Arizona where it's not jam packed with houses and people. As an outdoorsman it's a very special place as every weekend I go there to ride a bike, hike, among other things. With the recent houses built, it went from a Mecca for outdoor enthusiasts to just a nice place. I used to be able to ride and run without seeing anyone for miles. Now Everytime I almost get hit by a car traveling to fast and then riding in the bike lane. Phoenix in general is one of the worst cities for bike fatalities and this literally is the one spot that we can count on for not getting hit. If this goes up than we really will have no place to call home. Please reconsider
22	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.
23	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
24	We need to preserve the landscape before there is nothing left of the valley except city streets. The entire eco system changes affecting animal habitats, raising temperatures, and Killing plant life. Phoenix is slowly killing an entire section of it's appeal by building further north into natural landscape.
25	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!
26	Maintain desert preserve, congestion, quality of life, safer place to enjoy desert with exercise.
27	Love the beauty that this area brings to all.
28	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.
29	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 .
30	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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
31	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!

32	I am a local resident that loves riding and hiking the Sonoran Preserve. We already have so much traffic in the road ways around the preserve. I am tired of having to live in a beautiful desert that just keeps slowly disappearing because of development. Animals are being pushed out and more traffic noise and people does not help. The schools are already maxed out. How many more homes will come after this development is approved? Please keep the desert the desert.
33	I am concerned about our desert and the impact all the development is taking on our environment. Our air quality is diminishing, our water is limited, and noise pollution in the north part of the valley is growing. I am signing this petition to preserve the quality of life for all. I personally would like to see our beloved city revitalized instead of sprawling out across the desert.
34	I love to hike the trails with my dog and my family. It is often the only exercise my aging parents get.
35	Our desert is being destroyed by the overgrowth in housing and the growth in traffic. Safety is also a concern. Please keep thx natural desert and protect our wildlife and Beauty of the Sonoran Desert. Thank you.
36	It's nature. Beautiful parts of the valley have already been ruined by housing projects. This shouldn't be another one.
37	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.
38	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.
39	The safety of low development it brings to being active is a great outlet in AZ.
40	I was born and raised in Arizona and the desert is near and dear to my heart and the Sonoran Desert is truly a magical and mysterious place that needs to be preserved now and for generations to come 🤝
41	This is an amazing natural area in a growing urban area that is used and enjoyed by countless people from AZ and others and it's loss as such would be an irreplaceable loss!
42	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.
43	Dove valley road is way too busy already. This would be dangerous for bikers and running who enjoy the area. This is not what was originally planned for this land.
44	I use that trail system regularly for biking and hiking. It's a great place for my family and I to enjoy the outdoors. I frequently ride my road bike through the scenic drive. If that area becomes busier it won't be a enjoyable outdoor experience and if there is more traffic it won't be a safe road biking option. That area is beautiful and safe for families to enjoy the outdoors. With all the growth in the valley we have less and less places to go to safely enjoy the desert and roadway. Please consider the long term impacts of kids and families not having places for recreation. Thank you for all the work you do!!
45	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.
46	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.
47	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.
48	Preserving the Desert Character Overlay District is essential for sustaining the quality of life in & near the Sonoran Desert Preseve.

49	To preserve the desert for all to enjoy hiking, biking, and the beauty.
50	We need to preserve our beautiful scenery. Don't congest it. Please!
51	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
52	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.
53	The Sonoran Desert Preserve is a beautiful area and must not be spoiled by overcrowded housing units. Please be reasonable with accommodating growth while still maintaining the natural beauty of Desert lands.
54	I live in the Sonoran Foothills community off of Paloma Parkway & Dove Valley Rd. Dove Valley is a very busy road & is often used by bicyclists. Adding more homes along Dove Valley/Sonoran Desert Drive will really increase traffic, ruin the scenic drive & increase the danger to citizens enjoying physical activity along the road. Please don't allow further development in this area. Thank you for taking action against this.
55	I want to keep the area accessable for recreation.
56	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.
57	The beauty of the desert is hard to see amongst buildings and concrete. Keep the desert and enjoyable to those of us who love its raw beauty!
58	I don't want the desert destroyed to more homes. There are plenty of housing developments already going up around us near I-17 and the 303. Leave the beautiful preserve out of it please
59	Multiple reasons. Increase of homes will cause 1.) Traffic Congestion 2) increase in air pollution and unhealthy ozone levels 3) we need hiking and biking trails for physical and mental health. More and more people are participating in outdoor activities since the pandemic. 4) Phx (and most of AZ has a severe water shortage and the outlook for improvement in future is dismal)
60	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.
61	Keep population down to preserve the wildlife
62	This trail is one of my favorite biking and hiking trails in the area, and it connects to the larger preserve. Traffic is already kind of bad in the area and it will only get worse with this development. I also worry that it will lead to more overruling of the important restrictions that are in place to keep some desert area available for nature and outdoor experiences. Thank you!
63	We moved to Fireside Norterra area for the Sonoran Preserve- great trails, and the beauty of the preserve. North Phoenix is slowly being robbed of its great asset the Sonoran Preserve and overrun by apartment buildings, traffic congestion and no respect for the great natural beauty in the preserve.

64	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.
65	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.
66	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!
67	1) safety of those running, biking, and walking. 2). Nature is truly the reason we moved to this area and it is vital we protect the preserve from being overly developed and disturbing the wildlife in our area more than it already has been.
68	I prefer an environment that is a balance between housing and open land
69	After being hit by a vehicle and losing my leg in 2019 as a pedestrian, Sonoran Desert Drive is one of the only places I feel safe to ride my bike now!
70	Ruin of preserve / increased traffic volume
71	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.
72	It is critical to maintain the wilderness character of the Preserve without unreasonable encroachment by developments.
73	The desert is being over built and animals have few places left to inhabit. The views of mountains and the skyline are increasingly blocked by taller and taller buildings and dwellings
74	The driving factor in my decision to move to this area in 2018 was the open space and beauty of the Preserve. The city of Phoenix got it right the first time in implementing the original Desert Overlay protections, and zoning that limited property density. Traffic is already an issue, and to date, TM has offered no viable, reliable resolution to address this. Cyclists flock to this stretch of Preserve to train and ride with relative safety. No one wants to hike the Apache Wash trails while overlooking a massive housing development. Please reconsider your decision to support this development, and vote to maintain the original zoning provisions. Thank you.
75	Beautiful natural area that provides some of the best riding, running, hiking, and viewing in the greater Phoenix area. It would be a tragedy to not preserve this wonderful natural area.
76	We enjoy hiking the preserve and we also enjoy the wildlife that it protects. It would be a shame to lose that.
77	Area should remain as it is. Area is also over populated with new homes and congestion with traffic.
78	The Sonoran Preserve is a wonderful area that myself and many of my friends enjoy and I have watched too many areas of Az beautiful nature be unprotected and then we lose it altogether due to city growth. I hope we can all work to support preserving many beautiful areas of our state

79	I ride and run at the Sonoran Preserve/Sonoran Desert Drive almost weekly. I've even stopped on my way home before to run. This area is extremely beautiful and has the best bike lanes I've seen. I feel safe there and don't mind driving the 30-40min to get there because of how safe I feel riding on the roads there. If you take that away from me/us where can we go to feel safe riding? Or running? Or mountain biking? Or hiking? The beauty alone makes you feel far from the city. If you build you take away that beauty. You need to look at it from a different point of view. Do you know who is out there? The ASU triathlon team trains out there. Other groups do time trials up there. Take the time to go and experience it and see why we go. I can go up there by myself, feel very safe yet not be by myself. I can't say that about other areas. Don't take this from me!
80	Nature, not overloading with housing if not needed
81	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.
82	Preserve the natural beauty of the AZ desert.
83	The peacefulness in the area! This will hurt our access to hiking and biking, Noise pollution and traffic will become unbearable and ruin the beauty desert!
84	Please leave the reserve as is, for the sake and beauty of our neighborhood and for the well-being of the wildlife!!!!
85	Too much housing buildout, need to slow down a little
86	Please adhere to the Desert Character Overlay District safeguards. We need space to walk, bike, play and enjoy the natural beauty of the desert.
87	We are already experiencing high volume traffic and with the micro chip company, the traffic will be unbearable. I believe in growth but we need to preserve what's left with our AZ desert.
88	Taylor Morrison is a horrible company, they're not truthful and when the job is done your stuck with a shitty house. I regret ever purchasing a home from them in this area. They're is a lot of wildlife and having the desert overlay taken off the this absurd amount of homes is going to cause destruction of the wildlife and their homes. If we keep building on all this desert there will not be any left for our children and their children to enjoy. Please stop ruining our desert.
89	Safeguarding the Sonoran Desert Preserve values we treasure
90	I will not vote for an elected official that allows this to happen
91	Walking along the Sonora preserve desert in a safe manner is very important for my kids
92	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.
93	Cycling and trail running
94	Please don't destroy our beautiful desert and limit our precious resources. We are regular hikers in the area and do not want to see the landscape or animals further encroached upon. There is also already way too much traffic and too many accidents.
95	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.
96	I would like to preserve the wildlife. Also, the road was not built to accommodate that much traffic.
97	Acres and Acres of land are taken from the wild life. Traffic is horrible.
98	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
99	Beautiful desert! Everything doesn't need to be destroyed and built up
100	I enjoy our land and the scenery. The wildlife should be kept safe and not harmed. Our preserve should be kept untouched for its beauty.

101	Beauty, Congestion, MTB trails
102	Desire to maintain the nature preserve and to limit traffic and related safety hazards.
103	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
104	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.
105	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.
106	Congestion. Rezoning opens doors to more rezoning. Will cost the county money to widen roads. And I like less people around.
107	1- more traffic 2-displacing wildlife and plants.
108	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.
109	I use our hiking and biking trails daily and the added housing has added massive amounts of traffic and it's extremely dangerous for pedestrians and bikers not to mention the natural beauty and quiet of our desert is being destroyed. There are way too many apartment complexes and houses being built up here. Its getting way too crowded and congested and the litter is also getting out of control. Thank you for organizing this petition!
110	I believe that it will create too much traffic and ruin the beautiful sonoran desert views.
111	ABSOLUTELY NOT FOR DOUBLE or TRIPLING HOUSING UNITS for the safety of joggers and bikers, increased pollution, decreased wildlife, increased noise, and decreased overall beauty of this amazing area we all cherish and wish to continue to cherish.
112	Keep our desert traffic and congestion to a minimum; we still enjoy a lot of wildlife.
113	Resource impact and cyclist safety
114	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!
115	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 it's natural state. Thank you!
116	For animal migrations first, but to preserve what little land we have left for wildlife and enjoying it, whether riding horses, hiking hunting and fishing. We must preserve what healthy wildlife and wild areas we have left!
117	It's important to me Because I value the beauty of the Sonoran desert and the animals and plants and opportunities and gives people to disengage from our busy daily lives and the one with nature.

118	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!!!
119	1. Natural beauty of the area needs to be maintained 2. Overcrowded streets...and services....we would need wider streets more lights...more hospital access etc nit to mention stores.... 3. AZ is running out of water!!!! We don't have unlimited supply of water. More homes. More people.... not a good recipe for ensuring water is around 5 or 10 years from now. Developers don't care. It's time for government to care...you live here too unless you have a home in a different state you should be concerned too. What's going to happen to all of us who have their whole nest-egg in their homes? No water = no \$ bankruptcy. 5 million bankruptcy people are in your future if you continue to allow all this development! Start writing checks now
120	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 profits.
121	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.
122	I live off of Sonoran Desert Drive now. There is no infrastructure in place at this time to support additional development. There has already been an influx of both commercial and residential in this area within the last year. Until the city, county and state does much more work to improve our roads, water, and law enforcement existing issues; there should be no further development at this time.
123	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.
124	Traffic, keep the beautiful desert, water resources
125	This would cause pollution dust noise and would be harmful to our health
126	Use that area to bike the trails. Want to keep the space natural beauty not filled with homes.
127	This Preserve was to be a respite from the traffic and congestion and to provide a place to enjoy peace and quite. It was meant to be a safe place to run, bicycle, walk, hike and enjoy nature without polluting car fumes and trash pollution. You have already allowed one housing area in the preserve which has increased traffic, pollution and littering to a once serene desert terrain. Now you want to add another one that will add additional traffic, destroy the environment, kill wild life and degrade the atmosphere and air quality. Please vote NO, do not allow changes that completely disregards the original purpose of protecting this land to be a SONORAN PRESERVE!
128	We moved to this area partially because of the preserve and surrounding area. Destroying that land will impact us all.
129	We dont needs that many homes built here. Inlive here to be closer to nature. This will displace and disrupt the ecosystem, so many animals that live in that preserve. We are destroying this desert.
130	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 to offer.
131	Traffic volume is at a critical amount. There have been fatalities in area, several bicyclists. The Sonoran preserve will be destroyed by this many housing units and residents not to mention the high risk of fire in this area. We have already had part of the desert destroyed by fire a year ago by a mini plane flyer in the area

132	This is one of the most beautiful areas in the valley. The trails, bike lanes, and running paths are utilized by a large number of triathletes. Not to mention the large number of mountain bikers. Keeping this area of land free of traffic will ensure the wildlife can thrive.
133	The land of the Sonoran Preserve along Sonoran Desert Drive, is exactly that, a PRESERVE, which is meant to be enjoyed for its natural beauty, serve as a haven for wildlife, and be protected from opportunistic and exploitative land developers. The planned development of this land will be a blight on the pristine and beautiful desert landscape and will forever alter the environment of the Sonoran Preserve. Therefore, I urge you to strongly consider to not allow this development to move forward, and maintain the Sonoran Preserve as it currently is - beautiful, natural, and untouched by unnecessary development. P.S. They want to build this community BETWEEN Apache Wash and Cave Creek Wash? What happens when the next flood occurs - think New River, AZ August 2014. Unwise.
134	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.
135	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.
136	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 -\$
137	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.
138	We have enough housing in our area. Please keep the land open so that families can continue to enjoy our Sonoran Preserve.
139	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.
140	I love the preserve and I think it should be protected at all costs. I understand the area is growing, but I believe that makes protecting the preserve even more important.
141	I use the area all the time for hike, bike and great out doors
142	We need to keep our green spaces as pristine as possible. Further development will result in an inordinate amount of traffic and put the preserve at risk.
143	Regular user of hiking and biking trails. Over development and increase traffic will impact the preserve and enjoyment of the area.
144	I am of Avid hiker and cyclist in that area is such a lovely place to bring friends and family visiting and to enjoy the outdoors as well as the wildlife.. We must save this area!
145	Concerned about traffic, School crowding, and preserving the desert. They need to keep the desert safe guards in place.
146	I have been mountain biking for many many years at this preserve and also road bike on the Sonoran Parkway. This is such a beautiful area to enjoy the desert and the hot air balloons. The increasing amount of traffic in the area is extremely dangerous and more homes are not necessary. Keep this area part of nature and save the preserve!!
147	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.

148	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 !
149	We have so many current issues with water, traffic, maintaining the Desert habitat and nature. Each night we have dozens of javelinas emptying garbage cans and in the yards in the surrounding neighborhoods. When more dense housing takes place the displacement of animals and wildlife will cause more problems for existing Phoenix residents. Thank you for not adding more units. It's irresponsible.
150	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.
151	I enjoy having the open desert so close. I mountain bike often in the area and would hate to see it over-developed. Also enjoy seeing the wildlife in the area, and would miss it if their habitat was destroyed.
152	Our beautiful Sonoran desert is truly a gem in Arizona. Please don't let the developers for the sake of a greedy dollar ruin our state for our children and grandchildren. If we don't stop the sprawl now, who and when will it end?
153	This area should be developed as there is a Shrinking areas of open desert. Animals need a bridge between open areas and this large area needs to be preserved to not turn into homes with increased water consumption energy consumption and blockages of natural habitat. The west side of I 17 is better suited for that development.
154	As a native Arizonan and lifelong resident, I believe that the beauty of the Sonoran desert is Phoenix's best attribute. Even though I live in Mesa, I have spent plenty of time in North Phoenix, enjoying the beauty of the landscape. As exciting as it is to witness growth in our beloved city, I think it is essential to look at how urban sprawl will affect the desert landscape by increasing congested traffic, draining already precious water resources, and disrupting the preserved area.
155	Development needs to factor in impact on water and other resources. Water in particular, is a finite resource! Quality of life is one of the overriding factors in why we chose to live here. The natural beauty of this area will be severely impacted by further development as will our quality of life. Please put Arizona first!
156	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.
157	The preservation of the Desert Character Overlay District is essential to the area, as to limit growth problems such as increased traffic and desert destruction.
158	The Preserve needs to be protected from any modifications - except for fire prevention - to allow us and especially our children see the beauty of the desert. So much is being built on that all the kids see are houses, streets, and buildings. Thank you!
159	Hiking biking wildlife and beautyreason why most of us live up here.
160	I am an avid mountain biker and frequently bike the Sonoran Preserve. It is a gem in a city where the population and therefore traffic noise and commerce keeps increasing.
161	It's one of the few safe and accessible places to hike and run with desert views and tolerable traffic.
162	I love biking and running here! Save the open spaces!
163	To adhere to our natural landscape and preserve the area and its wildlife.

164	This beautiful area directly impacts myself, my family and friends, my community, safety, economics, our home value. There will be a great increase of noise to our peaceful lands. Lights will pollute our cherished dark skies. SO many negatives, would take me pages to list each one! My fam, friends and I travel roads immediate and near the proposed area, the negative impact will be immense! Loss of life and property is unavoidable with such grow! The immediate detrimental impact on the scenic beauty of the area, wildlife habitats and migrating patterns will be detrimental. The scenic beauty of the area will be lost FOREVER!!!! PLEASE do NOT let the almighty dollar destroy this area! There are so many other, much less impacted areas of land they can build on!
165	Our family enjoys the wildlife and open beauty that the preserve provides very much.
166	Keep desert preservation. Nonsources of water
167	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 people moved here to begin with.
168	Less people in the area
169	I hike the preserve on a very regular basis and want to continue to enjoy the beauty of the wilderness and not more houses!!
170	I drive this road multiple times a day. It would be a shame to see it build up. It's beautiful out there. I also hike a lot out there
171	I moved to this area because I love the open spaces.
172	As someone who lives close to the preserve, I do not want to see the protections for housing density change. We enjoy the wildlife that live around us and do not want to see 1,200 additional lots with a potential for 30,000 more pepping this area. The roads can't handle the traffic, the desert animals will be killed trying to cross the now very busy Sonoran Desert Drive and the beauty of the Apache Wash area will be destroyed. Please keep the Desert Overlay Character in place. Thank you!
173	Safe exercise and increased traffic would really diminish the roads safety
174	I have lung issues from cycling alongside traffic for so many years and I was struck by a car ladt year while riding! Having a gem like this is so important! People can enjoy the desert without the noise, pollution, and safety issues that come with increased traffic. Please, let's keep a little bit of Arizona wild + scenic.
175	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.
176	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!
177	We have javelinas, coyotes, bobcats with no place to go! Our small pets are pilleged for food! It makes me sick. Also, the traffic is horrible. We had our home built 10 years ago and there was views and open land. I could walk to the preserve from my house using trails. Now it is all fenced off and I have to go to a trailhead. This is beyond the pale. I absolutely made a mistake moving next to the Sonoran Preserve actually believing that our weak city council would indeed PROTECT. I repeat: It makes me sick.
178	I am a resident in the local area and I'm very concerned about excessive traffic and congestion. We have laws on the books to protect to preserve I don't think we need to circumvent them now just to build more high density housing.

179	As a native Arizonan and lifelong resident, I believe that the beauty of the Sonoran desert is Phoenix's best attribute. Even though I live in Mesa, I have spent plenty of time in North Phoenix, enjoying the beauty of the landscape. As exciting as it is to witness growth in our beloved city, I think it is essential to look at how urban sprawl will affect the desert landscape by increasing congested traffic, draining already precious water resources, and disrupting the preserved area.
180	No more building and take away from our desert landscape. Stop already.
181	I have grown up cycling and training on Sonoran Desert drive and have reached the highest level of professional cycling, including the Tour de France and Olympics. For myself and countless other cyclists in the Valley, this is one of the safest roads to train on.
182	Concerned about traffic increase and noise. We built our home in 2009 in Fireside at Norterra and have already seen significant increase in road noise and accidents
183	The growth of the area needs to slow down. The area cannot handle the traffic nor can the police keep up with enforcing traffic safety. There are too many irresponsible drivers who think Senora Desert Dr is a nascar track. Adding more drivers will be an irresponsible choice of local government and making our roads less safe for recreational use. A white line for a bike lane does nothing when cars/trucks are going 60 mph.
184	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.
185	This is to keep the original desert overlay low density plan in place for the new housing development (Taylor Morrison) on Sonoran Desert Drive across from Apache Wash Trailhead and the Sonoran Preserve. We must preserve our beautiful desert, especially with the current housing boom where more and more land is being gobbled up by developers. Development is still happening but it must remain as low density as possible. We want the original, low density desert overlay plan to remain in place. We must preserve the value the beauty and importance of the Sonoran Preserve.
186	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.
187	The Desert Character Overlay was put in place to preserve open spaces and promote responsible development. Develeopers 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.
188	This is an important place for the local youth high school Mountain Biking teams. I am the head coach of a team that supports all kids west if I-17 and North of Cactus...we use Apache Wash trailhead twice a week. I know the Boulder Creek team practices there also. The area is beautiful as it is but also has so much opportunity to be a beautiful developed area also. I think of the stretch of land on Alma School in north Scottsdale as to the type of potential this road has. Please don't make it like every overly developed rubber stamp neighborhood in Phoenix.

189	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.
190	It's a beautiful view when cycling, or hiking, or driving by. Building more would increase traffic as well and pose a danger to all the cyclists who regularly bike there. We moved further out of the city so we wouldn't be in the busy part of the city.
191	This pristine desert area should not be developed, it needs to be PROTECTED.
192	I Treasure living where there's hiking, biking and a beautiful drive that gives you serenity. We are slowly losing North Valley preserves that are affordable to live around. I understand development is going to happen but we need to restrict and preserve what we all move to the desert for. The beautiful Desert landscaping and creatures that inhabit it are slowly being stripped away. An example of our desert being stripped away look at the Legacy Park that was supposed to have been built and now all is left is an empty shell and eyesore to the community. It has displaced options for the hot air balloons to land. Desert safeguards are put in place for a reason why are we taking this away??
193	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.
194	I don't agree in high density development in areas that are overlays and break the connection with the preserve
195	I live in the neighborhood and don't want them to change our desert look it's very important
196	Want to keep the desert beautiful and prevent over development. So many people hike, bike, walk around that area. No need to build more houses to create more traffic.
197	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!
198	As a frequent hiker it is important to regulate traffic and protect our beautiful Sonoran desert ecosystem.
199	Too much growth and congestion. Lack of conservation to desert land and outdoor activities.
200	I love cycling here and I don't want that to change.
201	The Sonoran Desert Preserve is a beautiful area and must not be spoiled by overcrowded housing units. Please be reasonable with accommodating growth while still maintaining the natural beauty of Desert lands.
202	Keep the desert!!! One of the reasons why I love where I live is the Sonoran preserve!!!!
203	We need to preserve our desert and due to climate change we are in a severe drought housing needs to come to a standstill so we can maximize our water resources for all current residents.
204	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!

205	I consider it a privilege to drive the 7.5 mile stretch home after turning off of Cave Creek Road. The vastness and natural beauty of the desert should be preserved and the local wildlife always need consideration and protection from those who only have one thing in mind: MONETARY GAIN. They have no regard for the consequences of those who live in the area and I'm pretty certain none of those people live here. It should always be a privilege to live in such a natural and beautiful location. IT'S TIME TO STOP LOWERING THE BAR WITH CRAMPED HOUSING!
206	Cycling is dangerous. This is one of the few places I feel safe. In addition the natural landscape is important to me in this area.
207	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.
208	Concerned for the environment, the pollution in our area is to much. The desert is also disappearing because of over population
209	With the mammoth chip plant being built nearby the already crowded roads will get even more crowded. We need some areas to get away from the development here to enjoy.
210	Please! We must protect our desert land. For the animals, the plantation, the beauty.
211	I enjoy the hiking and the views
212	Natural beauty along with reduced noise, traffic and night lights.
213	The Sonoran Preserve on the south side of Sonoran Desert Drive is a pristine piece of desert that should not be developed and instead saved for recreation. The development of this parcel would dramatically increase traffic in the area.
214	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.
215	It's a vital piece to the cycling and fitness community. People need a safe area to exercise for the mental and physical health.
216	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.
217	It is one of the most beautiful areas of the valley. Please dont spoil it.
218	The Sonoran preserve is one of the last remaining natural landscapes in the ever growing Phoenix metropolitan area and is a beautiful piece of our landscape, history, environment, present and future. Continuing to decrease the natural landscapes, I amongst many others, would be detrimental to us as Arizonans.
219	The open space is becoming g increasingly scarce, reducing not only the lands for recreation but also the ecosystem.
220	I live right next to it and want to see it preserved.
221	This area is beautiful and it would be a shame for it to be overdeveloped.
222	In a city full of overcrowded roads, this is a nice place to drive, ride or run and is a bit of a diamond in a congested rough!!
223	I hike and bike there regularly. Maintaining "green space" in the area is important for Phoenix's overall well-being/balance.
224	The beauty of this Preserve area should be PRESERVED. There is a reason why the DCOD exists.
225	We value the beauty of the preserve and feel strongly it should be maintained.
226	I love the purity of this area. Excessive homes will ruin the beauty.
227	Being able to walk , enjoying the beautiful landscape the LORD make.
228	Please follow the Desert Character Overlay District plan. Keep traffic low and undeveloped land so we can enjoy the preserve.
229	Great and beautiful place to ride my bike and trail run

230	We already have too much development. This area has already been designated as a natural preserve and much of the population here use this area for recreation, relaxation and appreciating the beauty of where we live. There are plenty of other areas to build and develop that would not be taking away a popular attraction for our area. Also, who is planning for the water that is needed for all the development that's coming in?
231	We are losing the beauty and integrity of the area that makes the Phoenix valley iconic.
232	we use it weekly for hiking and dog walking please please don't ruin this!
233	I walk the puppies in this area and would be a shame if the sanctuary of this Area was ruining forever. Many people enjoy the beauty
234	The traffic needs to stay low for cyclist and hiker safety. The noise pollution would be overbearing. I hike there year round and the traffic is already too much. The light pollution and noise would bring harm to wildlife and the flora of the area. Keep the surrounding area cool by adding no more concrete and asphalt. Please do not eliminate the protections placed to keep our Sonoran Preserve, preserved. If you allow people to encroach on the preserve further, you'd no longer be able to call it a "preserve." Perhaps the Sonoran Development, or the Former Sonoran Preserve, or the Sonoran Encroachment. Not good. I've lived here 12 years and the preserve gets more and more use by people who want to enjoy it. If you roll back these protections even an inch, people will just keep pushing and keep pushing, until all of those inches add up to no more preserve. Stand strong. I hope you get a lot of responses. Please do not mess with the preserve.
235	We need to preserve the natural beauty and wildlife that call the desert home.
236	To keep our desert preserves for walking and hiking viewing the beautiful scenery NOT more houses. I moved up here because of the secluded area and the ability to walk to trails and trailhead. Traffic has gotten so bad on Dove valley road. Bikers (I) ride this road all the time and won't be able to during construction and after as traffic will make it too dangerous. I personally don't even feel my neighborhood should not have been built here.
237	This land is important to keep more open than crowded!
238	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
239	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!!
240	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.
241	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
242	The amount of traffic increase will greatly harm the ecosystem as well as increased foot traffic in this unique area.
243	I use the preserve for hiking. Get out into nature but close by the house.

244	<p>The main reason our communities are so coveted is because of their ex-urban charm. Develop too much, and the place begins losing its character. Some argue this process has already begun to happen, ever since a lot of the private land the local ranchers owned got sold off to make those disgusting, shadow looming apartment buildings that began to pop up when I was a kid. The Fry's on the corner there used to be a pasture- it was beautiful, it was free, and you knew it was ARIZONA, not California. I'll never forget when the I-17 got widened and the horses on the ranch house near Jomax were spooked out of their minds- they had to put eye blinders on them for years. Same thing with the other home around there near the aqueduct- they built a firehouse first, and now there's an apartment complex right next to their home, obviously forcing them out of their space. So you already kicked out the cowboys from the other areas- what else needs to be sacrificed so these developers are content? My family was one of the first to move into Sonoran Foothills 17 years ago. It has changed dramatically since then. We do not need to add the nail in the coffin to make our homes just another annexed Phoenix suburb that'll look like the area around Mountain Ridge high school in 10 years. The balance between nature and development is a huge reason people move to our area in the first place. There is an exodus OUT of the city and suburbs. The more we try to fit into the city, the LESS appealing of a place this is to live. Please do not let greed overcome the ability to show your children a saguaro cactus, the sound of the coyotes at night, the ability to go hiking right by your home, the views, the charm, the character of the entire community that is over 15 years in the making. When we give that up, there's nothing special about us anymore. Giving up that preserve is like selling the soul of the entire area.</p>
245	<p>We moved to this area because it was near preserve land that we thought could never be built on. Building on it will increase traffic in the area and take away the beautiful desert and why we chose to live in this area.</p>
246	<p>Too much concrete</p>
247	<p>It's great to be able to drive through the desert to enjoy the scenery.</p>
248	<p>Wilderness areas are essential for urban/ suburban living. Wildlife need areas to live and flourish and people need easy access to the areas for mental health. The area should not be developed any further.</p>
249	<p>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.</p>
250	<p>Sonoran preserve is one of the best places to escape the confines of the city and get out into our beautiful Sonoran Desert, without having to drive out of town. It's one of the best mountain biking spots (that's my thing) but I know tons of hikers appreciate it too. Let's leave it as is</p>
251	<p>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 development.</p>
252	<p>Seriously? There is so much development going on right now with the chip pant being built, and all of the high density housing going in around it, we don't need to get any more crowded. Don't ruin what's left of our desert beauty. These places are where some of us go to enjoy some peace and quiet and escape the population. DON'T TAKE THAT FROM US. DON'T RUIN IT!!</p>

253	I grew up in Phoenix. My family moved here in 1969 when people had real grass in their yards. The growth of the Entire Valley is unsustainable and we will become the way of the Hohokam if this growth doesn't stop. There isn't enough water to sustain the growth and we're in a drought. Our reservoirs are falling to levels unseen before and it won't be too long before the entire valley loses from all this unsustainable growth. Growth must be dialed back or stopped or we All lose. The builders only care about exploiting open spaces for profit. Most of the farm lands around here has been turned into housing and now every bare spot is being gobbled up by greedy builders who only care about themselves. The reason most of us live here is for the quality of life. Open spaces, to include the preserves add to that quality we all enjoy. If you allow these builders to continue building, that Quality of life for All of us will evaporate as will the water from our reservoirs. Traffic will continue to get worse along with air quality. We know the pressures builders can bring along with their bribes and our eyes are on the city council. We ask you to reject these selfish for profit motives of the developers and think about the future of the entire valley. We ask you to stop this or any other future plans to encroach on the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve. Respectfully Daniel Choffy North Valley Resident 85085
254	Sonoran Desert Drive is a safe haven for athletes and cyclists. It's the one road in the Phoenix area in which cyclists and feel safe in the road without the fear of being hit by cars.
255	It is important that we preserve our land to make it available to enjoy the outside life without the traffic.
256	Keep the community small, quiet, safe, clean and protect wildlife.
257	I treasure living near natural areas and the ability to enjoy the outdoors without over crowding or proper planning for minimal impact to nature.
258	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
259	After a long and stressful day of doing life (work, family, friends, etc) the Sonoran preserve mountains trails are the things that reground me. Many of us use the Sonoran trails as a therapy and it's not a monthly thing I do but almost daily. Let's not destroy our outlet of what we use for our mental health. Thank you, Andy Lopez
260	We need to preserve the natural beauty of our desert. In addition we are in a major and severe drought new whole building needs to stop or be skilled considerably back.
261	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.
262	The landscape is so beautiful and I love to bike it
263	We treasure the natural area and preserve along The Sonoran Preserve. We hike and bike along Desert Sonoran. The traffic volume continues to increase and additional bike safety measurements are already needed. Increasing the residential homes in the area will take away from the beloved enjoyment of this area, eliminating protection of our desert landscape and animals. We ask that the Desert Character Overlay District safeguards are fully complied by the Phoenix City Council.
264	Enjoying the desert environment is something we need to protect so that we can continue to share it with others.
265	This is just another example of our preserves being violated by housing. There are plenty of other options and land to utilize then to interrupt the preserve that has already been set aside and protected up to this point. This preserve is special in that it protects wildlife in addition to allowing all residents and visitors to enjoy this quaint, quiet, and special Desert Preserve to those that enjoy the beauty of the desert and its habitants and those of us who enjoy physical wellness in the beauty of where we live and appreciate and respect it.
266	I run on those trails weekly at Apache wash trailhead, I bike Sonoran Parkway road safely multiple times weekly. If traffic/construction/and wildlife are destroyed it would be incredibly heartbreaking.

267	I have lived in the norterra area since 2006. I have seen the development boom since I arrived. This last little bit of land seems to be the only thing left in the area. It's necessary to preserve for wildlife and for us. We are nurtured by nature. The drive is beautiful and we utilize hiking and biking trails often.
268	Already getting too crowded in the area. And the desert preserve is in jeopardy.
269	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.
270	Preserving the desert for the animals to rain is needed. We moved to this area to see more desert and feel in nature.
271	It is vital to preserve true nature of Sonoran Preserve and it's wilderness. We can not abandon Desert Charter Overlay District. Too many housing will vastly destroy this natural habitat.
272	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.
273	This is a special place for me to escape the city feel and be in nature. I've hiked 100s of miles on this road and miles and miles on the trails. I would hate to see this beautiful piece of land get developed for more homes. Being able to explore the beauty of the dessert is what living and visiting Arizona is all about.
274	The Sonoran desert preserve is a reminder that I live in a desert. It's one of the last remaining beautiful places that hasn't been taken over by homes and businesses. It brings me peace to drive down that road. Thinking that more traffic and less of our beautiful landscape will be visible is depressing. Phoenix is big enough.
275	Love clean air and little traffic
276	As a cyclist, I truly enjoy being able to ride on Sonoran Parkway and enjoy the beauty of the desert. Over developing this area would destroy our landscape. I truly hope that our city will choose not to over develop and keep the natural beauty intact
277	I absolutely love being able to ride my bicycle from one end of Sonoran Desert Drive to the other, without the risk of heavy traffic that doesn't "see" me or the hassle and inconvenience of stoplights every half mile, like found in the city.
278	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.
279	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.
280	Safe cycling route
281	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.
282	We purchased in sonoran foothills in 2005 with the northern corridor being of high importance to maintain the natural desert character. The City is simply allowing high density housing and apartments everywhere. The desert is NOT being preserved.
283	Preserving the preserve - wildlife Traffic and then needed retail to support the development Overdevelopment of this area
284	Want to keep area lower traffic

285	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.
286	Living in the development of Sonoran Desert I am concerned with future development and keeping the natural environment. We need to ensure that proper development is planned to avoid over growth and increased traffic.
287	It's a beautiful corridor and vital habitat for desert wildlife, along with a natural desert wash.
288	Dear Councilman Jim Waring, I am very concerned about this project and the impact it will have on our beautiful Sonoran desert and Preserve. This will create an enormous amount of stress on the environment, we are already facing issues with low water availability. The traffic on Sonoran Parkway has increased manyfold since I purchased my home in the area 9 years ago. I am an avid cyclist, mountain biker and hiker and I can tell you with a great deal of confidence that when I ride my bike the majority of people are not observing the 35 and 45 mile an hour speed limits they are driving at much faster rate of speed than that. What happens when there's another thousand plus homes in the area? It is not a matter of if it will happen Councilman, it's a matter of when it will happen one of these people speeding is going to hit a cyclist and either hurt them or kill them. I want you to think long and hard about this please before you and your colleagues approve this rezoning. We are currently facing a recession, we really don't need any more homes especially in this beautiful area. Please please do not approve this and encourage your fellow council members to deny the request. Please feel free to reach me 602.791-4472. Thank you very much for your time and your consideration. Sincerely, James O'Kane 2331 W. Night Owl Ln., Phoenix 85085
289	The sonoran preserve is my favorite places to hike and enjoy the outdoors. Adding double or triple the number of homes would detract from the true wilderness of the preserve.
290	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.
291	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
292	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.
293	It's already over populated with cars. Unsafe speeding. TM just wants to make more money with homes on smaller lots. We need to keep the population density low
294	It changes the whole landscape of our community. Every available space is being built and we are losing the beauty of our area.
295	We use the parkway weekly for our bike training, along with thousands of other riders. This parkway has forever been a haven for riders looking to escape the dangerous city streets of Arizona, and bringing more traffic or reducing our ability to use the parkway could result in a major increase in vehicle-bike related accidents which unequivocally result in harm to the cyclist - often fatally. The proposed development could spell disaster for the cycling community in Arizona.
296	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.
297	This development will ruin the last open space area around the Sonoran Preserve. There are plenty of other housing developments in the north Phoenix area closer to I-17 that will assist those moving to the valley. This development is not necessary. There are also major water, traffic and fire concerns with this new development.

298	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.
299	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.
300	I've lived in the north valley for almost 10 years. I've seen the desert in northern Phoenix disappear and the buyers of this land, though proclaim, they will do right by the desert, they have not. I'm a current owner of a Taylor Morrison home and I can tell you they made multiple shortcuts and did not take care of the land. I respect that Phoenix is growing but a lot of the glamour of living here is the beautiful desert not that far from "town". I would love to not have to travel further north to bloody basin or 7 springs to merely enjoy the desert. Please reconsider allowing these desert destroying companies to continue killing phoenix's charm. - james
301	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.
302	I ride in the Preserve and along the Drive four or five times a week.
303	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.
304	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.
305	The Desert Character Overlay District safeguards were put in place to ensure that we grow our city smartly. By discarding these guidelines we are setting ourselves up for unnecessary and unforeseen problems. Please stick to the original developmental planning.
306	Bike safety Road overly congested
307	Destroying the beauty and traffic concerns.
308	I don't want to see traffic increase. I would like to see the desert stay peaceful and empty.
309	Preserving the natural desert environment is crucial in this part of Phoenix. The natural beauty, the animals, and the ability for all to enjoy it is white living near the Sonoran desert preserve is all about.
310	It is not needed for the tax base, it will overwhelm the infrastructure in place, it will eventually lead to the destruction of the desert through the continued use of ATVs and other off road recreational vehicles as well as lead to increased congestion and, yes, increased crime.
311	I enjoy the beautiful views of the desert every time I drive on Sonoran Desert Drive. I do not want this land to be taken away from animal species and used to build even more houses.
312	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.
313	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.
314	I live near the preserve and enjoy hiking. I also enjoy the abundance of wildlife and flora that thrives in the preserve.
315	Concerned about excessive housing & associated traffic density causing problems & congestion. Please do not override Desert character Overlay District guidelines

316	I visit the Sonoran Preserve frequently and enjoy the solitude the preserve has to offer more traffic in the area would ruin the natural beauty of this area. Thank you for considering this petition. Curtis Johnson
317	We need to preserve it for the wildlife that lives in it and keep the beauty of the desert environment in tact.
318	I thoroughly enjoy the hiking in the area. It is already overdeveloped, as far as I am concerned. I have lived here for almost 12 years and have seen tremendous growth in the area. If the building continues, we will not only lose our precious desert along with the animals that inhabit the area, but we will also lose the peace and serenity (what little is left of it) and the reason I moved here in the first place. Please don't plow anymore of our desert under to develop it with concrete and homes. The Desert Character Overlay District development plan was thoughtfully put in place for a reason. Let's not abandon that for the sake of "progress."
319	I do not think our City can handle the amount of building happening around the metro area. It is not sustainable for water or our power grid.
320	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.
321	The preserve helps me maintain my mental health by providing a refuge from the technology and noise of everyday life. A place to hike, bike and simply sit in the shade of the palo verdes and mesquite. It preserves my center of mind.
322	We need to preserve the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve.
323	We need to keep as much nature untouched and beautiful.
324	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.
325	literally just save the natural environment.
326	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 on 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.
327	Recreational enjoyment
328	I understand that homes will go up in this area, but to double or triple the number of homes zoned for this area is excessive. This seems short-sighted and greedy.
329	The Sonoran preserve and Sonoran desert drive are such beautiful parts of AZ. If it is too crowded with traffic and development it will be taking away from all the cyclists and great hiking trails.
330	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 .
331	Concerns over traffic congestion, safety, encroachment on the desert and wildlife.
332	I hike and enjoy the outdoors. We do not need more housing or people contesting this beautiful PRESERVE!
333	It was designed to be protected. It is that simple. There is already too many cars going through that preserve.
334	The amount of traffic we already have on dove valley is excessive. We do not need to add more.

335	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.
336	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.
337	Protect the Sonoran preserve
338	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..
339	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.
340	Increased traffic, depleted water, and loss of vital desert preserve. In addition, approval here increases the likelihood that thousands of additional homes will be added throughout the preserve in years to come.
341	Too much overdevelopment!!
342	We need to preserve the natural beauty of Arizona and stop over development.
343	It's such a beautiful, natural area. No more development!
344	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.
345	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.
346	We need to protect this portion of our valley to help sustain the desert life in this area. This area is very important to many ppl in the area and it should continue to be for further generations.
347	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.
348	Need to preserve the areas for the natural wildlife habitats, as well as the scenic views in the area. More home would destroy those and create more traffic and more pollution.
349	I ride this route frequently on my bike.
350	I am so tired of seeing buildings upon buildings being built in areas that are natural to Arizona. Let's just stop this now. It's getting out of control and species natural habitat needs to stay in place.
351	I love the countryside of Arizona along with all the beautiful animals that habitat here. I WANT TO PRESERVE THE LAND AND THE ANIMALS....
352	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
353	Sonora 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.
354	To preserve the beautiful views of the desert and maintain wildlife and landscape.
355	Wide open space without traffic & housing congestion, w/o water & schooling requirements is vital to this area of the Sonoran Preserve.
356	This road is a cyclists haven, and a beautiful part of the North Phoenix desert. Let's keep it that way.

357	We need open space to improve quality of life.
358	The Sonoran Preserve and Sonora Desert Drive provide important access to the beautiful resource of recreation. Through this, the community is able to participate in preservation and conservation of our land and in its natural state. Additionally, it provides a safer cycling experience for a vast majority of endurance athletes across the valley. All weekend athletes descend up on Sonora Desert Drive to ride, run, and build community. It would be distinct shame to the area to damage that.
359	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 not do that.
360	I love being able to enjoy the incredible hiking/ biking in this area away from the hustle and bustle of traffic. There is truly no other area in the valley with this type of hiking/ biking where there is low levels of traffic. I feel safe taking my kids on bikes with me, even if we have to cross the road. It's still quiet enough that you can hear only your own walking shoes while hiking on the trails. The best sunrises and sunsets can be enjoyed on these trails.
361	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 Verdun 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!
362	The Sonoran Preserve area requires a much more thoughtful approach to any new development considerations in order to preserve its character and value to all Phoenicians.
363	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
364	I live near this area.
365	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 ton deal with. An 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/
366	It is important to retain as much natural landscape as possible.
367	I want to protect the wilderness and essence of the preserve. I thought this land was protected from future housing development
368	We can't keep taking away our local deserts to put more houses.
369	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

370	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.
371	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.
372	This preserve is important for the community and wildlife!
373	We need to preserve the area and keep the traffic in North Valley from getting even more dangerous.
374	Sonora desert drive provides a safe roadway for cyclists to train.
375	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.
376	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.
377	I want to keep our beautiful desert and not ruin it's one of a kind natural elements!
378	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!
379	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.
380	Save the preserve
381	Because of the increase in traffic over the last couple of years it has become increasingly difficult to enjoy the many paths on my bicycle. I have almost been hit so many times I've lost count. I already stopped going on bike rides with my grandchildren because of the number of distracted drivers have nearly missed me. If an increase of distracted drivers occurs I will no longer be able to enjoy many of the amenities that I moved into this area for.
382	I'm concerned about high density housing and it's impact on our water resources, traffic and overall quality of life in North Phoenix.
383	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.
384	There is enough congestion and traffic as it is. Not to mention, our beautiful desert is continually being built in.
385	The desert is slowly vanishing which breaks my heart. The Sonoran Preserve should be as it is titled "PRESERVE"!!
386	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.
387	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 !

388	Ignoring the guidance set forth by the desert character overlay district would irreparable harm wildlife habitat and the wilderness essence of the preserve. Additionally, the increased traffic will add more congestion and safety issues to an already taxed road system, further reducing the usability for recreational activities.
389	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.
390	I love exploring and hiking this area with my family.
391	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.
392	Bike!
393	Protect wildlife that has already been driven out of surrounding areas. Keep the intention of a preserve.
394	We need to limit desert impact & traffic in the area as it's already getting congested.
395	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.
396	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.
397	My property is backed up to Sonoran Preserve. I have learned how development has already impinged upon the wildlife in my area. I feel that we need to respect the wildlife now!!! Problems will arise if development continues. The wildlife were inhabiting this area first. No more. We will create more problems than already exist for housing development.
398	We need to preserve our beautiful scenery. Don't congest it. Please!
399	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.
400	Loving wildlife and an area with reduced traffic and little pollution.
401	This area needs to remain preserved!
402	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!
403	I walk the desert everyday it is vital to keep it preserved . Arizona is in danger , water shortage , wildlife please keep preserve
404	We moved up to this area because of the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve. Please keep our beautiful land the way it is.
405	The Sonoran Preserve is vital to our ecosystem. Without it, the natural biome will be destroyed and the quality of life for all living things (including the humans) will be degraded, possibly beyond repair. Environmental impact studies show that further encroachment and development will make the area unsustainable for a thriving community and eventually, totally unlivable.
406	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
407	Marcella McCormack
408	Keep the desert the desert and keeping it natural where I bike and hike

409	The addition of the Sonoran Desert Drive was a wonderful addition to the North Phoenix area, allowing residents of the surrounding areas to have a rare glimpse of our wild terrain. I had personally seen the abundant wildlife that thrives in our desert and it makes my heart glad to see that Arizona offers so much more than retail and cookie cutter homes. Now, this proposal to build within the Preserve is a complete anathema to the purpose of preserving this land. My husband's grandmother, father and our children are (were) Arizona natives going back to 1900. The stories Grandma told us of riding a stagecoach from Globe to Phoenix, riding through Reata Pass, and teaching in one room schoolhouses now seem so distantly in the past as growth and development have erased so much of our beautiful state's history. Removing this slice of heaven in the Preserve will permanently erase the wild area for humans to appreciate and our wildlife to flourish. There is also an incredible risk to life placing these homes in a flood plain, we are very overdue for a 100 year flood and it is very irresponsible and criminal to build in a major flood plain. Thank you for reconsiderating this ill-conceived plan. Please stop it for all our sake.
410	I have lived in this area for over 15 years. I have seen this community and surrounding areas grow to the point of bursting. We are on top of each other. Traffic has increased immensely already. There are not many places anymore nearby that do not have a business or neighborhood on the land. please stay true to the desert character overlay district safeguards! Please stop over developing the area!
411	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.
412	It is important to preserve the natural desert landscape and prevent overbuild that will destroy habitats.
413	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
414	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.
415	sherri f leishman
416	Leaving the preserve alone will allow animals to preserve their homes. This drive is one of the most beautiful drives in the valley and really displays all of what is natural Arizona. Also, traffic is bad enough as it is. Adding thousands of houses would further crowd what is currently a quiet, serene pet of the valley. Let's keep a small piece of desert instead.
417	We moved further out of town to enjoy the natural desert beauty and to be away from traffic congestion, expanding building does the opposite of that.
418	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.
419	Please keep the original, low density desert overlay plan for this area. The low density desert area is lovely. People made decisions to live in this area based on their love of nature and the low density desert views .
420	Natural beauty
421	Jennifer Walter

422	It's getting too crowded and we need to preserve this beautiful area. It was a purchasing amenity for us that this preserve would always be left alone. Completely unfair being sold under these terms and then little by little all the beauty surrounding us is rezoned and built upon.
423	We need natural spaces to be preserved. Water resources are critically endangered as it is. Too many roads and streets would have to be added to accommodate additional housing. Additional housing threatens existing wildlife habitats.
424	Preservation of the beautiful natural surroundings in Northern Phoenix and not to let over-development take over
425	We have so few Desert Lands left for generations to appreciate
426	I would like to preserve what we have in our area and community!!
427	Please do not increase the level of traffic on sonoran desert parkway. The additional cars will increase risk to current commuters and cyclists.
428	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?
429	Urban sprawl is harmful. Preserving natural landscapes should be priority for the city.
430	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.
431	Overcrowding
432	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.
433	I spend several hours a week using the trails sidewalks and roads to ride, run and hike through the preserved desert landscape with no lights, light traffic. One of the last preserved areas in the Phoenix metro area!!
434	We moved to this area because of the natural beauty, as well as easy access to the desert.
435	SDD can not handle additional traffic. Once you build you can't take it back, need forward thinking not growth at any cost.
436	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

437	Pavement is forever and we're losing our natural habitats
438	Preserve a the past while embracing the future.
439	This is my home and my play ground for biking along this road, already this road is too busy with other developments. If this happens I am going to move home.
440	I don't want to see that beautiful desert area ruined with homes intruding. It was already upsetting to see that area being ruined by the developers greed for money. I say "NO" to the developers!!
441	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.
442	Biological and cultural resources
443	This is a great recreation area for biking and hiking and too high of density development will be detrimental to these uses.
444	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.
445	Uniquely beautiful desert must be protected. Overly dense housing not consistent with that preservation.
446	We reside in the general vicinity and already see the impact on traffic with the growth so we want to mitigate that as much as possible.
447	I want to protect the many plants, trails and wildlife. Please don't destroy this fragile ecosys.
448	Sonoran Desert is my second home!
449	This is an area of great beauty and should be preserved. I frequently (multiple times a week) go on bike rides in this area. This area should be left alone and not developed on. There are plenty of other areas to put up more strip malls, tract houses and other eyesores.
450	The preserve to me is a natural area for hiking and biking. There is already a lot of traffic on Sonoran Desert Drive making this dangerous to road cyclists.
451	We have enough development and over development will only increase traffic risking the lives of cyclists and runners and multi sport individuals on our roads please please do not develop in this area this is a preserve.
452	Like to go hiking there and see the natural views.
453	We need to preserve open spaces as Phoenix expands. There is no going backwards after the fact.
454	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.
455	I specifically bought a home in this area in part because of the Sonoran Desert Preserve and the numerous hiking trails available. The traffic has increased substantially in the past several years. The closure of I 17 in either direction already turns our neighborhood into a parking lot at times. Sincerely, Terry
456	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.
457	There seems to be no restraint from the City of Phoenix with regard to growth. Our desert is disappearing, the streets are overloaded with no improvements on the horizon and now to take it further, they are considering bypassing their own preservation efforts... This is unconscionable and should NEVER be approved! As a life long Phoenician and supporter of progress, I strongly urge the City Council to deny this request!
458	I am for protecting as much land as possible and conserving water.
459	We all need a third place. First place is home, second place is work, third place is an open landscape for unfettered recreation, walking hiking biking in a natural landscape.
460	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

461	It is so important to protect the preserve, and to avoid overdeveloping our beautiful desert. If nothing is off limits we will have nothing left. Once it's gone, it's gone. There are things money can't buy. Please consider protecting the Sonoran Preserve and Sonoran Desert Drive.
462	One of the safest roads for bikers in the valley, it should be kept that way!
463	To preserve the beauty and nature of the Sonoran Desert
464	I am against building so many homes along the Sonoran preserve because it is effecting the wild life. They are getting hit by cars all along Sonoran Desert Blvd. And they are losing so much of their habitat with all the other building in the area. Please stop.
465	I enjoy cycling on the road. It is a safe, fast, and serene place to ride my bike. The crisp early morning air, sunrise, and hot air balloons, are a real treat.
466	Wildlife protection and natural beauty
467	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.
468	I live in the vicinity and I hike in the neighboring trails. The wildlife and plants and trees and the unique desert treasures of arizona would be lost forever and that saddens me and my family deeply ...
469	This area is overbuilt and we need to preserve our natural environment.
470	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.
471	There are plenty of other routes that can be used without overdeveloping a place that is a preserve. Preserves provide a homeland for animals local to the area and add to tue natural landscape of this beautiful state
472	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!
473	I ride and hike in this area on a monthly or, at times, weekly basis. The area is very peaceful and a respite from the ever expanding congestion that is occurring throughout the valley. Please preserve a bit of the desert beauty still remaining in the valley.
474	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!
475	There are so few continuous safe roadways for bikers to enjoy. Already in place is a beautiful trail system and easy access to pristine desert. Pushing hikers and bikers farther out for a development seems ill advised. You'll take one the the prettiest areas in the whole valley and turn it into basically the suburbs of Las Vegas... some things are likely worth saving. -Sarah Architect and Licensed Realtor
476	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.
477	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.

478	We treasure the natural area and preserve along The Sonoran Preserve. We hike and bike along Desert Sonoran. The traffic volume continues to increase and additional bike safety measurements are already needed. Increasing the residential homes in the area will take away from the beloved enjoyment of this area, eliminating protection of our desert landscape and animals. We ask that the Desert Character Overlay District safeguards are fully complied by the Phoenix City Council.
479	This area is already over populated..the increase in housing will put a tremendous strain on our wildlife and surrounding areas
480	We regularly cycle out there. With extra traffic and no improvements on bike lanes it will become too dangerous to ride.
481	To much growth for what this area was set up to be.
482	I drive this road every morning and afternoon with my three young children. Almost every morning my kids and I drive past hot air balloons that are all around us. They get so excited to see them and count them. Those are memories I would not want to go away. If more houses are built, hot air balloons won't be able to take off or land there. On the way home my kids and I enjoy the beautiful drive and sing along to our favorite songs. There is not a lot of traffic and miles and miles of nature for my kids to look at. I hope one day when they are bigger to take them hiking in the preserve and hikes are much more enjoyable when you see nature and not houses from the top. I can't wait to make those memories with them some day. I hope my dreams won't be ruined by people who just want to make money and ruin something beautiful.
483	I moved to Scottsdale more than 25 years ago and have been amazed at the changes in terms of protected desert. I'm not against growth and infrastructure projects, but it's time to scale back and take a breath
484	We all know how beautiful the Sonoran Preserve is. Most of us in this area live here to live close to the city, but still enjoy the beauty of the desert. As a phoenix native, I've seen our desert areas shrink.... Not only do humans have less area to enjoy, the animals have less and less of an area to call home. This is not okay. We need to preserve this area. While we understand that land is at a premium right now, there are other areas to develop.
485	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
486	Its such a beautiful area it would just ruin the look.
487	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.
488	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.
489	This would allow too much development and over populate the area.
490	The valley is continually growing and cycling collisions, injuries, and fatalities seem to be increasing, or at least they are ongoing. I, and many others in the cycling community, feel more at danger than ever before. There are few places we can go and enjoy long, uninterrupted stretches of road, and still feel relatively safe. Sonoran Parkway is a frequent choice for us and we enjoy it year-round. Please preserve this area from development. Thank you

491	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 hungry builders
492	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.
493	We must preserve our natural habitats and fight to keep what little recreational resources our metro city has to offer. Please reject over development and destruction of such a beautiful eco system.
494	I have spent a lot of time in this area and I am saddened to hear about the proposed increase in development. Please consider leaving the development as is, with a minimal impact on traffic and disruption to wildlife. Thank you. Lisa Dziuk
495	Sonora desert drive and the preserve are such a treasured part of outdoor life in greater Phoenix. As an avid cyclist, the preserve is a great spot for mountain biking, while sonora desert drive is a safe and popular spot for road biking. It would be devastating to the local Phoenix community it get rid of these popular spots.
496	Two reasons: to preserve the beauty of the preserve and the hone 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.
497	We hike the preserve every day. There are so many beautiful desert views and creatures...shrinking the park would spoil its wildness and the original intent of the preserve!
498	The safeguards were put in place for a reason...to maintain the beauty of the preserve and protect the ecosystems in the area. Lifting them will only contribute to the further encroachment into the preserve and pave the way for further development that will have a devastating impact on the area.
499	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.
500	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.
501	Since it's inception the traffic has continued to increase. My friends and I regularly use it for cycling. Additional traffic will raise the danger level for cyclists as well as damage the existing ecosystem and beauty of the area.
502	I would ask the city to seriously consider keeping the desert overlay intact. I have lived in Sonoran Foothills for 16 years and one of the main reasons I moved to part of Phoenix is the beautiful and natural desert areas around my community. I enjoy the wildlife and all that Sonoran Foothill preserve has to offer. Please keep the overlay for all any new home communities here. Thank you
503	It's a Beautiful area for our community. Hiding companies should stay within how the area is zoned
504	The Sonoran Preserve is some of the last pristine desert land within city limits. There is plenty of undeveloped land outside of the preserve and still within city limits that can allow for continued economic growth.
505	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.

506	I believe it is important to preserve the Sonoran Preserve, as the name Preserve implies "to maintain in its original or existing state".
507	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.
508	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.
509	Please preserve this pristine piece of Sonoran Desert for the native flora and fauna and for our future generations.
510	It is very important to retain our natural desert and the Sonoran Preserve.
511	Too much traffic already
512	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!!
513	We enjoy hiking, biking, and taking beautiful nature photos! Please don't pollute our beautiful desert with more needless building!
514	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.
515	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.
516	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 capacity.
517	The natural beauty and desert landscape is home to so much wildlife and is also enjoyed year round by current adventure and outdoor advocates
518	This preserve is a piece of nature and hidden treasures for us to explore still. It hasn't been burnt down or destroyed by fires or construction and that's where the value comes from. It provides a place for peace of mind and shows the true environment of our state. We have plenty of land that could be used instead, let's not turn all nature into city. People shouldn't have to drive far to find a good piece of land to enjoy.
519	I love nature and wanna do my part to preserve the nature where I live. Please control the growth around the Sonoran Preserve.
520	Beautiful, wildlife, reduced traffic :)
521	We need to keep the open land and what makes our area great.
522	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 teplace 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.
523	Saving this would mean a lot to me, keeping my husband safe while he rides his bike. He was hit by a car a few years back and it was terrifying
524	Aaron Cushner

525	I see SOME development as good. Let others enjoy the beauty we have set aside in this area. Increasing the density of homes is merely corporate profit seeking. Original density plans were thoughtfully put in place to protect these areas.
526	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.
527	Safe place to bike, especially for beginners
528	Need to preserve the Sonoran desert. Too many greedy developers that don't care since they probably don't live here.
529	The preserve was set aside for a reason. And the reason was not to then go back and develops it a few years later. Leave the preserve a preserve. There is plenty of other land to develop.
530	I don't want all of North Phoenix to become covered by housing and businesses, we need to preserve Arizona's beauty!
531	Too many houses are taking the little land left we have to see and enjoy the animals and desert habitat life. We need our nature, we need our desert life. Protect it!
532	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.
533	There are plenty of areas around for development and areas that should remain free from development. This is one of those areas that should remain free. I drive this road daily and I feel there would be too many issues that would arise from developing this land.
534	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.
535	Traffic concerns and safety for cyclists along SDD.
536	This would forever destroy the natural landscape and open the door to even more urban sprawl. Please vote NO
537	Too many homes encroach on water supply, room for our native animals, will need road expansion which takes awake from our desert, will increase risk to bikers and others who visit the area to enjoy the beauty.
538	We need to protect and keep land from disappearing. If land disappears, animals become homeless. If land disappears mental health suffers for ppl who need the outside time for running, hiking and mtn biking as a stress relief.
539	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!!
540	It's the closest, safe recreation outlet for students attending Midwestern university. It was a safe heaven for countless students when I attended in 2020.
541	It's the only piece of road where I feel safe riding. There is a nice place to park at Apache Wash Trail head with bathrooms and the cycling lane us well marked. In addition, I can always count on not being the only cyclist riding out there and doing loops. As a woman who rides solo, I feel safe. I drive 25 min to ride the Sonoran loop at the very least 1-2 times a week. Feel free to check my Strava account.
542	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.
543	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!

544	Too many housing developments going up, water, waste and increased traffic issues.
545	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.
546	I'm an avid cyclist, three time IRONMAN and love to trail run and hike around our area, Sonoran Corridor is not only my main location for training but my families. Our children enjoy riding, walking and exploring this area. I hate to hear that this might become a heavy traffic area. It's already getting too busy and dangerous for hundreds of cyclist and runners that use this corridor.
547	Need Preserve, otherwise we will lose out on the beautiful scenery and have way to much congestion.
548	It is imperative we save our Sonoran Desert. There is not a viable reason a developer should be able to double or triple the amount of homes and City Council should not allow it. The developer does not care about quality of life or preserving our precious desert, they only care about how much profit they can make. This is a time for our City Council to stand up for the best interest of the residents of Phoenix and not give in to the desire of a developer. The proposed development goes against the preservation of our desert, increase traffic, take away hiking, biking trails and general quality of life for the residents.
549	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
550	We need to build green and stop destroying conservation areas. We are at a crossroads and our choices should be with the thought of future generations in mind. The next generation already has a lot of cleanup to address ASAP to avoid climate collapse.
551	Additional homes will detract from the true wilderness essence of the Preserve that is enjoyed by many for biking and hiking.
552	Please save the desert preserve, this is very important! Thank you
553	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.
554	The extra traffic flow will affect all the wild life amongst many other reasons.
555	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.
556	Preserve land is sacred and should maintained as such to keep the value to it's community members.
557	Doubling or tripling the number of housing units is not sustainable and concerning that it will impact the surroundings negatively
558	I really enjoy the natural beauty of the area, and I feel that development would ruin the ability to enjoy all that the preserve offers.
559	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.
560	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.
561	That amount of additional commercial traffic has considerably increased. Not only are these larger vehicles but they care far less about cyclist. To top that off, there is extra debris being found on the road.
562	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.

563	we moved up here 12 years ago because it was beautiful with hiking trails and not overly congested with housing/shopping/traffic etc. please leave our sonoran preserve alone and stop building in it. if people want congestion they can move into the city areas thank you.
564	I grew up in the Valley and have seen the expansion and changes over the years. Progress and changes happen, and the natural landscape needs to be preserve for health, wellness, beauty, wildlife, and enjoyment. Others areas have been, can, and will be developed. Leave this land natural. In hindsight, we and future generations will be more grateful than you know.
565	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.
566	The Sonoran Preserve and Sonoran Desert Drive must be maintained because they give local residents a place to access a beautiful natural setting and to exercise. They are also important wildlife refuges in an ever expanding Phoenix Metropolis. Developing them will further exacerbate our heat island, further damage the watershed and will pull more water from the already depleted water table.
567	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.
568	The preserve was intended to be just that, a preserve. There is no necessity to disrupt the area with homes, shopping or traffic. We need to keep this space clear, open, and protected.
569	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?
570	This is a safe place to bike and hike. The balloons are beautiful to watch there. Let's keep the open space
571	I ride my bike on the drive almost everyday and also stop at the trailhead picnic tables. Can we please leave part of the desert from being ripped up by greed so we can enjoy the preserve and drive.
572	We love our desert and the fascinating wild life! Lets all work together to conserve our beautiful desert!
573	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.
574	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.
575	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!!!

576	We moved here for the natural beauty of this area and the outdoor freedom to run, bike and hike. In addition we wanted to get away from all the congestion and crazy traffic. I am concerned for pedestrian safety and not being able to enjoy the wilderness in peace. Not to mention all the traffic added to Sonoran Desert Drive which is no longer relaxing and becomes stressful on a daily basis.
577	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.
578	The Sonoran Preserve provides plenty of beautiful hiking trails and scenic views. Allowing further development in the area would destroy that natural beauty, and for what? More man-made structures? More roads? Phoenix has grown plenty already. The city needs to focus on improvements to areas that have already been developed rather than expanding out more and more. Expansion leads to more traffic, more population, more congestion and pollution. I for one do not wish to see this grown continue unabated. It would become too crowded to enjoy any more, and it would just end up looking like every other overly populated and crowded section of the city. Please leave the Sonoran Preserve as it is. Honor the protections that have been set in place rather than trying to cheat or work around them. Dirty business practices that do not care about such protections, or about preserving the environment, do not foster good will among the people. It just looks like you want to make a quick buck no matter the cost.
579	This is a wonderful area that provides so much to so many people in regards to beauty, quiet, exercise, nature. It would be a shame to lose all this secondary to over development.
580	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.
581	Urban sprawl is unnecessarily destroying the last of our pristine Sonoran Desert and taking away the homes and food sources of so many of our unique birds, plants and animals found only here in the world. The roads and increased traffic to these massive developments are also harming our wildlife. Please stop urban sprawl and stop these densely-zoned mass developments that are not consciously designed to assimilate into the desert environment, but rather harm wildlife, replace natural habitat and increase global warming. It's essential that the preserve remains what it was intended to be—development-free and protected for future generations to come.
582	I am concerned about the exponential traffic increase on the only road in and out of this area with only a single lane in each direction for a majority of total distance. I remember pre-Covid that the intersection at Cave Creek and Sonoran Desert Drive would back up a mile deep during morning rush hour, waiting for people to turn either left or right. What will happen when the traffic significantly increases? Plus there is only one way in and one way out of this area. It seems irresponsible to deliberately increase traffic this much without a major infrastructure change BEFORE the bulldozers come!
583	Sonoran Desert Drive is one of the few places in The Valley that is great for cycling. The grid nature of the PHX metro area has largely left road cycling and bike lanes as an afterthought, but SDD seems to be an oasis-like exception- truly a world class stretch of road that has already begun to change due to the development on the west side. It would be tragic if this preserve was to fill in any more than it already is- preserve some of what makes Phoenix great!
584	Biking use and overcrowding of our beautiful preserve area.
585	Maintain the beauty and areas to hike.
586	I love the north phoenix area because of all the hiking trails and inherent beauty. I hike them regularly and are so grateful for the respite nature offers. Please hold tight to what we have don't allow it to be overly commercialized.
587	Beautiful desert and shouldn't be changed for housing
588	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.

589	The open desert landscape is what makes Arizona unique and beautiful. We need to preserve the beauty.
590	Climate change
591	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 neighborhood
592	The infrastructure is not setup for a development of this size and the tax payers shouldn't bear the cost to improve it.
593	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 weekends
594	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 .
595	We already have too much development. This area has already been designated as a natural preserve and much of the population here use this area for recreation, relaxation and appreciating the beauty of where we live. There are plenty of other areas to build and develop that would not be taking away a popular attraction for our area. Also, who is planning for the water that is needed for all the development that's coming in?
596	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.
597	The volume of traffic is already out of control on Sonoran Desert Drive. Please keep the Sonoran Preserve as it is.
598	I love cycling on Sonoran Desert Drive. There are already several spots which I feel unsafe riding through. More development will end cycling there. We should also be preserving the nature around Phoenix. People come from around the world to hike and ride here. Keep it safe and natural for them.
599	It is important to have open space for recreation and for the planet. We love mountain biking in the preserve. High density housing is going to adversely impact what is left of the Valley's open spaces.
600	Keep as much preserves and mountains natural
601	It is a beautiful area that has many trails for hiking, biking, geo caching and just getting away from the hustle of the Valley. It is already limited in access and putting more homes will just congest that. It is also ruining the animals natural habitat to continually uproot them for a dollar.
602	Nature should be cared for & not taken for granted! There is nothing like enjoying the beauty of Arizona! It is a God given gift & should be cherished!
603	I believe your impeding on a natural environment that will offset a habitat for many wildlife species, it's also a big recreational area for all types of individuals which building will greatly effect the usage and your taking away from the overall scenery that people need. Greed is not an acceptable reason to tap into something that is a beautiful resource not just for the wildlife but for peoples peace of mind when they view it.
604	Need to keep it the way it is for animals to migrate
605	There have been to many accidents and deaths.
606	Greg Laursen
607	This area is one of the only places in the Phoenix metro area that offers a safe place for mountain bikes and cyclists to ride. The low traffic and large bike lanes are not found anywhere else in the valley. It is a staple for many recreational athletes and outdoor enthusiasts in the area and should be kept that way!
608	This zoning would be uncharacteristic of the Sonoran preserve and city park surrounding the site.

609	To preserve the nature trails and beautiful surroundings near my home.
610	Abundance of traffic and congestion
611	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
612	Cycling and hiking in the area
613	It is vital that we maintain access to desert that isn't over developed, roads that aren't packed with cars, areas to bike and hike and we can't have that with more houses and more people. Protect the preserve.
614	The animals need to have safe access to their areas. We have taken enough from the animals. Animals are a beautiful part of our environment.
615	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
616	No need for more development eating up our desert.
617	it's a natural treasure that is special and needs to be protected.
618	Keep the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve desert beautiful with no construction expansion- there's plenty of other areas to build houses, etc.
619	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.
620	Natalie Karis
621	This is one of the last places in the area we have to go for mtn biking, running, and be in nature. More and more is being taken away and over developed. We want to see wildlife and natural things, not run through streets. It's the very reason we picked to move to this area! So we could enjoy nature! This is so sad
622	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 in place.
623	I am concern about the beauty of the Desert Landscape and more concerned about the increase in traffic that will be on Dove Valley/Sororan 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.
624	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!!
625	No wanting any more home delvelopers tearing up the preserves. With the additional Verizon zone site there will be to many dangerous EMF's in the community
626	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.
627	Keeping the proper nature balance in an ever growing city is vital in maintaining the health of the people, landscape and natural biodiversity.
628	I train on this road year round and it's become the safest from less traffic. If builders get their way, this road will become unsafe for so many and potentially accidents will happen more often from distracted driving
629	We use the preserve for hiking and horseback riding. Heavy traffic volume can create a hazard for horses, even at a distance.

630	It's imperative to preserve and protect the wildlife and their natural habitat. This area is already exploding with growth & traffic.
631	I moved here for the beauty around me offered by the preserve. over the past 5 years I have seen that beauty disappearing as more and more developments have sprung up without any regard to preservation. It's disgusting! Please do something about it and don't buy into the greed of the land developers.
632	Beautiful hiking area and bike riding.
633	Traffic will increase dramatically! Hiking and cycling will no longer be enjoyable and r safe.
634	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???
635	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.
636	The additional housing adds too much traffic for safely using the bike lanes and takes away the hiking and biking trails that all surrounding neighborhoods use currently. Move housing to the west side of the I-17 where commercial land is being used and not recreationally used like the Sonoran Preserve. The fact that the area is already called a preserve is reason enough not to build on it.
637	Beautiful area! No need to add more housing to the natural landscape. Money isn't everything.
638	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.
639	The beautiful hiking biking and walking trails!! What they are proposing is way too many homes for in the middle of the preserve!!
640	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.
641	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.
642	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
643	The quiet and beauty of the desert. The wildlife. Being able to hike without excessive traffic and houses. A piece of wilderness in the city that if 1000s of homes are built no longer be that. Instead 1000s more cars, congestion, pollution ,etc. Please save our Sonoran Preserve!
644	This road is one of the most fantastic roads to ride on. It's close to towns but remote enough that is safe to be out on. It would be a shame to lose a piece of quiet nature to build more homes that most of us wouldn't even be able to afford.
645	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!
646	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 in.
647	I want less traffic and this less air pollution around the delicate dessert.
648	Safe biking is important and we don't have enough as it is
649	The original proposal to conserve the ecosystem while allowing for reasonable growth is threatened. The proposed increase will increase vehicle traffic, noise, pollution, and make biking along this area unsafe.

650	Safe road for training and being outside.
651	Provides a nature buffer to the surrounding communities and helps people recreate near where they live so they do not need to jump in a car and travel to such a place.
652	Volume of traffic will be too extreme and hiking, cycling and just walking will be negatively impacted.
653	I spend a lot of time in this area due to the beauty and the ability to get away from "the city". I really love this area and it's one of the rare spots we have close to Phoenix.
654	Preserving the hiking, biking, and peacefulness of the Sonoran Preserve and Desert Drive. Keep the speed and amount of traffic low in this area.
655	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!
656	I enjoy hiking and biking in the area. Houses and cars really ruin the beauty of it.
657	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.
658	I used to be able to cycle along cave creek rd to Sonoran Desert Drive. I now have to drive and unload my bike at Sonoran Desert Drive because cave creek has become too dangerous to cycle along. Sonoran Desert Drive is a haven to myself and other cyclists.
659	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.
660	We often hike in the Sonoran Preserve and are moved by the vistas provided in the area. As the area grows in population it is vital to preserve natural areas that represent the beauty of Arizona.
661	We need more open space and already have enough homes!
662	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 desert which is marked as "preserve"!
663	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.
664	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!
665	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.
666	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!
667	Please preserve the beautiful desert.
668	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
669	Safe and beautiful area to hike and bike.
670	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.
671	Because it's a shame to see all of this beautiful land swallowed up all around us.

672	I love riding on this road. And going from hikes when I visit. I come 2-3 times a year and I can say if the cycling areas get taken away I'll visit other places to ride. I'll no longer spend time in phx. I also have thousands of friends whose lives are at risk riding and hiking if the safety is taken away for us.
673	With the huge growth in the past couple of years we have to ensure we have open spaces for all to hike, bike, etc
674	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.
675	Destroying desert habitat, overpopulating an area not intended to. Negative effects on property value.
676	I moved to the area after serving in the military for 25 years because of its natural beauty and proximity to the preserve. The building in this area has skyrocketed in recent years. Future development of the preserve will only deplete the area of its scenery and overpopulation of an already strained region of north Phoenix.
677	The Sonoran Preserve and Sonora Desert Drive bring so much beauty and culture to Phoenix. Having such easy access to a dedicated and safe place to enjoy the desert scenery and participate in outdoor recreation. It is a place to escape the civilization surrounding it and enjoy basking in Arizona's natural beauty. Impeding this location with more development and traffic would make the area less safe and would be a huge hit to recreation in the city and would be a sore in the beauty that exists there today.
678	The Sonoran Preserve is important to me to have beautiful open desert to see wild life, teach our children how to respect desert nature and it's in my backyard. With more cars on the road I fear reckless driving and fires from through in things out the window.
679	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.
680	We love the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve. Please protect what is left and save the beauty of the dessert.
681	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.
682	Animal and their natural habitat. The beautiful open area. The biggest concern is that the City of Phoenix can not keep up with this growth from police and fire to other services that never get resolved.
683	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.
684	There has been enough development in this area. Stop crowding out the wildlife.
685	We need to preserve the preserves; that's why they're called preserves.
686	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!
687	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 Preserve!!!
688	Way too much traffic
689	It's a safe place to ride your bike
690	Leave the desert un touched

691	While growth seems inevitable, preserving quality of life is essential. Open spaces and recreational areas such as the Sonoran Preserve help maintain that quality of life - providing opportunities for individuals and families to explore, connect, and unwind. As a regular cycling user of Sonoran Desert drive and a hiker, I know that I, along with many others, would see a significant loss of those opportunities as development produces more traffic, congestion, and a lack of a sense of peace in the Preserve. Please maintain the safeguards that exist - and don't accept some "compromise" that benefits developers at the expense of beauty. Thank you.
692	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.
693	If we keep building, there will be no desert to enjoy for us as humans, but even more crucially, we are displacing and endangering the species whose habitats were destroy. Give the planet a chance. Let's not be the reason humans suck.
694	We only get one chance to maintain the character of our community. Once altered, there is no going back.
695	Traffic is already too heavy and congested. Our streets are becoming dangerous.
696	This is a safe route for cyclists as it has little traffic. More and more cyclists are getting hit by motorists all across Arizona and this is one of the only place cyclists feel safe. It's also one of the only roads in Phoenix where you can see the beauty of the desert.
697	The sonoran preserve is filled with unpillaged scenery and abnormal attractions which will surely be destroyed if this desert oasis is shown off to the off-roaders who have destroyed all other public land. The beauty of the sonoran preserve is that there are no motor vehicles allowed, with exponentially increased traffic on the only access road to the VERDIN UPZONING SITE is the SONORAN DESERT highway which meanders throughout the natural desert landscape including mountains and river washes. These river washes fill with astounding amounts of water during flash flooding and this will surely destroy the verdin zoning site because the land it is proposed to be built upon is literally the flood plain which collects all of the water that travels from north to south along the natural grade of mountains, apache wash diverts thousands of gallons of sediment ridden water towards the cave buttes dam, if this route is blocked there will be flooding which will plague the community with an influx of animals and unwanted bugs collecting at the standing water site. the cave buttes dam is designated to handle this massive flow of water because there is a flood gate which allows water to pass the 20 foot earthen dam and enter the collection area where there are 2 mountains, 2 50 foot dirt pyramid shaped dykes and 1 massive dam which stretches for hundreds of feet. this dam protects the communities to the south side of happy valley road and even prevent sediment water from entering the cap canal due to the designated spill off exit which was bored with a tunneling machine back in 2018. There are areas of flood plain which are labeled as tanks, these tanks have a non permeable basin floor and they collect water for weeks to follow, imagine the amount of mosquitos which will scour the community looking for blood. the river washes which run north to south have been eroded for centuries and have created massive cliff walls and dangerous rock falls, with an increased population there will surely be increased injuries that park rangers will have to deal with. not to mention, there are multiple mine shafts and vertical mine covers which were implemented to prevent more cars from falling down these chasms. The placement of this zoning site is foolish because there is a fissure crack in that exact area which will likely continue to divide like the other large cracks found throughout the preserve. dove valley and paloma parkway are not designed to handle the hordes of traffic that will surely follow the influx of immigrants. there are no traffic lights on the sonoran preserve nor dove valley nor paloma parkway, the exponential increase in cars will surely cause accidents and unnecessary speeding around the local communities. this zoning will certainly be invasive to natives of the sonoran foothills including animals and those who previously cherished this place as home. My name is Liam Kosciolek and I am a senior at boulder creek hs and i will be attending tomorrows virtual meeting which will

698	Sonoran Desert drive is the only place I feel safe riding my bicycle in such a busy, congested area. I am full of anxiety from traffic until I make that turn onto SDD. It is integral to our vibrant cycling community which is so important to the Valley culture. What's more is the preserve allows for one of the only true unobstructed views of our beautiful AZ desert in the busy Valley area.
699	Preserve the desert hiking areas.
700	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.
701	Why destroy a beautiful, well loved, piece of land when we already have too many houses.
702	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 Preserve.
703	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.
704	The Sonoran Desert Preseve is a beautiful desert area with amazing trails and gorgeous desert. This is an area full of wildlife. A space that wildlife calls home. So much development has already overrun nature and driven wildlife out to other areas. We need to the save what desert we can. I grew up in Cave Creek and the growth in the city as well as surrounding areas has created a space I no longer recognize. Please preserve the areas we can and preserve the quality of the area as well as the quality of life for the wildlife that we are already driving out.
705	I have been running and riding out in this preserve for nearly a decade. As I start to see more developing, it becomes less safe to be active out there.
706	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 protected.
707	I moved to this house 10 years ago to move out of the "city" and be near desert-stop building so much up here!
708	City expansion is not the answer to our current market problems, and increasing availability won't help the real problem: Inflation. Vertical, multi-family residential developments in Scottsdale have barely begun renting, most still wrapping up construction. Would expanding development opportunities truly solve our unaffordability crisis? Or would a re-evaluation of current over-taxation on middle and lower class populations be the solution to our current lack of infrastructure? Availability isn't the problem, and by destroying more of the very rare, unique Sonoran Desert, would only hurt investors in any form of a market crash, killing any value to the current residential homes in area.
709	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....
710	Councilman Waring, please continue to protect the Sonoran Preserve.
711	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
712	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 soemewhere else
713	I moved to this area because it's next to nature areas. Building in this area will encroach on the preserve.
714	I'd be like to see less traffic and houses. This a beautiful area, and treasure our Sonoran preserve.
715	Wildlife habitat vulnerability

716	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
717	There are plenty of other places to build, these 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?!?
718	My wife and I have a true love for the desert surroundings and this is what brought us to Sonoran Gate Community. In order to keep the beauty of the desert, it must be limited to homeowners. We hike, mtn bike, and road cycle throughout this area and with the more chance of new development comes the increase in traffic. My wife was hit by a car while riding on the road because a driver was speeding and not paying attention. With little to no law enforcement on Dove Valley Rd. Sonoran Desert Drive, it's expected for drivers to obey the speed limit but that is not the case, we live here and we see it every day and we are concerned about more development on a large scale to come into play. If your serious about appreciating the natural preserves then we challenge you to show it and not let the love of money ditract you from what your heart is telling you. I hope you please take a deeper look before you decide. Thank you
719	This has been a place for bikers, hikers, walkers, to enjoy and be able to still see arizonas beauty. We do not need more development in every area. This road every weekend houses hundreds of athletes, outdoors people, and scenic drivers all alike. Coming up to this stretch of road to enjoy what they love to do be outside away from the city noise and traffic and be one with the Arizona desert. There is plenty of other great land to develop on but this road has history and will continue to be a place people want to feel safe and connect to nature on. Please don't take that from Arizonans.
720	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.
721	I moved to North Phoenix because of the untouched natural beauty of the desert that hadn't been devastated by "progress". Humans need areas of Nature to decompress and renew their spirit, crushed by the rigors of life. Unfortunately, we lost an area of the Preserve, including the wildlife, to an enclave of large houses. It's unfortunate that money trumps all. I elect people who rise above lure of the almighty dollar to do what is right for the Earth and her people. Please honor the intention of The Preserve.
722	I love hiking and biking the road and preserve. This is a great N Valley treasure!!
723	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!
724	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
725	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.
726	My family enjoys the protected preserve and allows us to partake in outdoor activities near home, safely with our tons of traffic. The noise and light pollution will affect the natural wildlife around. Most importantly the infrastructure can not support the proposed project.
727	We hike and drive through here for mental health. Please don't fill more desert preserves with homes and commercial property.
728	The wildlife and the scenery are absolutely beautiful. The hiking that's available and just the desert landscape are important and should not be destroyed for housing.
729	Need to leave as natural as possible
730	Desert preservation. Water conservation

731	I love the north phoenix area because of all the hiking trails and inherent beauty. I hike them regularly and are so grateful for the respite nature offers. Please hold tight to what we have don't allow it to be overly commercialized.
732	I ride my bike up and down the parkway with countless other cyclists 3-4 times per week.
733	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.
734	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 Phoenicians, tourists, and the wildlife in the area.
735	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.
736	The preserve needs to be left in tact. The uptick in traffic will be detrimental to people trying to enjoy biking/walking & enjoying nature. The sheer numbers in volume in people in driving on Sonoran Parkway if this plan is approved is very alarming.
737	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.
738	Great hiking and exploring area.
739	We moved here for the beautiful land scape and nature. The pure devastation developments would have on the natural habitats of animals that depend on that landscape is unthinkable. In the uk near london they have what is called the green belt , it's stops central london becoming greater london and taking over tall the natural habitats that have been preserved for centuries. The same needs to happen here, we cannot be swallowed up by Phoenix. Where and when does it stop.
740	My partner and I regularly use Sonoran Preserve for hiking, walking, biking. This is the one place that we feel safe to do these things without excess traffic.
741	I'm mainly just concerned with the increased amount of traffic new housing developments will create.
742	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 develoment 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. Greed is not.
743	We are losing so much of our desert and hiking trails. We are just becoming more and more like California everyday. Please help preserve our habitat.
744	To keep the bike riders safe.. it's one of the places u can ride with less danger of being hit by cars.. more houses.. more cars..
745	Development is overtaking the beauty of why we moved here. Areas like this need to be preserved so there are still places to enjoy the outdoor activities year round that also people move here for. STOP ruining the state over greed of money. The continual growth and cement IS contributing to global warming. Storms rarely make it into the valley any longer due to the heat radiating off the cement. Yes, we are aware of this and will be educating the world by putting our state in the spotlight more often so others know and will also help put a stop to it.
746	While development is important, without areas close to the city center for recreation, our metropolis will continue to decay.
747	Would love to keep this scenic drive the way it is. Scenic.

748	We purchased our home in this area largely because of the preserve. The opportunities it provides for hiking and biking with reduced traffic (which has increased since we moved) were also key factors.
749	The Sonoran Preserve is a unique, unspoiled area for recreation that doesn't need to become another development for someone's greed.
750	My favorite thing to do is head out to the preserve with my husband. It is absolutely breathtaking. Until we noticed the houses being built. And now you want to do more!!! No, building more houses doesn't add to the environment it only takes away the beauty and safety of our desert wildlife and plants. At some point we won't be able to call this area a preserve, we will be calling it a mini mall. Noise, air, and light pollution are what's in store for us if building continues to expand. When will it stop, when there is no desert remaining? It's very sad and I hope this idea will be reconsidered immediately.
751	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.
752	This is easy they're beautiful peaks and valley's!! Thank you, EKMII
753	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.
754	The usage of this region as a natural habitat preserve and a place to do outdoors activities such as walking, hiking and biking. We enjoy the natural beauty of this area
755	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 the nearby trails.
756	It is important that we keep the preserve available for the local plants and animals. It's essential we keep this land wild for the animals who live here and keep it as their safe haven. In a modern world where humanity is taking over all the land it is imperative we stay mindful that this land is not just ours but belongs to the animals & plants we share this planet with as well. Please do not disrupt this gorgeous preserve. Thank you!
757	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
758	The Sonoran desert preserve is the one of last the undeveloped areas in Phoenix. The abundant wildlife and topography is one of the many reasons we love Arizona and want to save flit for generations to come. We access the preserve nearly daily for hiking and for enjoying the outdoors. We urge you to to preserve this natural area and reject the request to remove the desert overlay in the upcoming Verdin project.
759	I love in the north valley and frequent the Sonoran preserve. Limiting building saves the aesthetics of the preserve and limits traffic.
760	I chose to live in this community because I wanted to be closer to nature and enjoy the desert preserve.
761	As an avid road cyclist, it's become hard to find a safe place to cycle without worry. Sonoran Parkway has become that place for so many. It is also a beautiful place to unwind in the desert. So many would be heartbroken to have that taken away. Please preserve this beautiful nature area.
762	We must preserve the Sonoran Desert for not only environmental reasons but for future generations to enjoy its natural beauty. When I first came here in 2019 and lived near Cave Creek I would always drive out there and take in the quiet beauty and the stunning sunsets. We need to protect keep this preserved and natural.

763	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 heaven intact! Thank you.
764	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.
765	I want to keep it as is so that we all can enjoy the area and keep the daily traffic down.
766	I am an avid hiker and biker and don't want our desert destroyed. I also moved out here to not be surrounded by congestion and traffic- that is already being compromised and would prefer to keep open spaces open. I love the wildlife and putting this development in will push/destroy them away from this area.
767	We live in this area for its natural beauty and we do not want to lose that.
768	There's not much left of natural desert in the city. I chose to live in this area because of the natural desert. I ride my bike often and fear riding with future development. Hiking and walking at Apache wash is one of the best around for nature and that will be no longer with changes of new building.
769	It is important to keep open lands for the wildlife in the area. Building way too much in the area.
770	I love biking here. I love hiking here. This is my home. Please don't take it away from me.
771	I enjoy hiking at various times of the year on the trails in the Sonoran Preserve. I've seen an owls 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.
772	I'm an American living in Canada now, but from 2012 to 2017 I lived in AZ, rode with Team Fleming and enjoyed the E. Sonoran Pkwy...the thought of any sort of development in that desert breaks my heart. Fight this!
773	Its a beauty such a pleasure driving thru and seeing the cactus scenery. Already disturbed by the housing that has already been built
774	Beautiful drive and prime hiking area
775	Keeping the beauty of the desert in tact, especially with the hiking/biking that is done there. Also very concerned about traffic and congestion.
776	The preserve and drive are my little bit of sanctuary to and from work. I enjoy the beautiful flowers and desert landscape daily, not to mention the gorgeous sunsets and sunrises I see every day. Please keep this part of Arizona as it is.
777	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!
778	Environmental impact on the Sonoran Preserve ecosystem Considerable Increase in traffic volume
779	Hiking running and scenic drives in the area are pristine. There are plenty of other areas to develop in Phoenix Metro that are less invasive to the Sonoran Desert. Please help to save our Deserts.

780	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!
781	Want beauty while biking
782	Preserve the general feel of the area.
783	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. Thank you.
784	It is vital that we not build on the preserves. The animals and nature need this land for bees, and living habitats for other animals and plants. Please do not allow more buildings to clutter this beautiful natural space.
785	I do not wish to see this beautiful desert landscape overcome with more traffic and houses.
786	It will choke off the only area the animals have to migrate between the preserves
787	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 education.
788	There are plenty of areas to do future developments we shouldn't marginalize the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve!!
789	Traffic has already become too congested and the beautiful undeveloped desert drive through the preserve is one of the most peaceful enjoyable drives that factor into why people love to live nearby.
790	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!
791	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.
792	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 Sonoron Desert Preserve which is becoming non existent.
793	We need to keep as much of the natural habitat in this area as possible for the enjoyment of all residents and visitors
794	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!!!!

795	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.
796	Concerned about traffic on current roadway & effects on wildlife habitats. As well as construction dirt, debris & trash.
797	The Sonoran Preserve is a magnificent specimen of the desert. The desert plants and wildlife within this area are a dream come true for hikers and bicyclists. With the increase of people moving into the area, traffic has grown exponentially. If we build more homes in this area, we need to put measures in place to protect this valuable asset to our state, as well as provide safety for the people who visit it throughout the year.
798	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.
799	I am an avid hiker and want to preserve this area in its natural state.
800	I bike/hike 4-5 days a week along this route. By protecting the preserve from future development it reduces automobile traffic/intersections along the Sonoran Preserve keeping it a safer area for cyclists to ride.
801	This road has given me a safe place to learn to ride my bike, and to run. It's been vital in my mental health, creating open spaces like this is so key to us, as we saw during the pandemic. Please preserve it!
802	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.
803	This area is close enough to go frequently, but far enough to feel away from town. I've hiked, ran and biked in this area and I would truly hate to see it turn in to just another neighborhood development. Please keep the open areas open.
804	Don't break promises
805	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.
806	It is a safe road with a good bike lane, no cracks in the asphalt making it one of the only safe and cleanest roads to ride on.
807	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.
808	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.

809	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.
810	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
811	To prevent additional congestion and traffic and to preserve the beauty of the Sonoran Preserve.
812	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 itvis 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...
813	Any type of new development will destroy the beauty of the desert and trails that are here. The added traffic and homes will destroy the the last open land in the area.
814	This space is regularly used for outdoor recreation and wildlife education among myself and many of my friends and colleagues. It would be a shame and a disservice to the community and the local wildlife dissolve any portion is the preserve in any capacity.
815	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
816	I live in the Sonoran desert preserve. Since 2007
817	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 ignoring the protections put in place.
818	Preserving the hiking, biking, and peacefulness of the Sonoran Preserve and Desert Drive. Keep the speed and amount of traffic low in this area.
819	This place is one of the best places for cycling and hiking need to preserve it!
820	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!!
821	It's going to change the complete landscape of our community. I do not want an excessive amount of traffic.
822	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 asking for.

823	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!!
824	My wife and I both compete in triathlons and ride this road at least 2 times a week. We drive almost 40 mins to ride on a road so well kept and to feel safe. Roads like this are few and far between in AZ. So we would love for it to stay the way it is.
825	Too much congestion in this area already. We need to save our resources such as water and nature that made me moved in this area versus central Phoenix
826	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.
827	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.
828	I am a cyclist and trail runner and enjoyed this area for over 20 years. Please don't heavily populate and ruin this beautiful area.
829	The safeguards were put in place for a reason...to maintain the beauty of the preserve and protect the ecosystems in the area. Lifting them will only contribute to the further encroachment into the preserve and pave the way for further development that will have a devastating impact on the area.
830	Because it is a natural area to be preserved and enjoyed by all
831	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.
832	I live near this area and enjoy hiking the mountain preserve. I also enjoy driving through Sonoran desert drive to see the beautiful landscape our state has to offer without having to drive so far away. Please don't take this away.
833	Stop and Think! Go out and take a good long look what you can save for one and all to enjoy. Breathe Deep it will be worth it.
834	Our family loves and enjoys hiking the preserve. It's great to live so close to nature, we enjoy the wildlife that comes with the preserve.
835	We are losing 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.
836	Keep our community outdoor friendly and support healthy lifestyle. This area serves so many people to safely enjoy outdoors
837	As a Maricopa County Master Naturalist and Phoenix Parks volunteer I observe frequently how fragile our desert is. As the population in the north increases, a huge strain is placed on wildlife corridors used by jackrabbits, desert tortoises, Gila monsters, and even the more common javelinas and coyote. The desert flora that would be destroyed is incalculable. Even when developers remove the saguaro and palo verdes, they don't remove desert lavender, desert buckwheat, creosote bush, Mormon tea. The seeds of our more charismatic winter annuals such as Mexican poppies are bulldozed and the disturbed land becomes the easy place for stinknet and buffle grass to colonize and add to the fuel load of the surrounding area.

838	I walk here with my daughter regularly We are so sickened that every plot of desert is being torn up for mixed use multi unit high density building and homes. We moved here to be able to enjoy our environment. My 11yr old literally cries and is so angry that our environment is being ruined for the sake of "growth" Please stop the madness. Leave the preserves protections in place. They were granted for a reason. The fact that corporations can grease and sway politicians to change and overlook protections for nature preserves is horrible!!!!
839	The Sonoran Preserve is a special and somewhat rare piece of Phoenix. It provides beautiful trails and vistas for all Phoenicians within the city limits. As the city continues to grow I believe we need to preserve these few natural spaces for all to enjoy.
840	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!
841	Amount of traffic it will bring on a street that is only 2 lanes. Also the reason the street is unique designed for the preservation of the beauty and for enjoyment for cyclists hikers and walking paths
842	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
843	I have lived in this area for years and watched how damaging the recent residential and commercial growth has been on the desert. Further growth will only accelerate the decline I have seen. We need to do everything we can to stop the growth and reclaim this slice of Arizona beauty.
844	Over reaching of dwelling concentration will overwhelm the streets, schools and amenities. Full compliance to the Desert Charter Overlay District safeguards should be fully adhered to.
845	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.
846	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.
847	I am a cyclist and I feel safe on this road riding my bicycle. It is beautiful and serene in the early mornings.
848	Overdeveloping is irresponsible when there's no plan for increased traffic and water supply!
849	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.
850	I love to hike, bike, and walk the foothills. Open space is why we bought up here.
851	We need to preserve the beauty of the desert.
852	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.
853	There seems to be no restraint from the City of Phoenix with regard to growth. Our desert is disappearing, the streets are overloaded with no improvements on the horizon and now to take it further, they are considering bypassing their own preservation efforts... This is unconscionable and should NEVER be approved! As a life long Phoenician and supporter of progress, I strongly urge the City Council to deny this request!
854	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!
855	There is a lot of wildlife in the area that will die off if the preserve shrinks. I'm thinking Coyotes, foxes, rabbits, and all sorts of other small animals. I'd rather see that not happen.

856	Destroying the beauty, and traffic concerns.
857	Please keep our amazing Sonoran Desert in tact so my children can experience this in their lifetime too! Don't destroy its natural beauty with building it out!
858	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.
859	We need to preserve our natural preserve, too many houses, too many cars.
860	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.
861	The simple beauty of the Preserve. The outdoor activities that I and many others enjoy in the preserve. We don't need more traffic in the area.
862	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.
863	We are concerned about the traffic, congestion and noise that this increased housing will cause
864	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.
865	The Desert Character Overlay District should be adhered to.
866	We love the beauty and tranquility of the desert.
867	We are ORIGINAL Sonoran Foothills residents 15+ years. What a serene and beautiful place to raise a family till approx 2015. The congestion, rise in crime associated with high-density apartment blocks, traffic & its noise is almost unbearable as is. The thought that these profit motivated individuals will carelessly, and forever change the North Sonoran Preserve FOR THE WORSE- with high density housing and its accompanying detriments- leaves me utterly depressed. My family begs and pleads with City Planning/ Officials to reconsider this dire decision to irreversibly remake the Sonoran Preserve into hundreds (if not thousands) of housing units. I used to walk with my boys to Circle Tank which was filled and paved over for the Gateway residential community. It was a natural, ground- fed pond with beautiful fauna and flora. We saw wild burro, cranes, javelina and evidence of mountain lions and bobcats that fed at this natural water hole. It was a small pond with about a hundred and fifty foot diameter. There were ferns, ivy, moss and desert wild flowers around its perimeter. It was truly a rare oasis in the desert. It's still beyond me that these 'Builders & Planners' were legally permitted to destroy that thousand-year-old place of beauty!! They didn't see it at as a gift from God or Nature to be incorporated, preserved and enjoyed. They saw it as an obstacle to be plugged, filled and forever eliminated to make way for a couple hundred tract homes! How much more destruction for profit?!?
868	It's a beautiful area that needs to be preserved. The traffic is horrible already. Riding bike there has already become dangerous with all the traffic. Speeding is horrible. Semi traffic has become unbearable.
869	Too much housing buildout, let's slow it down
870	The landscape is the essence of Arizona and supports the community in outdoor recreation from hiking biking and photography at a least. Safety of these community members will be compromised with the excessive building that is planned. Let's keep our community safe and secure with coordinated expansion.

871	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.
872	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...
873	I mountain bike there all the time. There is already too many houses going up in the desert we use for outdoor activities. These investment companies should not be able to come in and buy all this land.
874	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.
875	The Sonoran Desert Preserve is the crown jewel of the North Valley. Any changes to the desert character overlay should be prevented to stop the degradation of the Preserve area.
876	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.
877	Tired of unescaary building and track homes we don't need!
878	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.
879	As an avid cyclist, runner, and hiker, safe places to recreate in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area are increasingly rare. Please keep the Sonora Desert Drive safe from future development and help preserve more native Sonoran Desert. Thank you.
880	It is a beautiful place to take a hike through and be surrounded by natural desert landscape
881	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.
882	I am concerned about increasing traffic and that the doubling to tripling of nearby homes would detract from the true wilderness essence of the Preserve!
883	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.
884	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.
885	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.

886	Please help us preserve this beautiful natural resource. So often "progress" (AKA Greed) ends up destroying one precious landscape after another... We greatly value our current way of life. Some of us have made a great many sacrifices in order to live here. Speaking as a disabled Veteran, I specifically sought out my current home, which at the moment affords peace, beauty, and a decided lack of city noise. Don't let a massive influx of absent-minded tourists and irresponsible over-development destroy this paradise. Thank you - Dr. Eric Biscoglio
887	We need more recreational areas not more houses.
888	People already speed like crazy on this road and I'm afraid accidents will go up
889	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.
890	It's a magical road with amazing sunset . It always bring me down to a peace frame of mind
891	The natural area surrounding Sonoran Foothills is a treasure. Doubling or tripling the number of housing units is detrimental to the beautiful nature and wildlife.
892	It's the only road up north not yet ruined by the constant construction (traffic, houses, etc) happening up North and still the only place where active people (cyclists, runners, etc) can ride/run safely and enjoy a piece of the desert without housing and buildings ruined the view
893	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
894	My husband is an avid mountain biker & the SP is one of the reasons we moved & stayed. I worry about his safety when he is out on a ride & not supportive of night rides anymore. A car going westbound on Dove Valley road lost control crossed the island & crashed into water pipes crossing bike lane, sidewalk, & dirt path, then tried to flee the scene. I was an avid hiker & now drive to other areas to hike because of the traffic. I just figured a certain amount of people need to die before anybody does anything. Maybe this petition might change things or at least foster more preventive rather than reactive measures.
895	Sonoran Desert Drive & surrounding preserve area can not accommodate traffic volume due to proposed Verdin development.
896	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.
897	Phoenix is growing at a high rate of speed with no regard to natural landscape and animals. Soon we will have so much traffic our area won't be able to handle it as our roads are still very much under construction causing accidents at busy intersections. If we continue to take away our natural preserves we will disrupt the desert life and animals that used to live there will then travel into neighborhoods. We have clauses in our current neighborhoods to see the stars, to limit lighting and here we are having to fight against the very subject our HOA's fought for.
898	The builder should be held to the character overlay that is in place to ensure the neighborhood fits into the desert landscape.
899	Traffic is already heavy and dangerous for my wife who bikes and myself walking
900	I'm concerned that continued development will destroy the beauty of our Sonoran desert. It will bring increased pollution and traffic to the area.
901	Without a road plan for major increase in traffic and the current drought in AZ, I oppose developments like these.

902	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 Drive.
903	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").
904	With the population of Phoenix increasing so quickly, it more important than ever to preserve these natural habitats and keep them open so people can enjoy hiking, biking etc
905	Beauty of the natural desert provides peace & tranquility in this world of unrest. Don't destroy the zen
906	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
907	Biking on a road w/quality tarmac, a safe bike lane, and without traffic lights every miles is paramount to enjoying this beautiful state. Taking that away deprives us of a quintessential part of being American.
908	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!
909	Preserve natura
910	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 you
911	Preserve landscape, Mountain View's, prevent traffic
912	I ride my bike religiously on Sonoran Drive and bike safety for our cyclist should be a main concern and priority.
913	Do not our desert to be ruined with buildings. Like the way the preserve is.
914	My friends love this trail and feel safe training their amazing bodies to do amazing things in triathlons. Our desert land is scared and does not need more homes, roads, and targets!
915	It's one of the most beautiful 9 miles you'll ever drive and by putting homes in that area it would literally take that away
916	Traffic congestion, pedestrian and bicycle safety. Preserving this area from development, as envisioned by the Desert Character Overlay District.

917	I live close to the preserve and like hiking, nature and wildlife. The preserve provide this for me and cutting into the preserve left less for wildlife and hiking.
918	We need to keep the natural desert environment in our areas of development. We need to think about the environment for once, instead of profits. State, County, and City Planners need to stop allowing developers to develop max density communities, and start with a balanced approach. Keeping the Sonoran Preserve as is, would be a great example of such development standards.
919	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!
920	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.
921	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.
922	That drive every day is what makes me appreciate this beautiful desert. The sunsets and sunrises are breathtaking and more houses and traffic will absolutely kill all of that beauty. The cyclists are already at risk each day with the amount of cars on that road. Plus, the hiking trail there doesn't need to be surrounded by houses. Please don't take away this gorgeous area that we cherish so much
923	The Sonoran Preserve is a place of peace and tranquillity in the desert. Getting out of the hustle and bustle of the busy city is imperative to living a healthy life.
924	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!
925	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 beauty of the state.
926	I want it to remain natural. Don't want more noise, development coming to the area.
927	This is an essential open nature recreation space who live and visit the area. Protecting spaces like this helps make this area of PHX metro special, sane, and attractive to so many who use it. It's therapeutic.
928	Please do not ignore the Desert Character Overlay District. As it already stands, the volume of traffic on Sonoran Desert Drive is quite high and negatively impacting the surrounding preserve with increased pollution, roadkill and noise. Increasing the number of homes built as well as the traffic flow will greatly diminish this beautiful and precious land that was so wisely set aside for protection. Please preserve the Sonoran Desert Preserve values. Once it is gone it cannot be replaced.
929	We need open space for our and our children's mental health to provide a place of refuge and exercise areas that remove us from the daily drone of cars, machines and our phones.
930	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.

931	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.
932	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.
933	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 once.
934	Preserving the open space, flora, and fauna native to the area
935	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.
936	The area should be preserved for enjoying the natural surroundings.
937	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, gambles 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
938	I believe honoring the meaning of the preserve is of utmost importance.
939	Hiking and biking and natural beauty should not be destroyed by over-development.
940	Will Ruin the wildlife and nature surrounding the preserve in addition to increasing the already challenging traffic issues on Sonoran desert drive
941	We dont needs that many homes built here. Inlive here to be closer to nature. This will displace and disrupt the ecosystem, so many animals that live in that preserve. We are destroying this desert.
942	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.
943	This area is beautiful, preserved to the wildlife that live here. The Valley is growing and areas such as this should be preserved for plants an animals alike, that are native to AZ. On a selfish side, I among many use this area for training. It's a beautiful, safe stretch of land that provides families the ability to train, support one another and live close by. We don't have areas such as this close by up North. Taking this away only frustrates the locals who use this daily, weekly and monthly to stay fit. Please preserve what is used by so many, cherished in its safety and loved by all who use it.
944	I love being able to enjoy the beautiful preserve without all the traffic. The preserve is what makes city living do-able.
945	Keeping the natural desert habitat is better for the environment.
946	Our desert is beautiful. There won't be much of it left if it keeps getting built on.
947	We need to maintain the beauty of the valley. Areas need to be protected and respected so all can enjoy.
948	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

949	The area will not be able to handle the congestion of the cars that will need access to the area. Also there aren't many peaceful areas to drive through anymore, especially when you have had a stressful day. With all of the other building happening we can't afford to have another development take our land.
950	I moved up in this area to get away from the city, crowds and traffic, enjoy the outdoors to hike and cycle.
951	This development would have a negative impact on the preserve and surrounding trails.
952	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.
953	Need to preserve as much of our beautiful mountains as possible
954	This is one of the last few undeveloped areas in phoenix. I understand tax revenue is important for the city. But, we need to have a few undeveloped area for people and animals to escape too. It is what appeals to many people who purchased homes in this area. They dont want to live directly in the city with non-stop urban development. It's nice to live on the edge of the city and experience both nature and city at the same time.
955	The Donoran 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 the area.
956	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
957	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.
958	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
959	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.
960	Sonoran Preserve and sonora desert drive , help me so much to my family and me to go out to the beautiful trails and feel peaceful to enjoy the views. special in this time of depression.
961	I cycle there 1-2 times per week - one of the safest places in the city.
962	Sonoran Desert Drive is a road I ride almost every single day. Having a safe road to ride on is essential to what I do for a living. There are limited roads in Phoenix that have as much open space as this one, and it allows for a safe area to bike and run (on roads or trails). Being a dad, this is extra important because all too often there are unsafe interactions with cars on various other roads. Sonoran Desert Drive and it's surrounding area is a key place to experience the outdoors in a safe environment.
963	I live in Sonoran Gate. I hike Apache Trail.
964	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!
965	I really enjoy living near this natural area and enjoy the hiking and biking opportunities that are available.
966	Save the desert!

967	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.
968	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.
969	To preserve the beauty and conservation of the area, as well as safety for cyclist and hikers.
970	I hike there regularly. Open spaces are important and our beautiful desert is becoming too full of dense housing
971	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.
972	Further unbridled development without regard to water considerations is irresponsible and jeopardizes our future. This desert area and Phoenix in particular cannot sustain such a fragile ecosystem structure.
973	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.
974	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.
975	Sonoran Desert Drive is a road that features beautiful scenic views, providing a pleasant drive. We enjoy hiking on the trails with our family. Although we do not street bike nor know anyone who does, Sonoran Desert Drive provided a safe roadway for just that. A housing development would take away the safety for these said bikers as well as take away the safe pleasant drive it provided. Please do not build on the road. It would take away the beauty that Arizona provides us with.
976	Developments are destroying our desert and the native wildlife that is continually being pushed further and further North. Please stand up for our desert and the people who desire to keep it intact for future generations.
977	I would like to preserve our desert and do not want to see more housing in this area
978	I enjoy the tranquil drive along Sonoran drive and being able to bike along the road without too much traffic. The hiking is second to none. I would hate for it to turn into just another neighborhood with traffic and crime
979	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.
980	This is one of our favorite parts of living in the north Phoenix corridor. As it continues to become more and more house dense we are dealing with a massive issue of over crowding the schools, stores, streets and restaurants. It would be a shame to see so many houses pushed into such a high density neighborhood. Please do not approve this.
981	It's one of the few roads where cyclists and triathletes have a place to ride together without intersections. It's great for the community. I use this road almost every weekend
982	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.

983	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.
984	To preserve the nature trails and beautiful surroundings near my home.
985	The Sonoran preserve is a refuge for city dwelling people to escape into nature. It also, and most importantly, is a sanctuary to native plants and animals. It's a critical part of the Phoenix ecosystem.
986	Plenty of room for growth in other areas rather than disturbing the preserve.
987	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.
988	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
989	Maintain the natural open space in this areas Traffic congestion issues
990	My family and I spend hours in the preserve hiking and biking; the views and the beauty can't be matched.
991	There is already too much traffic on Sonoran Desert Drive and a community as proposed with no other access will increase congestion making things less safe. In addition, it will jeopardize the tranquility of the nearby Phoenix Sonoran Preserve, especially the Apache Wash Trail.
992	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.
993	The number of people hiking is increasing but even if is not, the streets are narrow and it is dangerous to drive.
994	The Sonoran Desert Preserve is beautiful, untouched, home to wildlife and the reason many of us moved to the Norterra area. The natural desert environment in an urban area is rare and such a treasure! Once it's lost to development it's gone forever!
995	Valuable for hiking and enjoying nature. Desert beauty must be preserved.
996	We need to save our local natural environment for the wildlife and having an area nearby is beneficial for stress reduction. Preserves like this also reduces light pollution and proximity to the greater metro provides a quick get away for many outdoor activities without having travel too far.
997	I feel that they are over building in Phoenix. Have limited water supply. The traffic is already congested and difficult to around.
998	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 density building.
999	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.
1,000	I have enjoyed hiking there and love the scenery and low traffic while riding my bike
1,001	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.
1,002	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.

1,003	I often bike on Sonoran Parkway, hike or run from Apache Trailhead. Having this section of town remain undeveloped allows us an option close to home where we can escape our hectic lives from living in the big city and truly enjoy nature's unaltered beauty.
1,004	Sonoran desert drive is important to me because it's all that's left for us to enjoy the scenery of the Sonoran desert landscape.. 🏜️
1,005	Outdoor activity and healthy environment is important to me.
1,006	safeguard the Sonoran Preserve and keep Sonoran Desert Drive great for hiking, biking or just a pleasant drive by preventing over development and a five-fold increase in traffic.
1,007	Keeping the integrity of the preserve intact while allowing current hiking, biking, and traffic levels to remain the same.
1,008	I would like to preserve our desert and do not want to see more housing in this area
1,009	It's our beautiful land! Save the land from unnecessary buildings.
1,010	I very much enjoy the drive through there. Traffic has already increased too much as it is.
1,011	My main hiking spot, beautiful views, would think u are out in the wilderness
1,012	The Sonoran desert preserve is beautiful in so many ways. I really enjoy hiking there, walking with my family and visitors when they come to town riding my mountain bike on the trails and riding my road bike as well. I implore you to not allow this Sonnen case to be approved as it will create a hardship on the beautiful open desert as it will be far too many cars and people. As it stands now every time I ride my road bike cars go by me at well above the posted 45 mile an hour speed limit. Can you imagine what it's going to be like with another 1250 homes going up and down this roadway? Please please do not approve this song in case. With much gratitude, a supporter of Sonoran preserve and Sonoran Desert Drive. Sincerely, James O'Kane
1,013	We need to have open space to enjoy hikes, trails, horizon visibility. We do not want the Preserve to turn into a asphalt map.
1,014	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 perserve area, parkway, noise, and environmental elements.
1,015	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.
1,016	Don't ruin the desert. Keep Sonoran Desert Drive the way it is with less traffic for cycling and and keep the hiking trails there!
1,017	Sara Rovarino
1,018	I am very concerned with the amount of traffic and safety in my community with the amount of people that could potentially be here. We are a quiet and safe neighborhood and I'd like to keep it this way.
1,019	This area is over grown. Too many people for the roads and area to support this traffic. And the animals have lost tons of habitat. ***LEAVE THE PRESERVE FOR US TO ENJOY AND STOP KILLING THE ANIMALS & THEIR HOMES & FOOD!!!!!!
1,020	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.
1,021	We have been enjoying the Sonoran Preserve and Sonoran Desert Drive for many years. We go hiking as a family and with my daughter's school all the time. The drive is so peaceful and beautiful. We were so disappointed when some houses were built there and now more are planned. I urge you to stop this from happening and keep the serenity of this special preserve. Thank you.
1,022	This will affect the local fauna and flora and compromise what is supposed to be a protected ecosystem.

1,023	I have cycled on this road for close to a decade. It's been one of the only "safe" roads. In addition, the preserve is quiet and beautiful and has remained a short distance from home. As traffic gets worse we are losing that quiet, beautiful Arizona gem.
1,024	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.
1,025	My friends and family and their pets walk there every day! Also it's called a PRESERVE!!! Preserve it!
1,026	As a triathlete, it is rare to find a road that has incredibly wide bike lanes and less traffic. I appreciated the beauty, tranquility and safety of the Sonoran Preserve. My loved ones knew that I was headed to an area that was safer than most and I felt confident training alone out there and hope that others are able to enjoy that same experience in the future.
1,027	I would hate to see our beautiful desert drive spoiled by more houses. The Taylor Morrison subdivision was bad enough. The road WAS a quiet area, great for hiking and biking, away from all the congestion. An oasis in the desert. I live near there and it was such a peaceful drive, but now there is a lot more traffic on it and no one does the speed limit. Building more houses will turn that beautiful drive into another freeway! Please don't let that happen!
1,028	People need places to live but so do animals. The Southwest has beautiful deserts and what makes this place unique.
1,029	Let us not ruin our environment/community.
1,030	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 competing athletes alike.
1,031	I live in this area. I bought my house here because of the open desert away from all the big city noise and congestion. Please leave it be and quit the over development!
1,032	As a triathlete, the Sonoran Preserve is safe place to ride and gather with friends with minimal car traffic. One, if not the only, place like it in the Valley.
1,033	I absolutely love being able to ride my bicycle from one end of Sonoran Desert Drive to the other, without the risk of heavy traffic that doesn't "see" me or the hassle and inconvenience of stoplights every half mile, like found in the city.
1,034	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.
1,035	This is a great area to enjoy the outdoors. I hike, run and ride bikes, mountain and road. If more of this area is developed it will take away from the enjoyment and sanctity of the area.
1,036	What comes after houses? Walmart, McDonald's, Circle K. Build on the west side of I-17!
1,037	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?
1,038	Would like this preserved with desert lands as much as possible
1,039	We are losing so much of our desert and hiking trails. We are just becoming more and more like California everyday. Please help preserve our habitat.
1,040	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.

1,041	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!!
1,042	It's important to keep the preserve as it was originally planned for the future. There is a concern for water during a drought in Arizona and the Anthem water table is low. That road is very congested with traffic and it's only two lanes.
1,043	We love the desert. There's no need for more condos, apartments, houses, etc. We love the nature, the trails, and just the plain surrounding of the desert wildlife. Leave it just the way it is. Leave it alone!
1,044	To preserve the preserve!
1,045	The Sonoran Preserve, and surrounding areas, is the single last vast raw desert in metropolitan Phoenix which has been designated for outdoor desert recreation, is already being destroyed on a weekly if not daily basis by dozens of vans and trailers chasing Hot Air Balloons into locations which they have no permit to land in and clearly marked with no trespassing signs. This new development stands to destroy even more exquisite and delicate Sonoran Desert vegetation, trees hundreds of years old, beautiful and rare cholla forests, and the habitat the native animals depend on. Sonoran Gate Development still has areas that were never revegetated by Taylor Morrison. This last remaining portion of desert needs to be respected, has there been a "true" environmental study performed prior to any development approvals, as we do not need any more reckless endangerment of our precious resource. More importantly we do not need more closely spaced, cheaply built, two-story, midwestern rectangular boxes, built by any developer that will simply raze the desert with no consideration given to the Arizona climate, washes, views, revegetation, traffic, noise levels, safety, etc., all in the interests of profit. I would suggest touring Sonoran Gate community before making any rash decision, and get the other side of the story, so as not to repeat the same mistakes twice. Sonoran Desert Drive already experiences vehicles traveling in excess of 60 mph, with some vehicles, driving in excess of that speed and endangering lives by swerving into oncoming traffic in order to pass those vehicles traveling the posted 45MPH speed limit. Criminal speed is a daily occurrence on this six-mile stretch of roadway. It is already an unsafe place to ride a bike or walk near the road with your children, as it is similar to walking on a freeway with vehicles passing you less than 10 feet away at 60MPH, with your only protection being a 6" curb. No development should be permitted until this road has been widened, as there have already been severe accidents. East Dove Valley Road (Sonoran Desert Drive) has also been closed several times due to accidents and fires, which makes it very unsafe for larger developments, leaving only one way in and one way out. Not to mention the stress on emergency vehicles which could increase response times as much as 45 minutes, as they have to navigate south to Loop 101 or north to carefree highway, and as far east to Cave Creek drive or west to I-17. It is already difficult to exit out of 7th Street along a blind curve while you are trying to navigate across East Dove Valley Road (Sonoran Desert Drive) with oncoming vehicles traveling 60 mph as you try to beat traffic traveling 60 mph the opposite direction, with no merge lane. This was obviously not considered during the Sonoran Desert Development, (same Developer). This has and will instead get considerably worse, as more learn about a shortcut coming North from the I-17 to the 101 and will be agitated further once future
1,046	The increase in traffic volume that will result from additional development in this area is not sustainable or in keeping with the objectives of the preserve.
1,047	A safe place to ride bikes and bike
1,048	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.

1,049	The Sonoran Desert Preserve is a beautiful area full of wildlife and desert vegetation. We must preserve and protect portions of our desert to keep balance in our environment.
1,050	Phoenix has very little areas left that shows the beauty of our desert. North Mountain and South Mountain are overused. They no longer allow people to connect with nature. People need safe areas to connect with nature and exercise for their mental and physical health. Adding more dense housing developments up next to the preserve will negatively impacted the health of our residents. Phoenix does need to increase its housing supply. Please look at areas that are more appropriate for dense housing developments. Phoenix has many areas that could benefit from redevelopment. Do we need the area to be re-zoned? Increasing density of housing around our preserve hurts our city.
1,051	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 preserve.
1,052	I moved to this area 7 years ago because it was not crowded and quieter than other Phoenix areas. The beautiful nature & mountains close by to hike and enjoy is amazing for my family. It has built up so much since then and traffic and homes & businesses have increased so much since then. We need to keep some areas free of homes and businesses and leave some space for nature and the animals. I run and love the areas where there is just desert. It would be such a shame to lose that.
1,053	We moved here to not be so close to continued urbanization. We utilize the preserves regularly for hiking, biking, and running.
1,054	This is an amazing area for hiking. Natural and untouched. You can stand on the trail and it's like you're back in time before humans destroyed the beautiful desert we have come to love.
1,055	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
1,056	I have been there many times and it really is not only a National treasure but a worldwide treasure. Places like this are dying all over the world and once they're gone there is no getting them back. Please don't let this happen to such a beautiful place
1,057	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.
1,058	The Sonoran Preserve and Sonora Desert Drive must under all circumstances remain intake and undisturbed
1,059	It's a preserve for a reason. That's why we chose to live here. Thank you.
1,060	Save wildlife and the desert
1,061	Keep the desert beautiful
1,062	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.
1,063	Mark Dotterer

1,064	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.
1,065	Please preserve the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert. It is irreplaceable!! The proposed excessive development will permanently destroy the beauty of this desert!!
1,066	Traffic and it will ruin the beauty of the area. This is corporate greed
1,067	We enjoy hiking and mountain biking. We need to preserve this beautiful area for environmental benefits also.
1,068	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.
1,069	The beauty of the desert & also a place for the animals to live. We gave already taken enough of their home.
1,070	I'm an avid road cyclist and cherish this well-paved, lightly-trafficked road with a bike lane.
1,071	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.
1,072	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.
1,073	The Sonoran Preserve is beautiful. Any development should avoid damaging this precious ecosystem. In addition, traffic on Dove Valley Road and Sonoran Desert Drive is already heavy and the 45 MPH speed limit is mostly ignored by drivers. I worry that this roadway will not be able to handle the additional traffic from new development.
1,074	So many animals will get displaced from there natural habitats.
1,075	Hiking and the overall access to the outdoors
1,076	I live next to this area and have seen how developments have led to negative effects to the desert. A substantial increase of houses will amplify this cause irreversible damage to the area.
1,077	To preserve the natural desert. Traffic is already excessive. This area is amazing for bike rides, hiking & exercise. Let's keep it that way.
1,078	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.
1,079	I am concerned about all of the housing going up and the water shortage we already have here in Phoenix
1,080	Sonoran Desert Drive is a crucial recreational corridor for cyclists and other vulnerable road users. It is an increasingly rare thoroughfare that contains a bike lane, has little to moderate car traffic, has a low enough speed limit which increase cyclists safety, and is uninterrupted by many traffic lights and stop signs. These factors make it a beautiful place to recreate and provide a safe(r) place for cyclists to explore and enjoy the beauty of the Sonoran Desert. The Sonoran Preserve provides similarly valuable recreation space for hikers, mountain bikers, and other trail users. While further development of this area may provide financial benefits to the city in the short term, the loss of natural land and recreational space will far out weigh these benefits over a longer timeline. Further development will further increase the strain on water, further contribute to the urban heat island effect, and decrease the happiness and mental benefits associated with outdoor activity and being in natural landscapes. More low density, car oriented development is not the answer to the challenges that face Phoenix.
1,081	One safe road in Arizona to ride your bike.

1,082	It is part of the AZ National nature treasure, already surrounded by many neighborhoods.. there is more land around which is not along this scenic drive and beautiful skyline ... Don't take away more nature from this nature and animal life rich area
1,083	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 if 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!!
1,084	The desert beauty of this area is its most treasured asset
1,085	This stretch of road is the safest and most beautiful stretches of uninterrupted roads for cycling in the valley. Please save it
1,086	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
1,087	We need to keep our natural surroundings for the overall health of our environment.
1,088	I want to continue enjoying walking and biking along the Sonora Desert preserve in a pleasant and safe way.
1,089	We love walking, & biking sonoran desert drive. It's nice to be active in that pristine desert. Please keep the DCOD safeguards active
1,090	The beauty and tranquility of the Sonoran Preserve is vital to the character of this community's identity.
1,091	Environmental protection of natural areas/habitats, reduce water demand, reduce pollution and traffic congestion in this area.
1,092	To keep the nature as treasure and beautiful view
1,093	I drive that way home from work most days and also hike in that area.
1,094	We've disrupted enough of the environment.
1,095	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.
1,096	Increased traffic would make the area around the preserve much more unsafe. We enjoy walking around the preserve with our children, as well as hiking on the trails. Please do not lift the restrictions on building in this beautiful area.
1,097	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.
1,098	Relatively safe paved road-cycling area and off-road trails
1,099	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.
1,100	As a lifelong resident of Arizona, I want to ensure I do my part to protect the Sonoran Preserve.

1,101	This project is not in the public's best interest. There is no need to put a new development in the middle of undisturbed dessert land when there's are plenty of area adjacent to other developments that would retain the character of the preserve. I hope this development is reconsidered or moved to be adjacent to existing developments, rather than in the middle of undisturbed preserve
1,102	Sonoran Preserve and the scenic Sonoran Desert Drive are amongst the jewels of City of Phoenix. It is critical to protect this jewel for us and the future generations by preventing the development of high density housing in this corridor.
1,103	Ekosystem Preservation of natural wild life
1,104	There has been way to much building in the Sonoran Preserve area! This is destroying the beauty of the desert. I have lived in Phoenix area for 49 years and this once beautiful desert is being destroyed by over developing. Some of the most recent developments off the I-17 and Dexasita destroy some of the mountain to put more homes in the area. When this happens we are not being good stuarsts of the land. We need to find away to live in not destroy the desert.
1,105	The Sonoran Preserve and Sonora Desert Drive are invaluable amenities. Overdevelopment of this area would greatly deteriorate the landscape and the make the air quality unhealthy for recreational purposes.
1,106	Preservation of the beautiful natural surroundings in Northern Phoenix and not to let over-development take over
1,107	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.
1,108	It is vital that we protect the natural eco-system which includes the wildlife in this area. By choking a current pathway for water and food is only starving another group that needs this corridor to survive. There are plenty of other nearby areas that are just as nice that will not block the path for our wildlife and residents who like to enjoy hiking in those areas and seeing our native desert in all it's wonder.
1,109	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.
1,110	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!
1,111	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.
1,112	Vital ecosystems are threatened by too much expansion and development.
1,113	Enjoy bicycling through the preserve. The road is too narrow for the traffic already using the parkway.
1,114	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.
1,115	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.
1,116	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

1,117	We moved to this specific location for the preserve and beauty that surrounds as it. I often bike with my children and walk outside and if Verdin company gets what they want this area will no longer be safe for leisure and family. Please protect the land I love!!
1,118	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 hones per acre is to increase their profits.
1,119	This beautiful desert area needs to maintain its character and uniqueness. It's the reason why many people live in the area. Stop!!
1,120	This land must be preserved please! There is so much development and congestion, we have to keep this area beautiful
1,121	The more people in a preserve the less of a preserve it becomes. You can already see the ramifications in nature in this area that have occurred since the road has opened and the death of the cactus. Adding more people and car traffic will just increase the speed and all that will be left will be dirt and shrubs.
1,122	Please don't let greedy developers have their way!
1,123	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.
1,124	It's a beautiful, natural preserve. It's a generous drive and the hiking and biking trails amid the serene desert are therapeutic.
1,125	Preserving natural areas and wildlife
1,126	Because of the natural beauty and I don't want anymore traffic...it has gotten worse over the last few years.
1,127	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!
1,128	My children and I enjoy riding bikes on the preserve and enjoy the open desert environment.
1,129	I participate in running and hiking in the area and treasure the natural beauty of the desert landscape.
1,130	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
1,131	We moved to this area because of the open areas and wilderness that surrounds our home. We are able to hike, take walks, and enjoy the outdoors around us while still living close enough to work and the conveniences of the city. It is ideal and increases the value of our home and our lives. Overcrowding would negatively change our day to day living significantly and take away from the beauty and value of our neighborhood.
1,132	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.

1,133	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.
1,134	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.
1,135	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.
1,136	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!
1,137	I use this road for cycling, it has to be one of the best roads for cycling in the valley. Increased development will increase traffic and make this road unsafe to ride.
1,138	My family hikes and bikes in this area and there is already too much traffic and disruption in this area. The traffic on Cave Creek Rd. and Sonoran Desert Drive is very congested and getting worse. Housing needs to be more controlled in this area to avoid infrastructure problems and environmental impacts.
1,139	Beautiful desert scenery and nearby desert recreation like hiking and biking.
1,140	Preserving our beautiful desert and its wildlife is crucial. This is what makes this area so special and why many of us chose to live here. This project will significantly add to the traffic and pollution and negatively affect this natural environment.
1,141	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.
1,142	I care about the surrounding environment and the beauty of it all. The greed of others will not benefit the future.
1,143	I feel it is important that we preserve as much of our natural habitat and beauty as possible.
1,144	Traffic and schools and preservation of the desert
1,145	Please don't massively expand the population density of Verdin! It will lower the quality of living in our area due to the massive increase in traffic!