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My Arizona state and Tucson city Representatives:

I am writing to express my concerns about the Medical Marijuana Cultivation Location that is under development near the Rita Ranch community in Tucson. I learned what this facility will be after seeing the article by Tucson Ward 4 council person Shirley Scott that was published in the October issue of The Vail Voice. By that time ground was already being cleared for the facility at 8000 S. Rita Road.

I understand that this project and site were approved by the Tucson city Planning and Development Services Department according to current city ordinances and zoning. I believe the current city ordinances and zoning are significantly flawed by allowing such a facility to be built so near a residential community, as in this case (my home is approximately ¼ mile from the site), and without any notification to the surrounding residents. I believe the current state laws regarding such facilities provide far too much latitude to Arizona cities and towns resulting in widely varying ordinances relating to these sites. I would like to propose changes to the laws, ordinances and zoning that will prevent the building of such facilities near residential communities.

These are my concerns regarding the site being constructed near Rita Ranch:

- #1 The potential for increased crime in our neighborhood
- #2 The negative impact on our property values
- #3 The adverse influence on the children and youth that live here
- #4 The odors that this facility could generate
- #5 Increased traffic on Rita Road

I propose the following changes be made to Arizona state laws and Tucson city ordinances and zoning regarding Medical Marijuana Cultivation Locations:

- #1 Create new Arizona state laws giving specific guidance and restrictions to cities and towns regarding zoning and public notification about Medical Marijuana Cultivation Locations (see items 2 & 3 below)
- #2 Create a new Tucson city zone for Medical Marijuana Cultivation Locations that must be at least 1 mile from residential zones
- #3 Require a public notice and meeting before a Medical Marijuana Cultivation Location site is approved (with direct notice to communities within 2 miles of the proposed site)

Sincerely,  
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