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September 10 '

The Downtown Motor Hotel on South Stone is raising a few eyebrows. A developer wants to tear down the Joesler-designed motel and put up a four story building to house homeless vets.

Bud Foster reports.



When is a Joesler not a Joesler?

When it comes to Josiah Joesler designed homes and buildings, people in Tucson are very particular. tucsonnewsnow.com|By Bud Foster

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Kristina Stress Knock it the f down and help our vets

28 · September 10 at 8:38pm

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Quezada Sophia Awesome if its really going to vets!!!!

19 · September 10 at 8:39pm



Bonnie LaVoie Tear that sucker down or renovate. Either way our homeless veterans deserve this and need our help!

14 · September 10 at 9:01pm

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Joseph Brookshier Is a crappy old building more important than our Vets? I don't care who designed it, it is now a crappy old building.

14 · September 10 at 8:53pm

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Mindy Leggett It's about time our vets get some assistance. Tear it down!

30 September 10 at 8:34pm

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Angela Pritchard Tear that sucker down! Our Vet's need us!

30 · September 10 at 8:28pm



Lacy Pallanes Gina, it's a eye sore.... At least it will be useful if it's made into vet housing....

11 · September 10 at 9:09pm

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Leslie Azure Why not restore this iconic downtown motel and use it as housing for homeless vets. It will cost basically the same.

11 · September 10 at 8:58pm

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4 Replies



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Susan Lewis Awesome Idea its about time we help them. God bless everyone of them.

11 · September 10 at 8:46pm

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Lisa McCracken Bear Is it empty and sitting unused? Homeless Vets it is!

18 · September 10 at 8:29pm



Cindi Richmond Help the vets !!!

8 · September 10 at 9:06pm

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Joe Staple Enough with the historical BS vets deserve it knock that old building down.

16 · September 10 at 8:32pm

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LeeAnn Turner Yes, housing for the vets!

7 · September 10 at 8:50pm

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Penny Coomes Dober About time our homeless VETS GET TAKEN CARE OF. Maybe the person who won the \$3 MEGA MILLIONS will put some of that money towards getting the job done faster, Winter is coming you know.

6 · September 10 at 9:42pm



Sherry Courville I 100% SUPPORT THAT IDEA. OUR VETS NEED US

6 · September 10 at 9:30pm

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Lacy Pallanes Knock it down!!

6 · September 10 at 9:08pm

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Elvia Corral Gandara If it's a really old building it would be a shame to knock it down. Renovate it and make it housing for homeless vets. It's a wonderful idea!

5 · September 10 at 9:30pm

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Alex Monson The 1st good thing to happen in a while in Tucson hasn't this happened yet

4 · September 10 at 9:05pm

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JoAnn Tocci I think thats the beginning of great ideas I hope they put up more, they deserve it!!Awesome Job Guys!!

4 · September 10 at 9:00pm

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Melinda Bratcher I love this idea go with it!

9 - September 10 at 8:42pm

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Melinda Mindy Shell Either way, use it for our vets. Restore, renovate, or rebuild!

8 · September 10 at 8:50pm

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Lynnette Ann MacLean I'm sure if it was a proposed future site to house illegal immigrant children it would already be in the demolition stage of this process. We need to take care of our veterans and citizens first.

3 · September 10 at 10:05pm

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2 Replies



David Madden My Grandfather and Grandmother use to run that place years ago. True story.

3 · September 10 at 10:05pm

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Donna Alvarado Oh, please put this building out of its misery and build homes for vets!

7 · September 10 at 9:20pm

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Veronica Nicholls Humans have been on earth more than 70 years... I think it's more important to restore humans and humanity. It is so awful that we have to have a discussion between keeping an old building than helping people...

2 · September 11 at 7:11am

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Jenny Doll Flores They deserve much more than what they have to settle for today. This is an amazing idea, imagine if they did this to more buildings in Tucson their wouldn't be any homeless vets.

2 · September 10 at 10:24pm

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Holly Hornbaker Draper Help the vets! Weather you restore or rebuild!

2 · September 10 at 9:58pm

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Penny Coomes Dober Maybe this city should have done this instead of spending the money on the street car, what a waste, now the traffic lights are wearing out and no money to fix them so lights stay red longer, but hey, we have a street car and no shelter for homeless VETS...WAY TO GO TUCSON!!

2 - September 10 at 9:48pm

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Marcos Ayala Great idea

2 · September 10 at 9:46pm

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Tammie Anderson Vets are far more important they are the reason we have history

1 · September 12 at 7:15am



Cindy Adams Bell Hodges Wonderful do it.bless you.

1 · September 11 at 7:05am

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Shannon Robbie Terrell Our vets need help!!! Take it down and give our vets a safe place to come and rest!!!

1 · September 11 at 5:17am

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Julie Cardwell They've had 70+ years to restore the thing. No one bothered. Now it can be replaced with something useful and they are screaming no no its historic and valuable. OH PLEASE!

1 · September 11 at 1:13am

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Elisa AlFin DelMundo Jacquelyn Thomas

1 · September 11 at 12:31am

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Jacquelyn Thomas Noooooooooo!

September 11 at 6:06am

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Santanya Santa Cruz Not Good . remodel it if possible. It would be more historical and keeping traditional old pueblo style in mind .. it would be an awesome home!!

1 - September 10 at 11:07pm

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Kaydie Smith Loosing that building is sad. Can't they find a different property for the Vets. This could be restored as a historical building and house small shops. Too many of Tucson's old buildings have been demolished especially in the 1960's.

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Kristy Samantha Tear it down. Our Veterans deserve better than to be homeless.

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Eloy Alonso Velderrain Cardenas Help them vets

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Alma Norzagaray Did i miss something KELLEE smirh...or maybe you just don't read right!

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Janie Ingram Fantastic idea...

September 12 at 8:39pm

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Janet Castillo Move on up...in a nice..better way...like Noah's arc

September 12 at 10:26am

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Pamela Rahlan Yes yes yes. This is a must!

September 12 at 10:12am



Leslie Joe Great idea!

September 12 at 10:02am

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Laura Quackenbush Yes this blog is old and historic. It's an eyesore and we need a safe place for our vets to live. Carry on.

September 12 at 9:15am

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Cheryl Cardoza Cayce Great idea!

September 12 at 8:08am

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Tammie Anderson Great idea

September 12 at 7:07am

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Leslie Azure No reply is needed I'm sure I'll never win this anyway

September 11 at 6:31pm

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Pearl Cooper Think they should do it

September 11 at 1:24pm

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Mardi Ayala Mercado We should use it for vets and illegals! The illegals can cook, clean, do repairs and the landscaping!

September 11 at 12:50pm

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Robin Minghelli Yes!!!

September 11 at 12:17pm

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Jim Glampe Another Tucson piece of history going to the wrecking ball, I am all for the purpose but think they should try to make do with whats there!

September 11 at 12:05pm



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Sally Evans Go for it

September 11 at 11;55am

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Vanessa Posada Great idea!

September 11 at 11:36am

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Jodi Trowbridge Good thank u god

September 11 at 11:00am

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Tiffany Robinson It's time we start taking care of our vets!

September 11 at 9:15am



Remove Becky Carroll Yup September 11 at 8:49am Remove Remove Anthony Pesqueira Do it! And give them a new start! September 11 at 8:43am Remove Remove Zachary Tifft Claire Hill September 11 at 8:15am Remove Pitt Rylie Cause they want new and improved instead of out dated stuff that looks like crap im all for modern buildings its a work of art now tucson give us modern roads September 11 at 6:07am · Edited Remove

Yasmin Rascon That's awesome!!

September 11 at 5:40am

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Louise Scharf it's a tough decision for the community, but I think the vets will get their building

September 11 at 5:34am

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Lynnette Ann MacLean If you read the article there are people against it. Some don't want a 4 story building, another wants to turn it into a modern hotel which definitely wouldn't be housing for homeless vets. My point is that I don't see people down there protesting and showing support for this project for housing for the vets. I probably shouldn't try explaining anything to someone who resorts to immature and juvenile behaviors like name calling.

September 11 at 12:53am

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Eulalia Riffle They need more than just a place to live they need to get help with jobs and getting into the VA for medical help. Their is a place for homeless vets it's called E&E over by the air base, it was donated by the base and the houses have been built by some home builders and by others in the community. Our family was homeless and they helped us get back on our feet. Great non profit

September 11 at 12:45am



Mateo Vick Whosoever Yes do it

September 11 at 12:38am

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James Seaman It's about the going forward of the barrio, too many people are stuck in a rut and are set in their ways. Time to move on.

September 11 at 12:17am

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Ira Jimmerson Dats a great idea more millionaires should do da same

September 11 at 12:04am

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Angelica Mickelson Yay!! That's a great idea please make it happen for them they deserve that and a lot more!!!!

September 10 at 11:50pm

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Donna Martin Whorah!!!

September 10 at 11:45pm

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An Drew Its fenced off, looks like crap, and is taking up space that can be used for what it needs to be used for. Sounds like the neighbors are a bit like hoarders if you ask me.

September 10 at 11:22pm

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Christella Salazar Awesome!!!

September 10 at 11:02pm

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Ellen Long Burgess Great idea

September 10 at 11:00pm

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Jennifer Fiems That's awesome an all but terrible neighborhood

September 10 at 10:57pm



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Brittnie Renee I am so glad they are finally getting this done. And it's a great location as most of them "live" on the area. While this should have been done long ago I am glad it's finally in the works to get done. Some people I work with are helping with this project and I am so glad the hard work they are putting in is finally paying off.

September 10 at 10:38pm

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Lupita Amisa The question doesn't even need to be posed, should be a resounding "yes!" No hesitation, tear it down

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September 10 at 10:22pm

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Tracey Kuznicki Is that the old Sahara hotel??

September 10 at 10:12pm



Michael James The old Sahara is on north Stone I think and it's student rental housing.

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Fred Gibson That's a FANTASTIC IDEA. This buildings architecture and historical past just rant with Saving.

September 10 at 9:59pm

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Robert Goode Ok

September 10 at 9:52pm

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Gina Castillo There's other places.

1 · September 10 at 9:05pm

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Gina Castillo Hell no!

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Berna Jean Holland Sounds like a great idea to me.

September 10 at 10:40pm

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Melayne T. Mills And call it what? The Vets Projects?!

September 10 at 11:09pm