

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]April 6th Public Hearing: UDC Amendments-Underground Transmission Line Relief C8-22-04 Special Exceptions

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 11:00:59 AM Mountain Standard Time

From: PlanningCommission

To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Stuart Lorch <slorch357@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:00:43 AM (UTC-07:00) Arizona

To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>

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Dear Planning Commissioner

Placing the power lines underground is the right thing for TEP to do as doing would be safer for the community and it would be safer and more cost effective for TEP to maintain in the future. Placing the lines underground would also help to maintain the beauty (that draws so many visitors to Tucson) of the historic neighborhoods in the area served by TEP.

Thank you,

Stuart Lorch

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]Special Exemptions C8-22-04 opposition
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 11:25:59 AM Mountain Standard Time
From: PlanningCommission
To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning
Attachments: TEP Planning Comm. ltr. AB.pdf, TEP Planning Comm. ltr. HB.pdf

From: hb@hbaldwinlaw.com <hb@hbaldwinlaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:25:51 AM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>
Cc: Ab@Hbaldwinlaw.Com <ab@hbaldwinlaw.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Special Exemptions C8-22-04 opposition

Please provide the attached to the Commission and schedule Annette Baldwin and Howard Baldwin to provide comments at the 4-6-22 meeting.

Howard Baldwin

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UDC Amendments Underground Transmission Line
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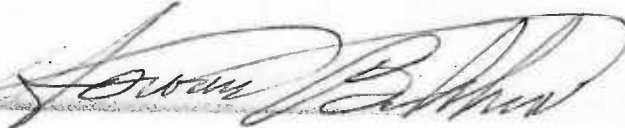
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]keep electrical transmission lines underground
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 1:59:10 PM Mountain Standard Time
From: PlanningCommission
To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Ann D Pattison <pattison.ad@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 1:58:55 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>; Ward6 <Ward6@tucsonaz.gov>; cityclerk <cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]keep electrical transmission lines underground

To: The Planning Commision, Mayor & Council, Steve Kozachik,

Please do not loosen the current regulations that require underground electrical transmission lines in Scenic and Gateway Corridors. Tucson should be moving toward--not away from--reducing the visibility of overhead wires wherever possible (not just those in Scenic and Gateway Corridors). We should be working toward making Tucson a more beautiful place with beautiful vistas, especially in these stressful times. An unsightly mesh of overhead wires adversely impacts the quality of life for all affected residents, your constituents. But since Tucson thrives on tourist dollars, reducing the impact of those overhead lines on our beautiful scenic views (and photos) is imperative. Please do not backslide on the codes we have in place to protect our Scenic and Gateway Corridors.

Sincerely,

Ann Pattison

333 S. Eastbourne Ave. 85716 (midtown)

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]C8-22-04 April 6, 2022 Public Hearing - Comments - Underground Transmission Line Relief Special Exception UDC Text Amendment

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 2:30:00 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: PlanningCommission

To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: rogercarpenter6@icloud.com <rogercarpenter6@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 2:29:52 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona

To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]C8-22-04 April 6, 2022 Public Hearing - Comments - Underground Transmission Line Relief Special Exception UDC Text Amendment

(Name) _____ Roger and Judy Carpenter _____

(Address) _____ 1124 N. Camino de Oeste _____

Tucson, AZ 85745

April 5, 2022

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UDC Text Amendment Public Hearing (Citywide)

April 6, 2022

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Sincerely,

Roger and Judy Carpenter Members of Tucson Mts. Association and
Gates Pass Area Neighborhood Association for over 20 years

I stand with Tucson Mountains Association, est. 1934.

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]138KV Campbell Avenue -UDC Amendments-Underground Transmission line Relief C8-22-04
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 3:10:50 PM Mountain Standard Time
From: PlanningCommission
To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning
Attachments: April6th.pdf

From: Randy Hotchkiss <hotchfin@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 3:10:32 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>; Steve Kozachik <Steve.Kozachik@tucsonaz.gov>; cnichols17@cox.net <cnichols17@cox.net>; alicer@dakotacom.net <alicer@dakotacom.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]138KV Campbell Avenue -UDC Amendments-Underground Transmission line Relief C8-22-04

4/5/2022

To those listed,

Find attached my comments and photos regarding the above referenced subject of the April 6th Planning Commission Meeting

Thank you !



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Planning Commission

Tucson, Arizona

Via e-mail: PlanningCommission@Tucsonaz.gov

Re: Hearing date April 6, 2022

UDC Amendments -Underground Transmission Line Relief C8-22-04

Special exceptions

Submitted by: Randy Hotchkiss

Let me begin by stating that I am a Tucson native and UofA alum with a degree majoring in Finance and Area Development. I also own two small businesses that have been successful over the years. I live at 1945 E. Mabel St. which is two blocks North of Speedway and one block East of Campbell. My area is in the Southwest quadrant of Historical Blenman Elm neighborhood. The Southwest quadrant of Blenman Elm will be very negatively impacted both visually and with a resulting decrease in property values by the installation of above ground 138 KV power structures.

As part of my Area Development minor, I studied major European city planning and development. Paris France was just one example of proper planning and development with preserving visual beauty and property values in mind by placing major electric transmission lines underground.

There are several other European examples but there are several examples north of Tucson in Oro Valley and the new part of Marana where proper planning and development called for undergrounding high- power transmission lines.

North of us in Scottsdale, Chandler and many other newer developments have been planned and developed with visual impact and property values in mind.

I realize it is easier to properly plan and develop in new developments. However, that does not mean we cannot take the time and, yes, spend more money to improve other parts of town, especially, in Historical neighborhoods and scenic routes.

I approach this issue not only from what the negative visual impact will be along the Campbell Avenue corridor, but also, from the loss of property value that will result.

Photos have been submitted to the Planning Commission of power retrofitting by the installation of massive above ground transmission lines. The Grant Road installation is an example of the negative visual impact that resulted. Country Club Road is another example. There are many examples. It is too late to plan and develop these corridors correctly because the power structures are already installed.

It is not too late, however, to properly plan and develop the electrical power needs of Banner Hospital and the University of Arizona which will be the primary beneficiaries of the increased power capacity.

I have attached exhibit A and A-1 which is the stretch of Sunrise with all power placed underground. Exhibits B and B-1 are the portions of Sunrise Drive East of Craycroft with the 138KV power line structures above ground. This gives a good example of what we will see along the Campbell Avenue Corridor if the 138KV power structures are placed above ground.

I am sensitive to the need for City beautification and historical preservation. The Campbell Avenue corridor North of Broadway is bounded by several historical neighborhoods as well as the East end of the UofA sports complex, the East end of the beautiful UofA mall and north of Speedway by the Banner Medical Center complex. Historical designated neighborhoods are on both sides of Campbell Avenue.

Because of the disastrous negative impacts, the proposed above ground 138 KV power line will cause. I am opposed to any exceptions being granted to the City of Tucson enacted gateway and scenic route regulations

Sincerely,



Randy Hotchkiss hotchfin@aol.com

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Exhibit A - Sunrise Drive looking East from Swan Road -All electric underground -nice view



Exhibit A-1 Further East on Sunrise Drive. All electric underground



**Exhibit B-1 Further East on Sunrise-example of 138KV
power structure installation**

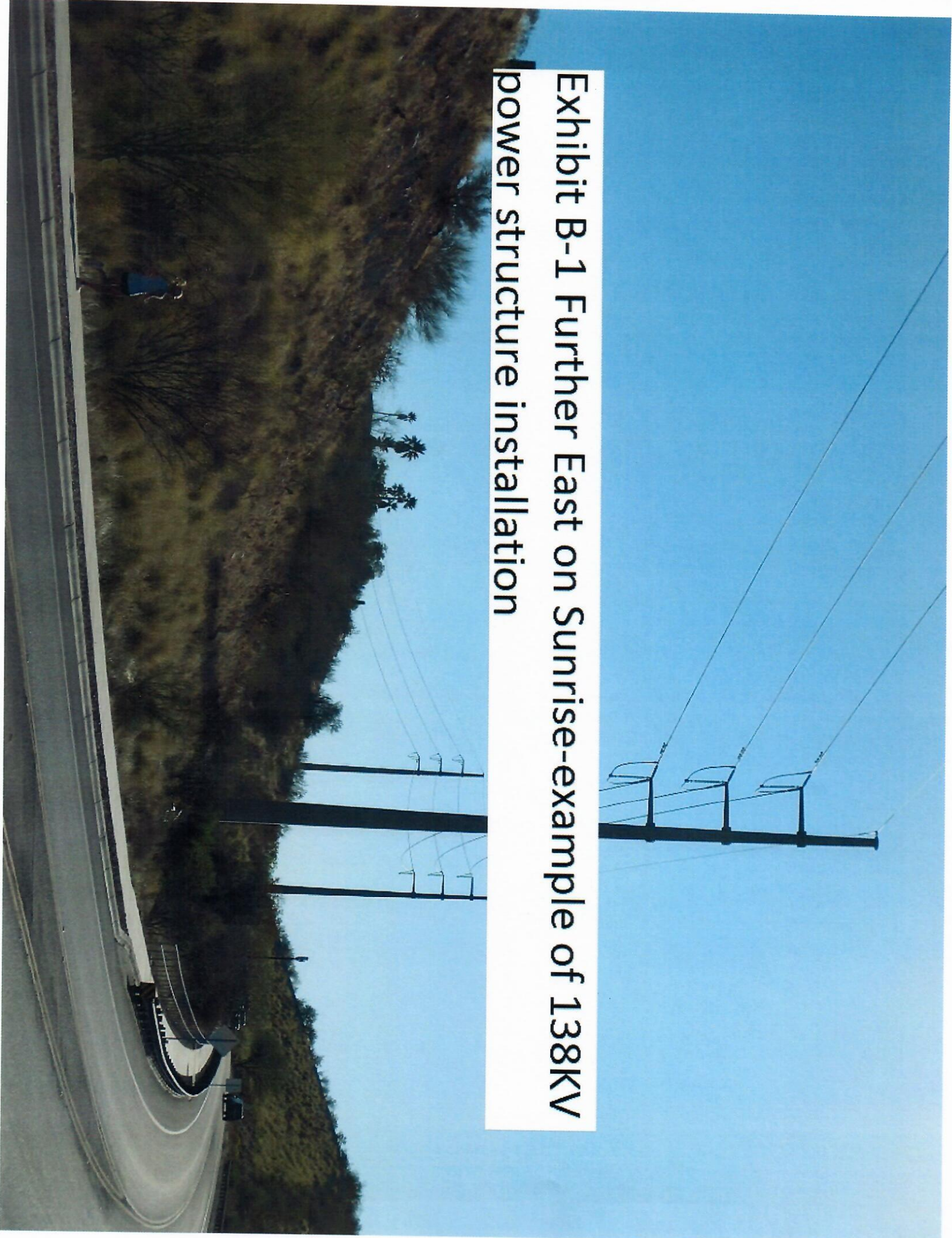
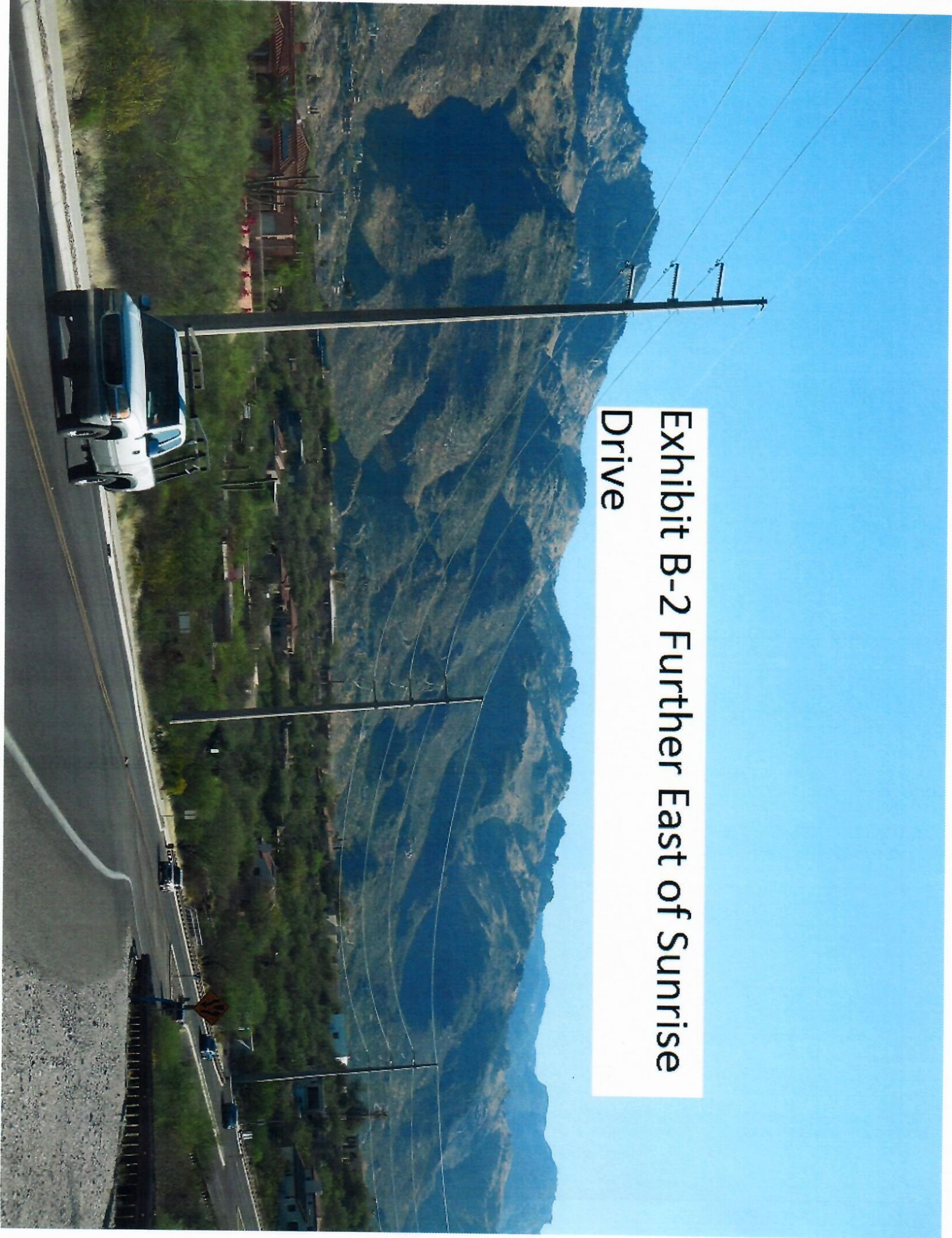


Exhibit B-2 Further East of Sunrise Drive



Subject: FW: Comment on case number (C8-22-04)
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 3:39:23 PM Mountain Standard Time
From: PlanningCommission
To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: fran donnellan <fdonnellan@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 3:39:17 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Comment on case number (C8-22-04)

Please excuse the error highlighted in yellow below. The year should be 2022.

Thank you.
Frances Donnellan
Jefferson Park Neighborhood

From: fran donnellan
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 2:23 PM
To: PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>
Subject: Comment on case number (C8-22-04)

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It is my hope that you will recognize the commitment homeowners have taken to preserve our historic neighborhoods by participating in numerous public input sessions all in an effort to make Tucson a community in which people want to live and stay.

Pride in home ownership ripples into a greater community in numerous ways including a healthier economy. Disturbing the historic neighborhoods and Gateway views of the Santa Catalina Mountains with above ground power lines is counterintuitive.

Please respect the need for positive growth and a healthy Tucson economy by placing the power lines underground.

Thank you
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]C8-22-04 April 6, 2022 Public Hearing - Comments - Underground Transmission Line Relief Special Exception UDC Text Amendment
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 3:53:42 PM Mountain Standard Time
From: PlanningCommission
To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Wiley Cornell <wileycornell@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 3:53:31 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: PlanningCommission
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Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 4:29:17 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: PlanningCommission

To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Anne Edwards <tucsoncactus65@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 4:29:08 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona

To: PlanningCommission

Subject: [EXTERNAL]C8-22-04 April 6, 2022 Public Hearing - Comments - Underground Transmission Line Relief Special Exception UDC Text Amendment

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(Address)4920 W. Harris Hawk Pl _____

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I am a resident of the Sam Hughes Neighborhood and a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, located at Speedway and Campbell, which provides numerous social services to the Tucson community and includes a Joesler-designed chapel. I have requested to speak at the meeting, but wanted to send my comments in writing as I will likely not be able to cover all of these thoughts if I'm able to speak.

Please do not recommend the proposed changes in the above referenced matter. Our Scenic and Gateway Corridors must be protected, not undermined.

My thoughts on some of the "justifications" TEP is providing for keeping these unsightly high voltage transmission lines above-ground are as follows:

12-d: Per TEP, existing high-voltage transmission lines, vertical structures, or buildings already compromise the viewshed.

- Response: This is absolutely untrue. While there are occasional taller buildings that affect views, they are infrequent on the proposed route, especially adjacent to historic neighborhoods. Many are iconic landmarks, such as churches, that enhance rather than detract from the view. Others, such as Sam Hughes Place at Campbell and 6th St, were carefully planned with architecture and landscaping to blend in with the surrounding area along the scenic. There are many mature trees in the proposed route that help obscure current overhead lines. The proposed overhead high voltage transmission lines are more numerous and much taller than occasional current structures and trees along this scenic route. They would absolutely compromise the current viewshed.
- When we purchased our home, we paid quite a bit more than we would have for a home of similar size and age in other midtown neighborhoods because of its location in a historic neighborhood along a scenic route. If the exception is granted to TEP to waive undergrounding the power lines, property owners lose twice- our views and our property values. Presumably, the City of Tucson also loses as lower property values will mean lower property tax revenues

12-h. Proposed transmission lines provide electrical service to critical customers where overhead lines are strongly recommended for specialized operations; examples include but are not limited to: provision of electricity to Davis Monthan AFB or other installations necessary to the national defense, hospitals, research facilities, etc.

- The University of Arizona and Banner Medical Center are not comparable to a US Air Force Base!
- The University is constantly expanding, to their credit, due to outstanding research. Banner has been working on a well-planned expansion of their facilities for years. If there was a need for additional electricity, why was this not broached when building permits were issued? The cost of following the Gateway/Scenic ordinance to underground improved delivery of electricity should have been addressed prior to the start of construction, and built into the construction budget. I was a member of the neighborhood advisory group which Banner convened during their remodel and expansion. They never once mentioned that current electrical infrastructure was insufficient. If hospitals and research facilities are a priority for provision of electricity, why was this information not shared with Banner and UArizona, and why was the cost of following the Gateway/Scenic Ordinance by undergrounding utilities not considered during construction? Why is a scenic gateway route in danger of being destroyed after the fact?

12-i. Proposed overhead transmission lines, rather than undergrounded transmission lines on a particular route, would avoid undesirable aesthetic, viewshed, or other adverse impacts that would result from facilities being located on an alternative route.

- Ridiculous! Undergrounding as required by the Gateway/Scenic ordinance prevents undesirable aesthetic, viewshed or other adverse impacts on *any* route that threatens scenic routes and historic areas.
- The “public input” process for determining the route for proposed overhead utilities was flawed from the get-go. The entire west side of the proposed route along Campbell from 6th St to Pima includes the University of Arizona and Banner University Medical Center to the west and the historic neighborhoods and churches on the east. Of course, there would be few or no comments from the University and Banner, resulting in fewer objections to this route than others which had residential and commercial properties on both sides of the proposed route. The process was therefore skewed towards selecting the route down Campbell Ave, a designated Scenic and Gateway Corridor.

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A stated economic goal for Tucson is to attract new businesses and create jobs. Our Gateway corridors are areas which visitors driving into Tucson from the airport see first. Our goal should be to make a favorable “first impression” rather than installing unsightly overhead power lines usually seen in industrial or sparsely populated areas.

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Sincerely,
Mary Durham-Pflibsen

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]C8-22-04 April 6, 2022 Public Hearing - Comments - Underground Transmission Line Relief Special Exception UDC Text Amendment

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 6:29:07 AM Mountain Standard Time

From: PlanningCommission

To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: li schmidt <lischmidt0@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 6:28:23 AM (UTC-07:00) Arizona

To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>

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Re: Request to Not Recommend Proposed Changes

C8-22-04 Underground Transmission Line Relief Special Exception

UDC Text Amendment Public Hearing (Citywide)

April 6, 2022

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Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 12:16:22 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: PlanningCommission

To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: David Jewell <gibookmail@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 12:16:13 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona

To: PlanningCommission

Subject: [EXTERNAL]C8-22-04 April 6, 2022 Public Hearing - Comments - Underground Transmission Line Relief Special Exception UDC Text Amendment

David Jewell
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]138Kv poles in Jefferson Park
Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 12:51:43 PM Mountain Standard Time
From: PlanningCommission
To: Daniel Bursuck, Koren Manning

From: Thomas Staudt <tstaudt2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 12:51:27 PM (UTC-07:00) Arizona
To: PlanningCommission <PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]138Kv poles in Jefferson Park

More input!

My opinion hasn't changed and it's a sad commentary that I need to continually comment on this issue.

Your plan to run tall power poles through the Jefferson Park neighborhood is a slap in the face and an insult to the residents there. We've worked hard to establish the JP historic status, we've planted trees, created stormwater retention basins, all to improve the quality of life and the value of our properties. Your oversized poles proposed to run right through the heart of our neighborhood are in direct conflict with our efforts.

Some of your weak arguments are that it's only a temporary decline in property value. Wrong, you don't recover from unsightly oversized poles. Another: there is a higher demand in our neighborhood for this service. Wrong again, the residence in JP has pretty much stayed the same. The higher usage demand is from The University and Banner Hospital just look around at all the new facilities at their sites. And I'm not going to even touch on the Gateway Corridor issue. But one additional note, you removed the Vine St. option from your proposals and then when we felt some progress was being made you put it back in, a stunt like that should never be allowed! The ACC needs to look into your so-called negotiation methods.

Thomas Staudt
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April 5, 2021

Chairperson Wellott
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Request to speak at the April 6, 2022 meeting

Dear Chairperson Wellott and Commissioners:

Tucson Mountains Association (TMA), established in 1934, represents the interests of thousands of residents throughout the entire Tucson Mountains.

TMA is opposed to the above referenced matter and respectfully encourages you and the members of the Planning Commission to not recommend the above referenced matter for approval to Mayor and Council.

The Scenic and Gateway Corridor Zones are of value to Tucsonans. Scenic Corridors (UDC 5.3) are designed to protect the scenic resources and natural vegetation. Gateway Corridors intend to create a favorable visual impression to tourists and provide an attractive street. The Scenic and Gateway Ordinances provide the outline / mechanisms to protect them. Unfortunately, TEP's outdated policies that are not mitigating risk, reliability or providing the aesthetic or protective environmental qualities Tucsonans require.

Undermine Enforcement of the Scenic and Gateway Ordinances. The proposed codification of TEP's Excuses as Special Exceptions will undermine enforcement of the Scenic and Gateway Ordinances. No utility needs to have their excuses for *not* completing their job in the UDC. No Utility needs to have a special procedure created that perforates the ordinance from the beginning. will put too much pressure and responsibility on the Zoning Examiner. This is an unlawful delegation of authority.

Introduces more challenges to the public's ability to appeal. The exchange for front end community involvement in the Special Exception process is a more expensive appeals process for the average person to appeal because more steps in the appeal process.

TMA respectfully requests the Planning Commission to not recommend the proposed changes to the C8-22-04. Tucson needs enforcement of our Scenic and Gateway Ordinances. The loss of undergrounding in the Scenic Route would create particular harm to the aesthetics and protection of the natural areas of the Tucson Mountains.

Respectfully,

Denise Baldwin
Vice-President
Tucson Mountains Association