Ruth Hamilton, PMPC, solicited support from House Bill 2218 to prohibit state or any subdivisions from building highways within the Mountain Preserve without voter approval. It passed.

Letter of support to legislature from David Gironda,
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Hon. William Mundell, Chairman and  
Hon. Susan Gerard, Vice-Chairman and  
the Members of the Environment Committee,  
Arizona State Legislature  

Re: Mountain Preserves; alienation: H.B. 2218  

Dear Sirs and Madames:  

To all Americans the words "for purple mountains' majesties above the fruited plains" propagates visions of unspoiled, natural vistas. To the people of Phoenix these words represent what we know as home, and what we have endeavored to preserve for our future generations. Arizona is the promise of a new, unspoiled land for the many "pioneers" who continue to choose to settle here. But the fact that people are still coming, to enjoy the environment and lifestyle we hold so dear, creates pressures on land use and transportational needs. This perpetual threat to our majes- 
tic mountains was recognized years ago by concerned citizens. Thanks to the steadfast commitment of these patriots, the Phoenix Mountain Preserve system has set aside over 24,000 acres of the most visible elevations of desert terrain. The voting majority has, time and again, supported this program with bond elections for acquisition and initiatives relegating the disposition of the Preserves to the electors. However, the establish- 
ment of the Preserve parklands and adoption of a Mountain Preserve section in the Phoenix City Code (Chapter 26, Section 1-5) has not completely removed the mountains from the threat of eminent domain for roadway purposes. The House Bill before you is a sincere attempt to correct this deficiency, so that protection is achieved for the public good, through their own ballot determination, in a truly democratic process.  

It should be noted that, regardless of the Phoenix City Code or this proposed House Bill, the electorate will not have ultimate control over highways through public parks, since highways are subject to federal statutes under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (23 U.S.C.A. Sec. 138), Section 138 of the Federal Aid to Highway Act (49 U.S.C.A. Sec. 1653 (f)) and Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C.A. Sec. 4332). Likewise, the State Route in the State Highway System referred to in this House Bill is also subject to these federal statutes, being a segment of a major highway project having federal aid assistance. As stated within the landmark U.S. Court of Appeals case, cited as 446F.2d 1013, on Page 1014, No. 7-Highways, "the State as a partner in construction of the project was bound by those laws (of Congress) and could not subvert the principle of federal supremacy by a mere change in bookkeeping or by shifting funds from one project to another in an attempt to proceed with the project using its own funds."  

I sincerely hope that this House Bill 2218 is passed and enacted in a manner that will result in the control of roadways through Mountain Preserve property. The mountains have been bought and paid for by the citizens, it is they who enjoy the multitude of trails and recreational opportunities provided by these preserves; it is only fitting and proper that they decide if roadways are appropriate. Thank you for your diligent consideration and support of this popular cause.  

Respectfully submitted,  

David C. Gironda, 1515 East Las Palmaritas, Phoenix, AZ 85020 944-9323
State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-ninth Legislature  
Second Regular Session  
1990

H. B. 2218

Introduced by[signature]

AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF MOUNTAIN PRESERVE PROPERTY; PROSCRIBING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGHWAY WITHIN A DESIGNATED MOUNTAIN PRESERVE WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MAJORITY OF ELECTORS VOTING ON THE MATTER; PRESCRIBING AN EXCEPTION, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 9-407 AND 28-1864, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 9-407, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

9-407. Exchange and sale of real property; notice of intent; disposition of mountain preserve property

A. Any incorporated city or town may by ordinance authorize an exchange of a parcel of real property for any other parcel of real property within the incorporated city or town, provided the parcels of real property are of substantially equal value and the exchange meets the terms and conditions set forth in such ordinance.

B. Any incorporated city or town may sell a parcel of real property to another political subdivision without following the procedures specified in sections 9-402 and 9-403.

C. A notice of intent to exchange or sell any property pursuant to this section shall be published in accordance with the provisions of section 39-204 before the exchange or sale.

D. A CHARTER CITY SHALL NOT SELL, TRADE OR OTHERWISE ALIENATE, REDESIGNATE OR LEASE OR OTHERWISE DELETE OR REMOVE ANY LAND WITHIN A DESIGNATED MOUNTAIN PRESERVE EXCEPT BY APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING ON THE MATTER. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION,
"DESIGNATED MOUNTAIN PRESERVE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 28-1864.

Sec. 2. Section 28-1864, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

28-1864. Opening, altering or vacating highway; review of order

A. When the director or the transportation board desires to establish, open, relocate, alter, vacate or abandon a state highway, or any portion thereof, the director shall make and deliver a written report to the transportation board describing the highway, or portion thereof, to be affected thereby. If the transportation board decides that the public convenience will be served, it shall enter a resolution upon its minutes approving the proposed action and authorizing the director to proceed thereon, and to acquire any property therefor by condemnation or otherwise.

B. The superior court may review by certiorari the action of the transportation board establishing, opening, relocating, altering, vacating or abandoning state highways.

C. This state or a political subdivision of this state shall not construct, lay out, open or establish a highway through a designated mountain preserve unless the construction of the highway is approved by a majority of the electors of a charter city voting on the matter. This subsection does not apply to a state route which is proposed to be constructed within a designated mountain preserve and which is in the state highway system on the effective date of this amendment to this section. For the purposes of this subsection, "designated mountain preserve" means individual parcels of real property within a charter city which have been designated as a whole as a mountain preserve, as long as the real property cannot be sold, traded, alienated, redesignated, leased or otherwise deleted or removed from the mountain preserve except by approval of a majority of the electors voting on the matter, and which have been accumulated or designated through any of the following methods:

1. Real property owned by a charter city which is lying within any generally recognized mountain preserve area.

2. Real property purchased by a charter city in whole or in part for the purpose of including the real property within a mountain preserve with the proceeds of general obligation bonds issued by the charter city.

3. Real property designated by ordinance to be a part of a mountain preserve by the city council of a charter city.
Ceremonial signing of H. B. 2218 by Governor Rose Mofford

The Saga of H.B. 2218 and How it Came to Pass
By Ruth Hamilton

(Editor’s note: There were 1,236 bills introduced into the Legislature during 1990. Last year only 27.6 percent of bills introduced actually became law. There is no way H.B. 2218 could have succeeded without Ruth Hamilton’s legislative knowhow, her many friends in the Legislature and her remarkable devotion to the Mountain Preserves. The citizens of Phoenix who set aside the Mountain Preserves as natural areas owe an incredible debt of gratitude to Ruth.)

It didn’t just happen! It took a lot of luck, a lot of work and a willingness to compromise. But we now have a law in Arizona which prohibits construction of a highway within the Phoenix Mountains Preserves without the consent of the majority of Phoenix electors voting on the matter.

It began last fall when I approached Rep. Bill Mundell, Chairman of the House Environment Committee, and told him that PMPC wanted a bill to protect the Preserves from having roads built through them without the consent of Phoenix voters.

He agreed to explore the matter and met with a committee consisting of PMPC President Mike Goodman, Board Member and Environmental Attorney Jeff Zimmerman, Vice Chairman of the Phoenix Parks Board Penny Howe, Chairman of the South Mountain Master Plan Committee Donna Larson Maffeo

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and myself.

Rep. Mundell agreed to sponsor the bill, but wanted cosponsors and approval of the House leadership.

I tried to reach House Speaker Jane Hull, but she was either in a meeting or out of town. I was becoming frustrated when I saw Majority Whip Chris Herstam at a meeting and explained my inability to reach Speaker Hull.

He later met with Mike, Jeff, Penny and me and agreed to introduce our bill. He advised us to eliminate the Southwest Loop, already a part of the State highway system and likely to arouse much opposition.

We took his advice with the understanding that PMPC opposed the Southwest Loop and would continue to do so.

Jeff Zimmerman worked with Rep. Herstam's staff attorneys to formulate our bill.

At another meeting Senator Pete Corpstein stopped me and corrected my impression that he was not in support of the Mountains Preserves. I quickly set up a meeting with him for Past PMPC Presidents Penny Howe, Chuck Monroe and myself.

To our surprise, he so thoroughly endorsed our bill that he wanted to introduce it. But it was already "in the works" in the House, with Chris Herstam set to introduce it.

It was then my job to locate other sponsors. We were happy that both House and Senate Majority and Minority leaders signed on our bill, along with the House Speaker Hull, six committee chairmen, the representatives of the district which includes South Mountain, and the ranking member of the House. The bill was entered, numbered - and then we began to hear that Phoenix was dissatisfied with it.

Our bill included key provisions of Chapter 26 of the Phoenix City Charter: "A charter city shall not sell, trade or otherwise alienate, redesignate or lease or remove any land within a designated mountain preserve except by approval of a majority of the electors voting thereon." But Phoenix did not want to have its actions restricted by a State law, and there were rumors of sister cities also objecting.

I set up a meeting with City Lobbyist Norris Norvold and a City attorney, Mike, Jeff, Penny and me. We agreed to delete that provision but stood firm on our main objective - to prevent the State or any political subdivision thereof from building a road through the Mountain Preserves without the consent of Phoenix voters.

Prior to the hearing before the House Environment Committee I wrote all PMPC Board Members requesting that they contact each Committee member. I personally visited or telephoned each Committee member myself.

At the Committee hearing February 2, I was prepared to deliver a great speech when Chris Herstam said, "Don't waste their time. Just thank the Committee..."
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members." I did get to introduce our members who turned out.

Asked where Phoenix stood on the bill, Lobbyist Norvold replied that the City Council approved the bill as amended. The bill passed unanimously, then passed unanimously in the Rules Committee, and on February 22 was passed unanimously by the House, thrilling those of us in attendance.

On to the Senate. I had been telephoning President Usdaine for several weeks, but he didn't return my calls. It took three trips to the Senate before I caught him in his office.

He graciously received me and told me he would assign it to Senator Corpstein's Transportation Committee. Again I wrote all PMPC Board members to contact Committee members and I personally reached each one by telephone or in person.

On March 22 the Senate Transportation Committee met. I was in the middle of a great speech when Chairman Corpstein said I had no opposition, so I answered a few questions and sat down.

Senator Todd made the Do Pass motion and it was unanimously approved.

It passed through Rules and was approved by the Senate 22 to 6.

Maxine Lakin went with me to the Governor's office to see if we could arrange for a signing ceremony. No one was there, so I left my name. Later I received a call that Governor Mofford would give us a public signing ceremony on April 9.

About 20 people turned out for the ceremony - including Legislators, Parks Director Jim Colley, members of the South Mountain Master Plan Committee, Ben Avery and PMPC members.

Governor Mofford graciously posed for pictures, then signed the bill and presented me with the pen. It was one of the most fulfilling and proud experiences of my life.

THANKS - THANKS - and THANKS AGAIN to VOLUNTEERS

The PMPC wishes to thank the eager volunteers (too numerous to list) who worked in its booths at the Environmental Expo held February 24 & 25 at Tempe's PERA Club Park and at the Earth Day celebration held April 21 & 22 at Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State Capitol.

Thanks are also in order for KAET - Channel 8, which invited Dottie Gilbert to present a 2 1/2 minute commentary on a subject of her choice. She chose, of course, to showcase the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council and its work in preserving our mountains. Her remarks were aired on the Horizon show May 7.

Thanks, too, to Tim Bombaci for the design and execution of the new PMPC Membership flyer. It contains, not only an explanation of the PMPC's accomplishments and goals, dramatic pictures and a membership blank, but also maps of Phoenix and South Mountain Preserve trails.
February 6, 1992

Ms. Jackie Pearson, Chairman
Paradise Valley Village Planning Committee
7975 North Hayden, Suite B200
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Dear Jackie:

RE: PARADISE VALLEY VILLAGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - TRANSPORTATION

After attending your meeting last night, I was surprised that the issue of extending 32nd Street from Lincoln Drive through the mountains to 40th Street and Shea was not on your short list of critical transportation issues.

On behalf of Westcor and all of our employees who live and work in Paradise Village but who frequently commute to downtown Phoenix, I strongly encourage you to return this issue to your list of critical transportation issues and become an advocate for extending 32nd Street through the mountains as an alternate route to Tatum Boulevard and the Squaw Peak Parkway.

Do not let a few hundred horse-lovers (many of whom do not even own horses and most of the rest have never even ridden in the Mountain Preserve) hold 200,000 residents hostage in Paradise Valley Village.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

/jd

cc: Paul Johnson, Mayor, City of Phoenix
Phoenix City Council Members
Phoenix Planning Commission Members
Ron Short, Planning Director
Dave Richert, Deputy Planning Director
Mark Steele, Principal Planner
Kathy Flemons, Staff, Long Range Planning
Members of the Paradise Valley Village Planning Committee
February 22, 1992

Mr. James Colley, Director
Phoenix Parks, Recreation & Library Dept.
2333 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Dear Jim:

No doubt this letter has reached your desk. But since it appears it has not been sent to you specifically, I thought you should have your own copy. It came to me without a return address.

The renewed effort to put 32nd Street through the Phoenix Mountains Preserve has also been reported to me from another source. Every few years, I guess, this kind of assault on the integrity of the Mountain Preserves will arise. Ruth Hamilton has been alerted and her commentary will appear shortly in a Paradise Valley newspaper - sorry I don't know which one.

I am very eager to learn the result of your conversation with the City Attorney on speeding up final acquisition of the Preserve land. Please let me know if I can help.

Sincerely yours,
February 26, 1992

Mr. Jack Rasor
Westcor Partners
11411 North Tatum Blvd.
Phoenix, Arizona 85028-2399

Dear Mr. Rasor:

I am in receipt of a copy of your letter dated February 6, 1992 to Ms. Jackie Pearson regarding 32nd Street through the Phoenix Mountain Preserves. Based upon the overwhelming defeat of this idea several years ago, I was disappointed that it would resurface. The voters very clearly indicated they did not support such a transportation route and the destruction of mountain preserve lands. I think your statement regarding a few hundred horse lovers holding residents hostage is not correct. Obviously, the majority of the residents in Paradise Valley voted for rejection of the BEST plan — not just horse lovers.

In voting approval of the Chapter 26 Amendments to the City Charter, the residents of our city prohibit use of mountain preserves for this purpose. The only way these lands could be used for this purpose would be an affirmative vote by our citizens.

I am confident that should a proposal be submitted to voters on a transportation route through the Phoenix Mountain Preserves, it too will be defeated by the citizens of Phoenix.

Sincerely,

James A. Colley
Director

JAC/ vr b/7195
Attachments

cc: Phoenix Park and Recreation Board
Ruth Hamilton, President Phoenix Mtn. Pres. Council
Bob Ailee, President-Mountaineers
Jackie Pearson, Chairperson-Paradise Valley Village Planning Comm.
URGENT !!!

Each of us should CALL or WRITE to our City Council members, urging no cuts in acquisition funds or other Preserve projects.

Also, if possible, ATTEND the joint meeting of the City Council and Parks Board on Monday, December 7, 1992, at 4:00 p.m. (see my note re location on agenda enclosed).

THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE. . . City Council meets on the next day, Tuesday 12/8 at 2:30 p.m.

(REMEMBER our general membership meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 12/7, at the Desert Botanical Gardens.)

For argument ideas, perhaps Dottie Gilbert (265-8397), Ruth Hamilton (264-4720), Mike Goodman (243-1648), or Millie Matters (438-8602) can help. Acquisition is nearly complete after its humble beginnings 30 years ago, the cost of acquisition will never be cheaper, preservation is important, etc.

*PMPC's "old-timers"
TO: Members Parks, Recreation & Mountain Preserves Bond Committee

RE: Reprogramming 1992-98 Capital Improvement Program

I wish to address myself to the issue of pushing back completion of land acquisition for the Phoenix and South Mountain Preserves.

It will be 20 years on May 8, 1993, since passage of the first bond issue of $23.5 million to acquire Mountain Preserve land. The bond funds were to be supplemented by $13.5 million in federal revenue sharing funds, and land acquisition was to be completed by 1983, with a 20-year financing program which should be ending in 1993. The bond issue was approved by 7 out of 10 voters.

Owing to the fact that Phoenix used federal revenue sharing funds for other purposes than land acquisition and that land values exploded in the '80s, the City failed to adhere to the original financing plan. Because the City did not keep its promise and instead sought a second bond issue just two years later (a period of deep depression), voters defeated a bond proposal in 1975.

However, voters later approved bond funds in 1979, 1984 and 1988.

In addition to these three elections, voters statewide in 1972 amended the Arizona State Constitution to add parks and open space to such categories as water, lighting and sewers for which cities could bond up to 15% (rather than 4%) of assessed valuation. In 1985 they approved Proposition 115 forbidding, sale, lease, deletion or redesignation of Preserve land without voter approval. Then, because of a loophole allowing land trades for three years, the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council pursued an initiative eliminating the trading period. Once more 75% of voters endorsed it.

Eight times our citizens have voted on the Mountain Preserve program and seven times they have approved support for it. Has any other issue in the history of Phoenix received such widespread support? Now our City Council has approved backpedalling, and our Parks Department, under pressure no doubt, has been required to propose reducing or eliminating projects. But you are not under that same pressure. Don't do it!

Pushing land acquisition back to 1998-99 is unacceptable. Get it now. We have fewer than 200 acres to acquire and funds are already encumbered for 114 acres. Therefore, only some 70 acres remain to be acquired - and the price will never be lower. Pressure is mounting from developers, according to a Planning and Zoning source. You know what that means - higher land prices! Do not be pennywise and pound foolish. Get the land! Get it now!
To: James A. Colley, Director
   Parks, Recreation and Library Department

From: Kim R. Schneider, Administrative Assistant II
   Parks, Recreation and Library Department

Subject: MOUNTAIN PRESERVE LAND ACQUISITION

Date: April 8, 1993

You requested information regarding Mountain Preserve parcels remaining to be acquired as well as a brief history of the Mountain Preserves.

Jim Burke has indicated that the following information represents properties remaining to be acquired and the estimated costs.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN

TANNER - 15± acres appraised at $615,000 (anticipate condemnation)

TRACT A - 2.5± acres $7,000 (ready to go to council for purchase)

PARCEL 3, (MASON) - 15± acres appraised at 307,000 -

PARCEL 79, (FLORES) - 2.3± acres appraised at $25,100

PARCEL 77 & 78 - 3.6± acres appraised at $36,300

Parcels 3, 77, 78 and 79 will be placed in escrow for acquisition in October 1993.

PHOENIX MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

PARCEL 27 & 247, (BELL) - 36± acres appraised at $445,750

Since 1973 bonds totaling $59,263,000 have been approved for acquisition of Mountain Preserve property. The first bond issue was approved in May 1973 with 86 percent of the voters voting in favor of the Mountain Preserve acquisition bonds. To date over $71,000,000 has been spent on acquisition for the Mountain Preserves; this includes state and federal grants and federal revenue sharing.

The first donation of land by mountain property owners occurred in June 1972. In November 1972 the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board with sponsorship by a radio station and beverage firm, sponsored a concert in Municipal Stadium with the entire proceeds, in excess of $7,000 donated to the Save Our Mountains Foundation.

krs

c: Jim Burke
July 3, 1997

Mr. Norman McClelland  
c/o Shamrock Foods  
2228 North Black Canyon Highway  
Phoenix, Arizona 85009

Mrs. Dorothy Gilbert  
4803 East Ocotillo Road  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Re: Parcel 27 and 247, Phoenix Mountain Preserve

Dear Mr. McClelland and Mrs. Gilbert:

Thank you very much for allowing me to meet with you recently in regard to our property at the northeast corner of 19th Avenue and Cactus in Phoenix, a portion of which has been designated for acquisition as Parcels 27 and 247 of the Phoenix Mountain Preserve. It is our hope to gain your support and the support of the other members of the Phoenix Mountain Preservation Council for our proposal to develop the property, including those portions which the Parks Department staff determined in the 1980's were not essential for the Phoenix Mountain Preserve, and to preserve the remainder of the property in its natural state in perpetuity without any cost to the City. Enclosed is the aerial photograph of the subject property which I promised when we met.

In the 1980's we held discussions with the Phoenix Parks Department staff on a proposal which would involve a trade of the upper elevations of Parcels 27 and 247 in exchange for excess land acquired by the City of Phoenix for the Phoenix Mountain Preserve adjacent and south of the subject property. The proposal was contingent on the approval of an acceptable multi-family type or similar type development on the property to be acquired for the trade and the remainder of the residentially zoned portion of our property. According to Mr. Bernard Freeze, who was then with the Phoenix Parks Department, the proposed revised Mountain Preserve boundary was based on detailed field inspections to assure that significant rock outcroppings and other natural features would be preserved while still allowing reasonable development. Although a trade is no longer viable in view of the requirement of a special election, we are open an arrangement which would assure preservation of the upper elevations of the subject property provided an acceptable development plan for the remainder is approved by the City.
Mr. Norman McClelland  
Mrs. Dorothy Gilbert  
July 3, 1997  

The entire property, which includes more than an acre which overlooks Moon Valley, has been outlined in the aerial photograph. The area which is zoned C-2, which has 600 feet of frontage on 19th Avenue, is depicted at the northwest portion of the property. The remainder of the property is zoned for the residential and other uses permitted in R1-10. The area indicated as "NP" represents that area which would be preserved at no cost to the City of Phoenix pursuant to the revised preserve line as prepared by the Parks Staff in the 1980's. The area designated as "OP" represents that portion of the original preserve boundaries which would be deleted from Parcels 27 and 247 of the Phoenix Mountain Preserve and which would be developed under the proposed plan. (While every effort possible was made to assure the accuracy of the lines inserted on the aerial photograph, because it an oblique aerial, slight discrepancies may exist.) A copy of the City's map depicting the original parcels 27 and 247 is enclosed to assist your analysis of the aerial photograph.

Based on preliminary work that was done with the City's staff during the 1980's, we believe that we should be able to obtain the recommendation for approval of an acceptable project by both the Parks Department and the Planning Department of the City of Phoenix. However, because any development of hillside areas in the Phoenix Mountains is of such importance to the members of the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, we do not believe that any proposal will ultimately gain the approval of the Phoenix City Council without the support of the Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council.

We believe that the proposal is a good one for the City and for our family. The City would save a very large sum of money which could be better put to other uses whether it be acquisition of other mountain areas or the development of public facilities in the existing Phoenix Mountain Preserve. We hope you will support our efforts. Because we need to move on with the property, we need to learn whether you and the other members of the Phoenix Mountain Preservation Council will be able to support this proposal. If we are not able to secure your support in the near future, then we will abandon the proposal and proceed with development of the property consistent with permitted uses.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard M. Bell

LMB:em
enc.
PARCEL NO. 27: Part of A.P.N. 159-03-001

PARCEL NO. 247: All of A.P.N. 149-04-001Y