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Dear La Paloma Neighbor,

It has been a little more than a year since we wrote to you concerning the efforts of the Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) to build an early learning center on property the district owns within La Paloma and access to that property via Campo Abierto.

The district acquired the property for the early learning center (block 24) within La Paloma in 1994. We believe we have the right to access our property from Campo Abierto like all other La Paloma property owners. The Pima County Department of Transportation, which supports access to the early learning center at Campo Abierto, reviewed our plans and determined that Campo Abierto was the "preferred access" for the safety of our students.

The district attempted to have discussions with the La Paloma Homeowner's Association (HOA) regarding the Campo Abierto access. We said we would consider any specific request to address changes to the current access that related to safety and good engineering practice. The HOA response was to file a lawsuit against the district to preclude any access to Campo Abierto.

Left with no other options, we proceeded to acquire the right to access Campo Abierto through the district's right of eminent domain. On March 19, 2008, an Arizona Superior Court judge signed an order granting CFSD the right of immediate possession.

Presently Campo Abierto functions as an access to La Paloma and the Corporate Center to the east. We intend to cut an access path from Campo Abierto directly across from the Corporate Center entrance. Please refer to the enclosed site drawing. Work on this access will begin in early May and is expected to be complete when the early learning center opens on May 28, 2008.

The residents of La Paloma will be able to use Campo Abierto in the same way as they use it now; and given that the early learning center will generate less traffic than the originally planned development of block 24, we believe the public good has been served. More importantly, we believe that we have met both our moral and legal obligation to ensure the safety of our community's children.

Sincerely,

Alice Catallini, President
CFSD Governing Board

Mary Kamerzell
Superintendent of Schools

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