

Supervisor Tommie Martin, District 1
Supervisor Mike Pastor, District 2
Supervisor John Marcanti, District 3
1400 E. Ash Street
Globe, Arizona 85501



January 30, 2016

Dear Supervisors Martin, Pastor, and Marcanti,

On behalf of the Old Dominion Mine Park (ODMP) Committee, I want to thank you for the County's support of the park since its earliest days of conception. After 14 years of volunteer work and public-private partnership, the ODMP is a gem of the Copper Corridor that is both used by locals and drawing increasing numbers of visitors to our area. We are nearing completion of our master plan and our last project is our most exciting and largest capital improvement investment yet: building a mining-themed playground to draw families with young children to the park, educate about our rich mining heritage, and allow accessible play that is crucial to school readiness skills for the children of our county.

We have raised most of the funds needed for the playground (i.e., \$67,000 from the Freeport Foundation, \$5,000 from BHP, \$20,000 from the United Fund, \$15,000 from a local individual, \$8,000 earth movement work from DalMolin Excavating, \$12,000 engineering work from Ajax, etc.) which will bring in our large mine tunnel piece, a sand excavation area, swings, spinners, boulders, and a 100-foot zipline. We are lacking the last \$110,000 to finish the project, an amount that will fund the design, fabrication, delivery and installation of several individualized capstone pieces for the park: a headframe climber, a life-size mining mule, and two ore car benches, as well as allow us to purchase two more of our handicapped friendly pieces, a merry-go-all and an arch swing, that will enhance what will be the only accessible playground in Gila County. Will you please consider investing economic development funds into this project?

I will be presenting an update to you on the park in March, but wanted to let you know in advance of this partnership opportunity. Thank you for your on-going commitment to the well being of our community and the promotion of increased tourism for our area.

Sincerely,

Thea W. Wilshire
Chairman, Old Dominion Mine Park Committee

"The Old Dominion Historic Mine Park is a sustainable, multi-purpose civic resource that encourages community gathering, recreation, and the promotion of our regional mining heritage."