



**Huachuca Astronomy Club  
of Southeastern Arizona  
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October 25, 2013

Mayor and City Council  
1011 North Coronado Drive  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Dear Mayor Mueller and Council Members:


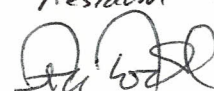
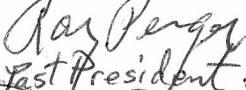

At the general meeting on October 25, 2013, the Huachuca Astronomy Club discussed the issue of digital and illuminated billboards. All attendees at the meeting were opposed to the idea of new billboards in Sierra Vista. We understand the city may be considering new billboard policy, and we have signed this letter to oppose all new billboards, especially digital or illuminated.

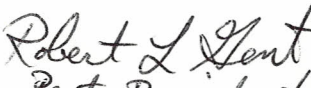
There are a number of reasons why we do not want more billboards in the city or county. In brief, here are a few of our main points:

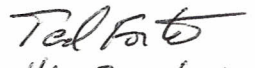
- Billboards are trashy, and they detract from the scenic beauty of our area.
- They can devalue property value, and this must be considered. Would you want to buy a home anywhere near a billboard?
- Illuminated billboards are especially bad. They pose a serious risk to the nighttime environment and would destroy the beauty of our night skies.
- Many of us have moved here and built astronomical observatories. We do not need more light pollution from digital or illuminated billboards.
- Approximately 1,500 towns and cities have restricted billboards. Sierra Vista needs to join this list.

We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this in more detail, if needed. Also, please contact past president, Bob Gent at [RLGent@cox.net](mailto:RLGent@cox.net) or 378-2915 if you would like more information. Thank you for your time and consideration.

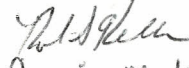
Most Respectfully,

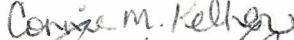
  
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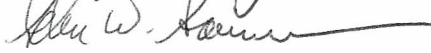
  
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