

August 2, 2004

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As President of the Board of Directors for **Pointe South Mountain Residential Association** (840 homes), I am contacting you to ask that you intercede in resolving an impasse with the U.S. Postal Service. At this time, they have informed the Board of Directors that they may halt our mail delivery unless we agree to their mandate for construction within our community of 14 super sized stations according to their plan mandate. The U.S. Postal Service has informed us that they do not need permission or support for this project and have been unwilling to work with us to consider valid homeowner and safety issues. Further, about 16 homeowners in the Winston Drive area, for several months, have been forced to retrieve their mail at the post office as the post office refuses to repair damaged boxes. Lastly, our only drop box was removed from 48th Street without prior notification. We are contacting two Congressional offices due to the fact that our community straddles the border of both of your Congressional Districts.

Since the building of **Pointe South Mountain** about twenty years ago, our mail has been delivered to approximately 51 mailbox islands/mail stops within our community. The U.S. Postal Service is adamant about reducing that number, originally to only 4 locations, and presently to 14 locations. Constructed in the early 80's as a master planned community attached to a Four Diamond resort, many of the cul de sacs in the community revolve around a mailbox island. Our residents, including many senior citizens, appreciate being able to walk short distances to pick up their mail.

The U.S. Postal Service remains steadfast in refusing to consider the community in this action. They propose to stop delivery to our existing boxes, replace mailboxes according to their plan, giving little or no regard to convenience, community appearance, road safety, pedestrian safety, property values, or the heavy traffic generated by vehicles picking up mail, particularly at rush hour. The main thoroughfare through our community, 48th Street, is set as a location for a super sized station (over 200 boxes at one location), far more appropriate for an apartment complex. This roadway was constructed substandard and is narrow, with two lanes of traffic, bike lanes on either side, cross streets and driveways, and is used by pedestrians along with bike traffic and Resort golf and landscape carts, presenting numerous safety issues. Due to existing parking and traffic problems, some years ago, the Board issued a **NO PARKING** policy and signs have been posted. Vehicles are not allowed to stop or park on this roadway.

There are other safety concerns. There are fire hydrants along this street which require full access and right of way for large emergency vehicles. The U.S. Postal Service is set on amending our original development plan and plat map thereby altering the layout of our community. Finally, due to the proposed enormous size of these structures, they may extend beyond the utility easement and encroach upon Association private property.

It is our understanding that our community is the first to be targeted for such a pilot program in zip code 85044 and no other communities have been approached with the mandate at this time. Our Board of Directors and approximately 840 homes are opposed to this major change which will fundamentally and unnecessarily impact our every day lives. We feel that this project reflects a huge Federal entity dictating unreasonable change to a small upscale community.

We are fully aware of the privacy laws and grant permission to you, as our representatives, to intercede on behalf of the approximately 840 homes in **Pointe South Mountain Residential Association**. We feel that political recourse is our only option to stop this unilateral action. Since the U.S. Postal Service may begin this project within the month, it is imperative that your intervention be undertaken immediately. We ask that you contact Diane Carideo-Oper, Manager, Customer Services, Ahwatukee Station.

The Board of Directors and homeowners of **Pointe South Mountain Residential Association** extend their sincere appreciation for your assistance in this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Kay Hatch
President, Board of Directors
Pointe South Mountain Residential Association
cc: Brian Murray, District Director (Congressman Hayworth)
Ron Piceno, District Director (Congressman Pastor)

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