

Overall Feeling on Proposal	Concerns you have about the proposal (if any)?	Things you support about the proposal (if any)?	Besides this proposal, what else can the County do to improve your community?	Any additional comments:
Oppose	I do not want traffic in my quiet residential neighborhood. I don't need the trash or litter effecting my family, my dogs, my horses, my chickens, and my neighbors.	Nothing .	We need to take care of the homeless problem / drug problem.	Many people in my neighborhood and strongly opposed to this plan. Our voices will be heard. We will resist our neighborhood being harmed.
Oppose	Homeless shelter, more crime	Nothing	Build swimming pool for youth in the upper valley	
Oppose	Looks like a future tent city to me.	-0-	Arrest criminals and don't just put them back out on the streets. More shelters and drug/alcohol abuse programs. Enforce the new panhandling/shopping cart laws coming	
Oppose	I'm concerned that the park will invite alcohol fueled parties . Is there an ongoing budget to clean the park including regular upkeep of the restrooms? Who will provide security?	The parking lot .. it could connect to a bike path going south to Picacho.	I believe the funds allocated for this project could be better spent by creating an extension to the current bike path beginning at Picacho and heading north to the Shalem bridge.	
Oppose	I am concerned that this proposal is not well designed. I love parks and trails, but this one doesn't seem to be a good idea. It is far removed from the city where the population density is low and may not be well utilized. The county sheriff is currently stressed for resources and may not be able to provide adequate law enforcement for the area. Simple ongoing maintenance of the facility needs to be provided for. Where will the money come from? I would like to see more information.	I like improving access to the outdoors for our community, but in a better planned way.	Work on improving city parks and addressing our growing homeless resident population.	
Oppose	Homeless and crime	No		
Oppose	Influx in traffic, wildlife impact, lack of supervision, increase in trash and littering the river	None!	Support small businesses and incentives to increase number of small businesses	
Oppose	Concerned about levee traffic, homeless, drugs and alcohol, trash and DASO resources availability to enforce rules	Nothing	Hire more DASO deputies	Please do not build that park
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Oppose	My families safety and the wellbeing of This entire neighborhood. We do not need this anywhere near us	Absolutely NOTHING	Not allowing this to be anywhere near our quiet neighborhood	This about the dumbest idea this town has come up with yet. There is absolutely no way that this project can continue and bring this kind of traffic through our neighborhood. We all moved out here to have a safe and quiet environment to raise our families in. We do not want this anywhere near us
Oppose	There will be more unwelcome traffic in the area causing more crime.	None.		
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Oppose	It will bring more homeless to our community in Dona Ana.	Nothing, it shouldn't happen. I am a young family that lives in Dona Ana and we do not need to bring more homeless to Dona Ana.	Can improve the cleaning up of homeless people within the community and break in's and stealing.	
Oppose	I don't want the traffic and the amount of people in the neighborhood.	Nothing	Las Cruces	
Oppose	Homeless trespassing more than they are now, increased auto traffic, who will clean up after,	I do not support this project	Take care of what we have already in place.	Please reconsider this project and do not move forward with this. After attending meetings your constituents do not want this. What needs to happen is for the project committee to listen to residents and not continue to do what they want.
Oppose	The trash that is left behind is usually cleaned up by residents. The drinking and possible fighting / violence that occurs when some drink by the rivers You already hear gun shots and speed racing on shalem colony. Tents will be pitched and our leaders are doing nothing about our current homeless situation. Living out by shalem is quiet and serene. It will be ruined by outsiders who have no consideration for public land.	Improve the walking trail. Make it longer.	Mail box destruction in old Picacho village.	There needs to be more police patrolling in the county
Oppose	Shalem Colony Trail has been and is a main road for Farming equipment, which includes tractors, pecan harvesters, tractor trailers, semi trucks, loaders etc. These vehicles move very slowly and for the general public this will be a problem. At a county meeting for a proposed subdivision, commissioners felt that Shalem Colony Trail could not sustain the traffic so why a change of heart now. We have had an increase in homeless people and transients. This will be another park filled with them.		Work on infrastructure roads, maintain existing park, not build a new one, the river is dangerous for children unless this county can build a river park like the one in Carlsbad. Build at La Lorona park.	County taxes have to continue paying for maintenance of any park even with a grant to build it. There are better ways to use county money. Look at Branigan park full of homeless with vehicles. Theft high in neighborhood, robberies of homes and business places. The value of properties around there are down, that's what will happen to our area on Shalem.
Oppose	This rural area is beautiful and scenic and having a park in the rural area is just welcoming the unhoused and criminals. There's already unhoused sleeping in our fields that are private property. Tons of theft. This is not a good solution to making Las Cruces a better place. This is just going to open the door for more bad things. Please don't ruin the area with this park!	Nothing!	Helping the unhoused. The number is going substantially creating an unsafe place. Las cruces is slowly turning into Albuquerque	
Oppose	The lack of law enforcement in our county to help eliminate crime and homelessness consuming a vacant park	Nothing	Increase law enforcement and keep our communities safer	

Oppose	This park along the river is a terrible idea that will add safety and criminal problems to an already overwhelmed Sheriff's department. There will be drugs, homeless camping, vandalism, and more violence just like all the other parks in Dona Ana County that are not maintained or patrolled sufficiently. If they won't open the playground at East Picacho and other schools because of these issues, why would they waste our tax dollars to make another one?	I like that people are trying to make the county and community better, but this is going in completely the wrong direction.	Maintain and patrol the parks we have. Make La Llarona park bigger and better with camping away from peoples homes if tent camping is really a community need.	This area already has had more than its fair share of suicides and violence take place there. This will only increase those incidences and make a quiet peaceful neighborhood worse than it is.
Oppose	The area around the bridge is already a rough spot. Firearms, shootings, fires, and loud music are already issues.	Nothing.		
Oppose	We are concerned it will bring unwanted attention to the quiet Valley. I live across from the proposed place & there is often gun fire, and late night parties. How will this decrease when the park is publicly known? In addition, the added traffic is not wanted. Livestock roam the roads, tractors utilize the Shalem road and with the increase in traffic, it can be deadly. Historically, the speed limit was lowered due to deaths on the road.		The FD has done great to responding to calls on the proposed lot. DASO does not always respond in a timely manner, which is also hence a concern should this attract unwanted visitors.	I think a park is a fantastic idea and support community growth. Shalem Colony has remained a quiet place and all that is proposed, is too much. We wish to remain small and keep alive the quiet farm life.
Oppose	To close to residential area. Bad access with narrow bridge and slow winding road.	None	Like the idea for recreation area but for locals but not there. There are better places. Dona Ana Park should be enlarged and improved. Look into the area next to the river north of Lujan Hill Rd.	
Oppose	This sounds like something a low level staffer would come up with to show how bright they think they are. First off this proposal is in an area that I would bet a large percent of LasCrucesans have no idea where this is. With in the last two years EBID asked the DONA ANA County Sheriff to keep people from using this area to go in the Rio Grande!! What this great idea will result in is a place for vagrants and druggies to hang out. The families and Flecher's Pecan farm will be most unhappy.	NONE!!!!	Don't add anymore stupid ideas and restrictions to our area.	

Oppose	We are afraid it will be a place where the homeless will be able to congregate, crime will increase, garbage will be piled just like it is anywhere these people set up their camps...people who live along the river have already complained about shots being fired in the direction of their homes. Shalem is a FARMING road, we do not need the extra traffic, tractors are always working. In the fall we have the Pecan equipment on the road, we do not need inebriated and extra people driving on Shalem.	Nothing..	The Community on Shalem is fine just like it is.	Please locate this Park somewhere else. Extend the one on Picacho on the other side of the river.
Oppose	Agricultural dominated land use, not an urban area, park not desired by area residents. Increased traffic & hazards (congestion, blind curves, limited line of sight, speeding, lack of safe entry/exit, narrow bridge, roaming cattle herd (12+) on main narrow roadway, cyclists, oversized agricultural equipment, & semi-trucks), are just a few of the numerous road hazards encountered in this rural environment. Proposed Park negatively impacts the environment & multiple wildlife species it supports.	NONE Entire project has been done w/o public transparency. Residents input on potential park locations has not been incorporated into decision process.	Create law(s) & enforce them, that make it a felony to reside in existing parks and buffer zones. Stop creating new parks for them to reside in. Create homeless work force to maintain existing parks, collect trash along trails, repair park infrastructure.	Commissioners need to Amend the Shalem Traffic Study funds. Shift funds to be used in considering alternative park locations where it is welcomed by area residents. Urban residents are in need of parks, not agricultural areas. DAC has limited funds to maintain their existing parks and associated infrastructure.
Oppose	My biggest concern is that the trail behind my house with access on the next street over will increase crime in my local area. Even without the park we get numerous vehicles speeding down our quiet road on the weekends looking for access to the river. On 2 occasions I have had to call the sheriff because of illegal activity and each time it has taken 15-30 min for them to respond. I am not mad but they can't stop the crime that's already happening much less more crime.	Absolutely nothing.	Deal with the crime and homelessness problem that is destroying this community.	
Oppose	Bringing crime to the neighborhood.		Clean up the homeless. Clean up the city. Plant more trees. Control the mosquitos. Just clean up what we got.	We live out of city limits to stay from parks, entertainment and city life. Don't bring that lifestyle here. The desert hills pool is a good idea. Fishing is a good idea. Updating our roads is another good idea. Putting money into our hospitals for medical care to our communities. Bring in health food stores to promote health. Anything that will not support the crime and keep giving to the people who have no desire to make this community a better one.

Oppose	I strongly oppose the proposed park with tents and camping in our neighborhood for several reasons: 1. Safety concerns: This type of facility could attract transients and increase crime in our area, putting our families and property at risk. 2. Property values: The presence of a campground nearby may negatively impact our property values. 3. Increase Traffic in neighborhood	I believe our community would be better served by investing in other types of facilities that align more closely with the needs and character of our neighborhood for example a sports facility like Meerscheidt.	Work on homeless situation Develop a sports facility for the North Valley	
Oppose	Homelessness is already a problem along the river. Trash is already a problem by the Shalem Colony bridge. You are going to create a homeless camp or a party place with trash. It's not fair to the residents who purchased property in the area under the pretense of serenity and quiet.	Nothing	This proposal does not improve the community. The community doesn't want it.	I hope you actually listen to the community
Oppose	We live on a farm within walking distance from the levy and river and we already have so many issues with people trespassing and being on our land illegally. We can't control or keep safe the parks we already have and this would be inviting people to camp out. We're constantly picking up drug paraphernalia and hearing gun shots as it is and we don't want more traffic in our neighborhood.	Parks	The county could start enforcing our laws and stop catching and releasing criminals to repeat their crimes. Instead of starting new projects protect and clean up the already exhausting parks so they are safe to take our kids to.	Please stop coming in here from your liberal states that you are fleeing because of the politics and trying to change our town into the same places you left. It seems you would have gotten that concept by now!!
Oppose	Not needed. Traffic, theft budget	None	We need sports facilities for youth and adults. The county have none we we have to use the city	99% of the people are rejecting this idea in the area we need more sports facilities in the county because the city is overloaded because the county residence use the City of Las Cruces or resources can be used better.
Oppose	Vagrants, drug use, on-site oversight, traffic to the park, alternative access points to the trail which is being kept secret from the public, the lack of effort in notifying the people who would be most affected by this park & trail.		Budget for more law enforcement, repair of roads, paving of roads, assistance for smaller "disasters" like the storms that hit La Reina, indigent healthcare assistance.	There is a concerning lack of transparency in government proposals and processes. Commissioners are representatives of the public and do not have the authority to act solely on their own discretion.
Oppose	I am probably more neutral on this, as I am frustrated at how little information is being shared. You have had very limited advertising of the meetings and I can find no information that shows me what is being actually proposed.	Generally, I'm supportive of improved recreational opportunities	Do a better job of informing and engaging with the public	
Oppose	Everything	can't support anything	Hire more Officers, repair the roads, build a community pool/ splash pad in Dona Ana something like that for the children.	

Oppose	It is irresponsible to create more public spaces while current spaces are poorly funded, maintained and managed. It is no secret that we have an addiction and homeless crisis. There are no consequences to those who commit crimes, which emboldens them. Why invite that activity so close to the residents who call that area home? Use the funds to improve existing public spaces or don't use it at all.	Nothing.	Improve mental health and addiction treatment programs and facilities. Clean up after vagrants if you're not going to provide resources to lift them out of the cycle of addiction. Invest in Animal Control and low cost/free spay neuter.	
Oppose	Until road repair issues are address within our community, I feel money spent on luxury (such as parks) is a poor allocation of funds.	I am a real estate developer/sales person for the past 20 years - I generally support improvements such as this. But again - until the BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE is maintained within our community, I feel this is a waste of funds.	#1 issue - ROAD MAINTENANCE. It's embarrassing how poorly maintained the roads have been allowed to become.	
Oppose	Highly concerned about residential safety of putting this kind of park in that location. I'm concerned it will encourage homeless and drug use near families that have chosen to live outside of the city limits.			
Oppose	There will be too much crime near my house. I don't want homeless people wandering around on my property since it's so close to me.	None		
Oppose	Shalem Colony Trl road is made up of farmers and residential homes, it's a small two lane road with lots of farm equipment, residents and tractor trailers using it, I don't understand why more unwanted traffic should be added to this two lane road. There is constant speeding to add that has not be address. I don't see anything good coming from a park on Shalem Colony, all negatives. More traffic, misuse of the park, vagrants, crime, drinking late parties. Why disrupt the river and the people!	NONE, NOT A GOOD IDEA. PLEASE STOP THE PARK	The community could use the money for the park; help decreased crime, assaults, do something about all the homeless & the trash they accumulate, help reduce population of animals so that the shelter doesn't have to euthanize so many lives.	I oppose the park, I hope the people of Shalem Colony are heard and the park money is used to improve Las Cruces, it has gone down hill over the years. Picacho Ave between Motel and Valley is a eye soar with all the drug addicts.
Oppose	Homeless camping, fire, trash, firearm use, noise, trespassing on private property	Nothing		
Oppose	We don't need a park in this part of the county. It threatens the rural nature of our area - something we specifically moved to the area for.	None. No support. Please do not build the park.	Spend the money elsewhere - I've hear there's a pool facility that was closed down?	

Oppose	I am opposed to having the Shalem Park become a campsite. We do not have enough law enforcement to patrol to additional problems that may occur and as it was discussed the parks and facilities department is under staffed so groundskeeper, maintenance, security would become an issue. Other trails have become campsites in city limits for the homeless and have become a danger and concern for residents in those areas why continue to place Dona Ana residents at risk.			The inflated property values have given the County a surplus that will be lost if these properties lose value due to homeless using these campsites as their residence.
Oppose	I am concerned that a park at the Shalem Colony Bridge will increase crime and noise in the area, disrupting our quiet way of life that we specifically moved out here seeking. As a mother of three young kids, I use to frequent parks, until they became riddled with trash, drug paraphernalia, and aggressive vagrants or homeless people. I no longer feel safe taking my kids to the park by myself, neither city OR county parks. This proposed park will make me feel unsafe in my own yard, and home.		The County can focus it's efforts on increasing police force to better patrol the areas and reduce response time in event of emergency or calls made. Several of my neighbors have called in gunshots in residential areas for example, to which there has been no response.	I fear extending the trail will give the homeless a route straight to the park, & my own back door. When homeless get out here, they realize they don't have resources like they have in the city,, to which they will begin to steal from us. I have personally seen the damages that a recently instilled walking path has caused to my family's business of 30+ years on 17th Street : repeated break ins & theft. Nobody uses the path except for thieves & public defecating vagrants. No problems prior.
Oppose	I don't see residents using our existing parks so I am unsure why yet another one would be used by residents of LC or the county, but I do see homeless using parks. Perhaps a compromise could be found in the development of trails.		Address the homeless and crime issues.	
Oppose	We cannot handle more traffic on shalem o. We already have homeless out here living in bushes and trees leaving their trash . We have things stolen from our fenced in property.the last guy lived here on the river for almost 2 years before he was removed and he ended up killing a preacher at the place he went to after being forced out. People that do t live here speed and and get very angry at all the farmers with their tractors and honk and flip you off. All the party's with the loud music . No			
Oppose	Too much traffic in my neighborhood. Too much riff raff on my trails. Police and sheriff are already over burdened . Any homeless presence will not be tolerated.	It can be build elsewhere Downtown. Santa Fe. I don't care. Not in my neighborhood.	Enforce laws. Fix the homeless problem.	

Oppose	this pathway establishes an approximate 6 mile unmonitored corridor for drug traffic heading north from La Llorona Park to the bridge at Shalom Colony Road. The path would be adjacent to the river and will surely force many unwanted consequences on residents in the adjacent areas. It makes no sense to force an unwanted and disruptive project to bring tourism to an area that is overwhelmingly rural single family dwellings & still maintains a rural look and feel. Listen to the people you work 4	NOTHING-- LaLlorona Park is a disgrace that shall encourage the homeless madness to spread outside of Lost Cruces into the north valley area. The county and city can't maintain and control the parks that already exist and they want to build more? Hell No.	When a project that impacts the specific community for which the proposed project is being planned, it is not only good practice but respectful and expected by the residents of the area by some means that will easily, effectively and universally notified of the proposed project. This surely needs to include all residents that are adjacent to and within some reasonable distance (it used to be 300 ft) from the project. DAC billboards state: the "county you can count on". DIDN'T HAPPEN!	This project that will largely disrupt and vitiate the current rural environment with increased road and personnel traffic, likely increased criminal activity (violence, homeless intrusion and associated consequences). It is Dona Ana County's responsibility to assure this environment remains consistent with what the existing residents initially acquired their homes 4, when environment still is strongly in place. Residents are passionately opposed to providing access to this "tourist trail"
Oppose	Safety- our city parks currently have issues with drugs and violence and I don't it extended to our county areas. Traffic- I don't want an access point on westwind road for the trail. I like the quiet,safe county road we have now. It's one of the reasons we moved out here.	None	Help my neighbors with the gunfire , loitering and other distruptions that are already occurring by the river	We in this area worked hard to buy property and build homes out here for the peace and quiet it . We want it left alone. We don't need or want a park/trail
Oppose	The safety of the neighborhood and the wildlife surrounding the area. This area is a private area and should remain the same. The people living in that area and been there for many years and have felt safe so far from town and away from people. The park with make them uncomfortable and ruin the value and beauty of that area.			
Oppose	You can't even take care of the park you have why would you create another space and create a dangerous environment for the kids that already live on this street. Allowing people means allowing trash, homeless people, parties , guns and violence just as you allowed before. Cops do not regulate enough. Fix up the park you already have.			
Oppose	This park would be my direct neighbor. With it would come excessive noise, litter, crime, and the homeless population that the county can't/wont remove. We are a FARMING community with lots of tractors, bicycles, and children. We are country. Put it in the city where the people live who want it.	Nothing! We can't even take care and keep safe the parks we have.	Pick up all the pollution, furniture, and other things the city people come and dump along the river. Improve the old bridge.	Yes! PLEASE PLEASE don't put it here. We will move. No doubt it will evaluate our property and bring high, dangerous traffic (we already have it speeding out of the river-almost got hit many times).
Oppose	Petition is now 570+ strong in opposition to this project. We appreciate your consideration to oppose the Shalem Colony Park & Trail project as the negative impacts to those who live along the proposed area and nearby far outweigh any benefits of this project.	n/a	propose reallocation of funding to improve existing parks to take the place of this project....	

Oppose	Increased traffic on 2 lane twisty road, lack of available law enforcement, increased night time activities, destructive river activities	Tie in with the existing river trail. If vehicles were to be kept out of river bed, planting native vegetation,	More law enforcement, better maintenance of existing parks, instead of new park, improve La Llorona Park, better communication about meetings...County Manager Lopez did an excellent job at the recent Park meeting!!!!	
Oppose	I believe the county needs to provide evidence that it can maintain the parks it has, La Llorona, for instance, before it proceeds In any other direction.			
Oppose	My overall concern is the public safety hazard the park presents. The city of Las Cruces and Dona Ana County have proven they are either unwilling or incapable of controlling the homeless population. They have let law and order subside, and anarchy slowly seep into this beautiful city. If given the opportunity, presumably through a park, I have no doubt they will let this issue ruin the only part of the valley they have not already destroyed.	None	Stay far away from our community.	
Oppose	Public safety on the trail, the park and adjacent neighborhoods is my biggest concern. Tent camping idea is absolutely ridiculous. Overnight hours are not OK.			
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Oppose	Who is going to pay for the construction phase? The Residents of Dona Ana County? We have bigger issues with homeless and crime. Until the County has money to have more fire department and sheriffs on staff to control the need for responses, there should not be any money going to a river park that will have trash, parties, crime, guns and all kinds of issues happening after hours. We live by the river and I have called for help on 911 many times for issues that were turned away.	I do not support any of this proposal. I have emails from County officials, stating they don't have funding to have a fire department or sheriffs to address all county issues.	This proposal would cause more issues to the lacking budget for more fire department and sheriffs. Once the County can provide better services to the County then, you can think about creating parks, until then, address the homeless, crime, and all other issues.	Be real !!!! Las Cruces and Dona Ana County does not have a budget to support this as other metropolitan areas have in larger cities as Seattle, Phoenix, Austin. Quit having illusions of Grandeur. We have always wanted growth and jobs. You want to give the community something to do, give it to them in education, and bring programs in such music or places for kids to go and learn about math and engineering. Not a park to drink, drown and do drugs.
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Oppose	The entire project will be a waste of time and money. It will not attract many tourists. It will attract vagrants and late night parties. The community is solidly against the project. That should be enough to stop pursuing the project. I am disturbed by the fact that so much time and money has been spent BEFORE seeking input from the community. How does this approach happen? Commissioners should represent their constituents by coming to them FIRST.	Nothing at all.	Be transparent about what is being considered by the county. That means snail mail or email correspondence directly and in a timely manner to the constituents. The Pines/Westwind/Northwind areas are very concerned about future plans to bring other "improvements" to our community. In particular future plans for Westwind Road to the river. How about a meeting that lays out ALL future plans that exist or have been proposed?	The Rio Grande Trail is waste of time and money. The piece meal approach to making it happen is a sad commentary on how ill conceived the entire thing has been revealed to be. But, Las Cruces goes ahead and throws La Llorona park into the RGT pot and they spend \$500,000 to build a useless trail at Elephant Butte. And now Dona Ana County wants to do its part because local politicians want to score points in Santa Fe. I completely oppose the Rio Grande Trail concept. It's a very bad idea.

Oppose	Our main concern is safety. Just last week, at 3 am, there was rapid fire gunshots heard at the proposed park site. This was heard at my household and by our neighbor Davis Edmonds who called it in to dispatch. 3 police units showed up, but no one to our knowledge was arrested. Encouraging people to be at a park, by building one, will only increase traffic and further increase risk to neighbors.	I nice park for daytime use only would be an asset I believe. However, I think a locked gate at both entrances, after dark would be in order. I believe you could pay someone on Paradise Lane a nominal fee to close and lock the gates after a certain time, and if persons are still there, 911 would need to be called for an officer to vacate the property/park, for closing.	Increase funding for more law enforcement. Especially in the outlying areas.	
Oppose	This proposal will only bring more traffic and people into a residential neighborhood. Resulting in more vagrants, trash, and potential crime. The City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County cannot maintain and take care of existing La Llorona park along the east side of the Rio Grande. It's just a place that is often covered with trash. Police cannot remove vagrants from the parks at night according to a Las Cruces police officer at the meeting on June 20th at the East Picacho Elementary School.		I've come to the conclusion Las Cruces and DonaAna County, once safe, have deteriorated into unsafe communities. Vandalism, burglaries, assaults and even shootings are on the rise. The recent murder of police officer Hernandez has brought rising crime to the forefront. It is time for both Las Cruces and Doña Ana County to make reducing crime their primary mission. Not build another park along the Rio Grande to attract occasional visitors passing through.	
Oppose	Safety. Trash. Noise. Crime. Property values go down. Taxes go up.	NOTHING	Leave us alone.	My husband and I, along with several people who live in the county, bought our property OUT of the city limits for a reason. We don't want the problems the city has. We love the dark starry skies, no light pollution. We love the nature that still roam the desert. We love not living right on top of one another. We were fully aware we would have to travel to get to things if we wanted them. Don't try to bring those things to us. Just leave us alone. We don't want a park or trail or campground. NO!
Oppose	Noise, TRASH, traffic, environmental impact- chasing off birds, reptiles, PARTYING, crime, shooting (happens now), law enforcement stretched way to thin, future encampments, driving on the levee roads from Picacho Blvd to the bridge (happens now), and please, please no camping. Will there be money allocated after the fact to enforce and clean up the place? You can't just build something and then blindly walk away thinking you did a great thing. People who live nearby will bear the burden.	Having large gates and reinforced fencing to keep people from driving on the levee roads to get to it.	Take care of the homeless. Pay for more deputies.	
Oppose	Westwind road trail access will increase traffic, another park will draw more problems like those in town instead of its intended use for families. The money for this project should go to Burn lake or La llrona to upgrade facilities	None	Increase in safety-DASO	
Oppose	Migration of homeless from the city. Access for thieves, burglars and maybe a killer. Destroying our local wildlife is not cool		Keep Dona Ana dump open 6 days a week.	

Oppose	I have concerns about safety and law enforcement problems that will surely arise with the Shalom Colony Park project. The Sheriff's Office has stated they do have the resources to patrol the Park. Also where are the resources going to come from to ensure effective safety oversight (people do drown in the River!!).			I realize being a County Commissioner is a tough and many times a thankless job. However, the County Commission must always present the perception they are working for the Dona Ana County residents and not the other way around. That has not been my perception with the Shalom Colony Park Project or the pot farm on North Valley that was approved in a residential area without public input.
Oppose	Impact on environment.	None	Prohibit the marijuana grower on north Valley from growing marijuana.	He really needs to stop.
Oppose	WE MOVED TO THE NORTH VALLEY FROM DENVER TO GET AWAY FROM THE HOMELESSNESS, DRUG USE, AND CRIME. WE ARE EXTREMELY DISMAYED TO THINK THAT OUR STREET COULD BE AN ACCESS POINT TO THIS PARK. THIS HAPPENED TO US AT OUR DENVER HOME. PEOPLE CAMPING EVERYWHERE, TRASH STREWN AROUND, PEOPLE BREAKING INTO HOUSES AND CARS, DRUGS AND NEEDLES EVERYWHERE. ONCE THIS HAPPENS, THERE'S NO TURNING BACK. THE HOMELESS DON'T SUDDENLY FIND HOMES, AND THE DRUGGIES DON'T STOP DOING DRUGS. PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN.	NONE		CRACK DOWN IMMEDIATELY ON CRIME AND THE HOMELESS WHO DO DRUGS AND TRY TO BREAK INTO CARS AND HOUSES. YOU ARE RUINING A BEAUTIFUL AREA IF YOU DON'T. WHY DOESN'T LAW ENFORCEMENT ENFORCE THE LAW? BUSINESSES ON MAIN STREET ARE LEAVING BECAUSE THEY CONTINUALLY GET BROKEN INTO. THERE IS SO MUCH GRAFITTI THAT RUINS PRIVATE PROPERTY. NO ONE IS HELD ACCOUNTABLE, SO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS COUNTY CONTINUES TO DECLINE. PLEASE DO SOMETHING NOW. WE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SHUT DOWN THE PROPOSED PARK
Oppose	Safety issue- guns people trespassing			
Oppose	Safety, homeless, trash and peace/quite.	NO SUPPORT. Please eliminate the proposal.	The county can work on increasing the number of safety officers/sheriffs. Keeping areas, especially around the bridges, clean from trash & weeds. Community members always seek to be safes and proud that their area is clean. Need more concrete sidewalks and borders.	
Oppose	First off' the people who reside in the surrounding areas were not noticed of this proposal. Westwind is already an unregulated drag strip with little intervention from the Sheriff's department There are other options for access. There is an EBID spillway just north of Myles Road. It is a straight shot to the river with no residences on either side. There is another spillway across from Greyfox. It is a short route to the river with minimal resident	Nothing about it.	Protect the community by notifying people of proposed deals the county wants to make' . Listen to the People. Support Law enforcement 💜 Utilize the money for a Blue Zone city! Look up what The Blue zones represents.	Listen to the people before spending our hard earned tax dollars money!
Oppose	The increased traffic, people and campgrounds in a residential area. I feel this will bring more crime to our area of town. We moved out of town to avoid these things, so not excited about having a public park and overnight camping near us.			

Oppose	For this reason, I just sold my home in Denver up against Cherry Creek State Park They added points of access to a suburban area. We have homeless now; we had one killed on the curb, and they leave the park because they were driven out and moved into our homes with drugs, needles increased robberies/break-ins, begging at our doors, People with access points now parking along homes, creating traffic, bicyclists, and others dropping trash into the quit neighborhood streets became busy, even sex...	We are spending taxpayer's money for the homeless, street crimes, and ease of accessibility. A mental sanctuary for people in need of psychiatric care. Bicycles stay off main roads while in the park but are dumped into new areas to ride. Bathroom and body care away from public facilities ( shower, shelter, a place to chill and do drugs, take a sleep. Police at the points of access are required now to patrol. Trash pick up and parks clean up extended along entire path. This will help reduce LC....		I'm a new homeowner; please advise how many commissioners we have in Dona Anna? How many are up for election, and when? What is the salary requirement, and what is the average spend in campaign contributions to get elected? Based on my Address, supply a zipcode map of my commissioner. Jurisdiction north of me is Dona Anna, Radium Spr., which Commissioner handles these residents who will be impacted. Have these people been notified in writing/hearing of a decrease in value of their property?
Oppose	I am concern about the crime and the traffic increase.		The homeless people how always are around Picacho street.	
Oppose	Las Cruces has one of the highest crime rates in the country. From historical data there have been a lot of crimes committed in the parks to include de- capitation of a man. Opening a new park would bring crime to our community.	Nothing, if Manuela wants this park, he should build it near his home.	Fix the roads roads	I like my quiet community and would like to keep that way.
Oppose	I oppose the proposal. I like my neiborhood as it is right now. I will feel insecure if this project is done.			
Oppose	The City of Las Cruces has allowed the homeless population to take over and control all City Parks. The people complaining that there is no where to go actually mean multiple places to go, few without vagrants. There is a park much like this on Picacho and until the homeless took it over it was fine. Instead of spending millions of the taxpayers money on another park for the homeless to call home let's use the money to get the current problem under control.			
Oppose	It will bring unnecessary foot traffic to the surrounding communities. Communities live in this area to avoid any public access. Even though access "may not" technically thru existing communities, public access will find easier ways to access this proposed Shared Use Path which will be thru our communities along the river. And additional vagrant usage as well.	Nothing. County/City needs to stop constructing new park facilities and spend the money to maintain what is currently in place. Construct splash pads at existing parks for better recreational use all year long.	Update some of the existing roadway infrastructure that is outdated.	Please listen to the community responses to this proposal. Those in favor seem to not live in the area and are unaware of why these river communities exist (to get away from the public and live a country lifestyle). PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR COMMUNITY FOLK!
Oppose				
Oppose	Totally unnecessary waste of taxpayer money. Not sure how many people were at the 20 June meeting, I think over 200, were all very vocally opposed to this proposal.	None	Remove the homeless that are trashing our community, we need laws that will stop panhandling, loitering, and the theft of shopping carts, and the encampments that have been placed in many areas.	

Oppose	I'm a lifetime resident we live right next to levee off Westwind. Growing up the levee was open, there were several jeep rollovers off the levee, teenage keg parties all weekend, gunshots, drunks knocking on our doors. The noise especially on weekends was very loud. The sheriff's department were constantly out here. Finally the levee was closed because there were so many problems. This is a horrible idea.			So is the county going to assume liability when there's another jeep rollover off the narrow levee road. The idea is a disaster waiting to happen.
Oppose	I have 2 young kids under 4 and I moved out here to be away from the city where there is less traffic and crime. I feel safe letting my boys play in the front yard which I would love to keep that way. I believe building the park along with the trail system will bring more crime and homeless individuals this way. When I'm driving home from the city I feel at ease with our solidarity and believe building a park will only bring unwanted guests and take our sanctuaries away from us.	None	Provide more support to DASO to be able to relieve some of their stresses.	Thank you for holding a meeting the other night for us to come voice our concerns with the park.
Oppose	This will not bring good to our community, in fact it will do the opposite. We have to control the homeless population instead of spending money to provide them opportunities to live closer to our housing!	None	Control the homeless population, stop accepting money to bring them in. Clean up our current parks.	
Oppose	Safety, crime, homeless population, migrants... we are raising our precious kids in the north valley and we certainly do not want to invite any of this into our area. Criminals and homeless are protected today as law abiding, tax paying, hardworking people are held to every standard they are not and in turn, put into danger in their own homes and communities. We strongly urge you to take into consideration whether you would want this in your backyard with your kids as they grow up.	None.	Have police regularly patrol our area!	So much was said at the meeting last week. This community does not support this park and for so many valid reasons. Again, please consider your own family and the protection you would want to ensure for them.
Oppose	I think this should be tabled until our city, county, state and country can figure out how to deal with the growing population of vagrants that leave trash, start fires, leave excrement, drug paraphernalia and are mentally unstable living in these encampments that flourish in parks and vacant areas in our community.	None at this time.	Increase the amount of sheriffs in Doña Ana County. Clean up and maintain what you already have. Add a park to county side of La Llorona. Makes sense to have it all there and then you can hire a park ranger to care for the grounds.	Not sure what jurisdiction the county has at the Trackways National Park, but if that grant money needs to be spent, spend it on some bathrooms there and dumpsters. The trash and human feces behind the hill (to the south) of the parking/primitive camping is disgusting.

Oppose	I feel that an added park is an added responsibility, the county does not have the staff or police officers to take care of another park. As it is now we are approached by homeless in parks, parking lots, businesses and I don't feel safe around the homeless! How will we be protected when it is rare we see a patrol around areas people visit. Plus opening up a residential area to access the the river and trail will allow unwanted elements to check out our houses. There are other areas of open land		More patrol cars, removal of soliciting people! There have more freedom than we have because, I am going to stay away from areas they are present	If you want another park or access to the river trail you must make it safe! There are other non-residential areas off Valley that a trail can be built. Tourists will want a park? How many local Residents will use it? How many tourists would camp out when they see homeless are encamped there and there is no control? Sounds like a nightmare to me? We have a State Park in Radium Springs not far away that can be utilized and given access to the river?
Oppose				
Oppose	Why bring campsites to our neighborhoods in the Valley! It will only attract the homeless and bring more crime to our area!!! Our property values will drop! Who would want to camp along a river that only flows a few months a year! This is a great miss use of funds take this money and improve ballparks and city parks! Us homeowners have invested in property that is remote and that we can have a quieter lifestyle! You are threatening to take that away our pursuit of happiness!!!!Unfair!!!	0, zilch none of it! Keep the homeless away! Go build a tent City out in the dessert far away from us hard working taxpaying citizens! Stop trying to destroy our peace of heaven! You will destroy the valley with this proposal!	Fix streets and roads!!!! Keep Crime and homeless away!	Who in their right mind thought this was a good idea! I can only imagine the amount of trash and stench this will create!
Oppose	Homeless, trash, not enough security, animals impacted, more traffic, drugs etc.	None	Use these funds to improve other areas for playgrounds and parks. Provide more after school programs and safe place for children. Clean up areas of vacant buildings.El Paseo, Solano,etc	
Oppose	We do not need another tent city in this county.			
Oppose	Traffic, trash, crime, homeless, neglected maintenance and upkeep. Shalem Colony Trail is a very busy and complicated street with ag workers, tractors, semi-trucks, ditch riders, school busses, bicyclists, motorcyclists, residents, people driving through the "country", etc. It's a twisty, two lane road that is already congested and dangerous.	Leave it as it is.	Concentrate on parks that are off commercial roads that are not in residential areas.	
Oppose	Public safety and the safety of all those who live along the river and in adjacent communities. There are already encampments along both sides of the river near La LLorna Park. The trail and the Shalem Park will invite those encampments to move north. Parks are "old school" and are haven for the homeless and the drug dealers and users. Building in a flood zone. Shalem Bridge needs replacement. Will bring too much traffic to a two lane curvy 35 mph residential road with farm equipment.		Build a water park that the whole county will use. Model in Carlsbad (\$5 entry). Safe, clean! A refreshing water adventure for young and old. Will be used by a great cross section of the county. Will employ county residents as employees and life guards. If given the choice between a park or a water park, the majority of county residents would choose a water park (every kid for sure). It's a win-win. Be progressive and come into the 21st century!	Please look at the devastating effects that happened at the Arroyo Colorado, a tributary of the Rio Grande in Harlingen, Texas. Trail built on river behind houses which has been taken over by homeless and driv users causing residents nightmares. The police won't even go into the area : it's too dangerous!!! DA Cty plan 2040 says any development will consider residents in the area. The RG Trail Commision considers the impacts on private interests. EDD consider those in proximity of trail.

Oppose	Trash, theft, environmental destruction, shootings, burglary, noise pollution, river pollution, destruction of wildlife habitat		The county could keep the county dump open 7 days a week. The paved road going to the Dona dump is filled with trash.	
Oppose				
Oppose	This is inviting a homeless crisis in an area where there currently isn't one. According to the 9th circuit law enforcement *cannot* remove homeless encampment without an amount of studies and work that is wildly unreasonable. Please don't create this park.		More DASO deputies.	
Oppose	Spent some time on the river at the Picacho Ave., Bridge last Monday. I am a longtime member of Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue and we were using our boat to assist in the recovery of a drowning victim. I was disgusted at the number of campsites and trash scattered along both the east and west banks of the river. I must assume that the establishment of a park at the Shalem Colony Bridge, with access (trail) from the south and on the eastern bank, would be misused in the same manner.	None	More LEO's. Clean up and then patrol the area at Picacho Ave., Bridge.	The current proposal would have the following adverse effects 1. Strong, negative impact on natural wildlife and plants 2. Huge safety issues to people, especially those living in the immediate area 3. Would create yet another area for vagrants to abuse.
Oppose	This project would bring unnecessary traffic through my quiet neighborhood, increase the likelihood of violent activity due to drug use/alcohol consumption that is characteristic of the people this would attract, it also turns my neighborhood into a campground. It is disingenuous to call this project a tourist attraction. It is a guise so you could get a meager \$85 grant approved with zero support from the north valley community.	None.	Stay out of it. Invest in the growth and support of locally owned small businesses that attract consumers. That seems far better than attracting vagrancy to our neighborhood, thus decreasing property value.	
Oppose				
Oppose	1. Crime 2. Lack of funds to properly maintain and police the area 3. Respect for homeowners near the proposed site who don't want to invite crime in to their neighborhoods 4. Proven track record in the county and city for letting public recreational areas become havens for crime.		Reduce crime Hold criminals accountable Address lack of mental health resources Address drug addiction and addiction rehabilitation resources Address the pet overpopulation problem by aggressively funding low cost spay neuter services. Increase Animal Control staffing	Until we can protect what we have, I see no point investing in something that will soon be occupied by drug addicts and criminals. Respect the constituents in that area by not inviting that element to their backyard.
Oppose	I am right this minute watching a newscast regarding illegal immigrants and homeless people murdering US citizens. We have seen one of our own LCPS officers killed by a homeless man. My daughter and granddaughters live near the Riverside Levee and it frankly scares me to pieces that you would put a tent encampment in this remote residential area-and so near to my vulnerable loved ones. Please, please re-think this awful idea.			

Oppose	Wrong place and Wrong time.	None	Make constant monitoring of motor vehicles on county roads. Speed limits and traffic laws are ignored.	
Oppose	Just look at what happened at Coronado Park in Albuquerque. Drugs, feces and finally homicides. This proposal is a recipe for disaster.	None		
Oppose	homeless moving into area, more crime and drugs.	none	more community policing.	
Oppose	Strongly oppose this proposal!		Clean up our city! The homeless are ruining our town. As a woman and mother of a young child I do not feel safe in town anymore.	
Oppose	I live about a mile north La llorona park. I have to call DASO just about every other day because of what happens in front of my home and at my home because of the people it attracts. I have two young children that are scared to go to bed every night because of the frequency of people shooting guns, drinking, using drugs, prostitution, fighting and playing loud music all hours of the night. If another park is put north of me that will significantly increase the number of calls To DASO	I don't. I'd like them to shut down La llorona as well and put up a gate to so only residents can drive down my street. And another gate at shalem colony bridge for the same reason	Increase the number of DASO officers. Take the trespassing signs seriously at the river and actually cite people for trespassing so they don't come back.	I want to keep the kind of people these attractions attract away from my family, which is why we moved to the county in the first place. Please don't build this park and bring more crime to my front door. I grew up in a law enforcement family and I've become the "frequent caller" but I have no other choice to keep my family safe
Oppose	We recently moved our family out of the city limits to provide a safer environment for our children. I don't want to experience the gun shots, break ins, homelessness, drug/alcohol, and other safety issues that we experienced in the city where we are currently and this brings it right to our back door again, literally. I don't believe that the county has the desire or that the police have the ability to prevent this park from becoming riddled with homeless and drugs just like all other parks.	I fully support fencing and locked gates on that side of the river in addition to policing to prevent the visitors that we have there now. The river is dangerous in that area with wide variation in depth and current speed in addition to under currents and quick sand. It is irresponsible to allow, much less encourage swimming in that area. A man drowned just last week. It's only a matter of time before someone else, God forbid, a child drowns here if this goes forward.	We are tired of the homeless population being allowed to wallow in their addictions and mental illness every where we turn. It is inhumane to allow those people to continue to live in that state. It is time to redirect resources to provide actual help to that population even if that means institutionalizing them when necessary. Further, our community is not even remotely safe. I don't go anywhere alone with my children out of fear that I will not be able to protect them.	Thank you for hosting the town hall last night. I know that's not the meeting you expected to have and I apologize on behalf of my neighbors who found it necessary to berate you. Please please please don't shove this down our throats like so many other things have been in recent memory. We are tired, frustrated, and disgusted by the current state of our government, city, county, and state.
Oppose	My only concern is that this "feedback" as you call it, is that you're going to care about the number of supports and not those opposed. You will not just look at the demographics of who is opposing and who supports. This concern should only be for residents along this proposed area, not people living in city limits	None	Clean up our county, more money to our fire departments, DASO	Please take the time and look at the demographics of who are supportive and who are opposed. We don't need your friends from city limits out support where the real voices count. The people near this area should have the only voice
Oppose	Public Safety concern. Too many issues with drugs and homeless trespassers. Also random shooting were automatic rapid firing weapons	No	Listen to the people's voices	
Oppose	Already too many homeless are here this will encourage that and more vandalism to property both at the park and on the way to the park	Nothing	Have more police and fire protection	Please take care of what we have instead of adding more things that will not be taken care of. For a county this size we should have more for our children to do other than sports.

Oppose	Increased traffic in the area leading to the park and trail from both directions will lead to amplified safety issues for local residents. The influx of visitors will unavoidably exacerbate congestion, leading to more potential accidents and making the area less safe for all area families and children. The proposed overnight camping is of great concern to the safety of our community, inviting undesirable use of the park with increased drug and irresponsible gun activity.		possibly seek reallocation of funding to improve and rejuvenate existing facilities in the county, or perhaps work in conjunction with the city to improve shared areas as suggested in the meeting - La Llorona park or Burn Lake are great candidates as the basic structure is already existing!	
Support				
Support	No Concerns	I currently live in ABQ but my family resides in LC. We live kayaking the river and the park at Shalom Colony would make it easier to access the river. We often use La Lorna Park and would like to see something similar at Shalom Colony Bridge. This is a wonderful idea!!!	Continue supporting open spaces!	
Support	I would have trouble with maybe clean up. At La Llorona park there is some trash after celebration. I would like to have individual have permits to have large get together. Supervision of the area on weekends by security teams and no activity after a certain hour.	Love the idea of having a walk & bike trail all the way to Picacho Ave. would be great. Bikers should learn to give notice when passing walker though. I'm very excited about the idea		
Support		We need more access to water, not less. I am a proponent of anything that gives NM residents more access to water/water areas		
Support	I hope it can be maintained!	I loved this spot to put in kayaks and paddleboards! I was so sad when it went off limits. I think it's a great spot with tons of potential for good things and community use.		
Support	There needs to be dedicated access to river for floating, kayaking, etc. In the decade that I have been using the area to access the river, there is always a ton of trash left, much of that ends up in the river, so there need to be increased access to trash cans and dumpsters/	Access to river/parking for vehicle shuttles. Restrooms.	More green spaces.	
Support		Get more kids outside		
Support	None	Develop the site so it can be used safely and appropriately (reduce fires, litter, etc) and so it's safe and usable for walkers, birdwatchers, families, etc.		

Support			Bike Paths and Pedestrian Walkways! Las Cruces has over 300 days of sunshine. You should be able to safely walk and bike all across the city -especially from the east side to the west side of town. I-25 is a massive barrier. We should be promoting better foot and bike access everywhere, encouraging families to get out, enjoy our great city and climate. Not only for the environment but the health of our citizens. It is next to impossible to do that right now, unless you go to a dedicated park.	
Support		What a progressive concept! So much for so many. As a kayaker, I appreciate having a landing/take out spot here.		
Support		Fantastic design, simple, and will be a great place to enjoy the river. People go out there anyway, so this is a natural place for a park.	Build sidewalks down Dona Ana street.	
Support		This would be a great spot for families to come together in Dona ana	Put more street lights on elks	
Support				
Support		Outdoor opportunity for families. Promotes healthy living.	Continue providing opportunities for the youth of today.	
Support	I hope the security is good.	I feel that a park, and maybe a swimming beach would be a great idea. I hope the trail can also be extended south to the La Llorona Park trail.		
Support		Good for the kids and families to enjoy the river settings.	I would say a new fishing pound somewhere on the north side of las cruces there is nothing like this for kids and families to enjoy.	
Support	Definitely needs shade or can't be used until after 7pm for safety			
Support	Concerned that county administration and commissioners will fold under the pressure of those few who oppose this project because they don't want "outsiders" coming near their neighborhoods. They act like they own the river and spaces around the river simply because they chose to live there. The truth is that river access should belong to every resident and others who want to keep it to themselves should not be rewarded for their self-centered views and actions.	Yes, river access for all is important. Programming a space for healthy, family and legal activities will actually add more value to this area and help deter the things the opposition clamors about. Programed public spaces increase property values, increase aesthetics and maintenance, increase more legal recreational activities while decreasing crime, vagrancy and illegal activities.	Build the Rio Grande Trail. Hold better public meetings. The last meeting for Shalem Colony Park was a disaster. The county manager did a horrible job and had no control over the meeting. Catered to the opposition and made sure they were allowed to conduct themselves like spoiled, tantrum-throwing children, which kept residents who were there because they were supportive and/or curious from learning about the actual proposed park project.	
Support				
Support	N/A	N/A		
Support	Resistance from nearby property owners.	Many of us have used the area in it's present state and it could benefit from the proposed improvements. We need to enhance our Rio Grande banks and access.		

Support		We need more outdoor spaces - more opportunities to get our kids moving and active. This is a great opportunity to do that!	Provide more opportunities for our teens to do things - bowling alley, video arcade, more walking and bike paths in Dona Ana	
Support				
Support				
Support	No shade for the playground. For the park to be used year round you need a full permanent structural support for shade and no fabric covers that rip in the wind.	It's a beautiful concept just needs shade for the playground	Shade at more parks the kids don't have many options that provide full shade especially at new parks in the county.	
Support	It wont be properly maintained. It is too small for the amount of people who will go there to use it. Trash overflowing, bathrooms abused and gross, and vehicles driving all over the place.	people are already using the river there for recreation, and it needs to developed to promote sustainable use, protect our resources, and provide more recreation to people who live in the area.	better biking and pedestrian infrastructure on the ditch banks. do better at developing a trail system, and put up signage and online maps that are easy to access. Better trailheads at popular hiking spots, and better roads to get there. Too many gates blocking public access. Not enough parks or sports fields!	
Support		Bicycle multi purpose trail safer for users		
Support		I think it is a great idea to have a safe park for people to play in that area.		
Support	No real concerns myself, but from conversations I've had it seems like there is a total lack of support from the county sheriff as far as assuring safety at this park.	This is a wonderful project that provides connectivity with the trail, and recreational services to a part of the county that is currently lacking them. I Support it 100%.	Continue to make connectivity for Active Transportation a priority with trails, as well as upgrading roadways.	
Support		More public space. Keeps people from accessing via private property. Good for community.	More recreation area but please include restrooms and trash collection containers	
Support		That there will be more river access for the communities in the county!		Public parks do not harm anyone in the community. I was present for the open house and wanted to emphasize that the animosity of those who lived in the area are coming from a place of privilege and exclusion of those who want to access our Rio Grande.
Support		This space is already used for recreation, walking, swimming and cycling. Making that official only benefits the community, the nearby property owners and the tourism economy.	Improve pedestrian access and safety for both recreational and transportation (walking and cycling).	
Support	Making Shalem Colony road safe for cyclists	Major improvement over current use of this land	Keep improving transportation facilities for alternative forms of transportation: pedestrian, cycling and others	
Support		I am excited at this opportunity to expand outdoor access near the river and improve the value of our county's offerings to it citizens.		
Support	This project should include considerations for ADA, a means for securing bicycles and adequate parking facilities. It should also be integrated in current and future community plans and have visible security.	Making this a place where the community can enjoy being out in a clean and safe environment.	Incorporate Vision Zero concepts into all county projects.	
Support				
Support		I am always thrilled when public green spaces are created, taken care of, etc.		

Support		Getting access to the Shalem area colony for boating and safe place to park would be greatly welcome	please don't concrete the ditches, keeping them in their current state for biking would be greatly appreciated	
Support	Vocal opposition will prevent creating a park that will improve the county and provide economic benefits. Additional access to the trail would be good. For example, a connection from East Picacho Elementary to the trail where students could then have a safe travel destination to the park. Having safe outdoor activities available, especially for youth, is incredibly important.	Extending the La Llorona Trail. This is part of the Rio Grande Trail Plan and could create a system that is as well known as the Appalachian Trail and the Continental Divide Trail.	Extend the Rio Grande Trail through the entire county. Work is already being done near Sunland Park. Create a Dam to Dam portion of the trail between the Mesilla Dam and the Leasburg Dam.	Great work in adding this important infrastructure using mostly grant monies. The design work needs to be completed so construction funding can be found. Worries about less safety with a park are unfounded when the county can then have jurisdiction over the park and the sheriff can provide enforcement.
Support		I think our community can use more designated areas for outdoor activities.	Try to discourage homeless people from hunkering down near public places such as parks.	
Support				Thank you!!! We need more access to the river. More parks!!!
Support		Increased recreational and health opportunity for the public, safer routes for running and riding, increased property values for those located next to the trail, better community overall		
Support		Shalem Colony Bridge Park looks great! Let's make sure it's ADA accessible and has plenty of trash cans and restrooms to keep our community clean.	We need more recreation spaces and river access! We also need more ADA accessible outdoor recreation spaces	
Support	None	Access to an outdoor space my family has visited for years		
Support		I believe that establishing a park in this area will contribute to the overall desirability and livability of the neighborhood, so long as it is properly maintained. The location along the proposed alignment of the New Mexico Rio Grande makes it an ideal location for a riverside park.	There are numerous opportunities to build trails and establish public access to connect routes for biking, running, hiking, and equestrian use in the County. The area has existing trails and public recreation areas such as the Monumental Loop Bikepacking route, the Dona Ana mountain bike trails, the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument, and the Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument. Connecting many of these areas through trails would provide an enhanced recreational opportunity.	I no longer live in Dona Ana County, but while I was a resident from 2013 to 2022 it seem there was a tremendous potential to develop public lands, including city, county, state, and federal lands, for recreational purposes. From my experience, establishing a vibrant system of parks and trails has many positive benefits to a community. These include a reduction in crime and vagrancy, and an improvement in healthy lifestyles for residents.
Support	Should be day use only	Launching kayaks and providing parking		
Support		I support this proposal 100 percent, it has been needed for years, and the public would benefit from the access, as well as providing cleaner areas for people to enjoy.	More biking trails.	

Support	none	This area has provided public access to the vital life of the Rio Grande waters for decades. I was alarmed to hear the public has been kicked off their river for recreating and enjoying a brief respite from the summer heat. I support the construction of a park that will provide a facility the public needs and a means to effectively manage it for the benefit of all visitors and the residents nearby. The park will provide connectivity for boaters, bikers, hikers, equestrian, and our communities.	Support county wide trails and open space planning discussions with all land managers in the County: BLM, State, Cities, County, and organizations. Provide more staff dedicated to planning and maintaining parks, trails, and open space; and programs to help the communities access them.	
Support	I don't live in Las Cruces or Dona Ana County. I live in Deming and come to Las Cruces to participate in Pickleball. I am not sure my opinion matters but we were told that a teacher was severely bullied. Bullying should never be allowed at any age	I love coming to Las Cruces the Parks are nice, people are friendly and this is something the children can benefit from.	I would suggest promoting more events in all parks to bring in the good and weed out the bad	
Support				
Support	The fact the bullying at a public meeting was allowed.	Commence construction, what are we waiting for. This park will benefit our school children.	Stop bullying everyone should have a voice.	I am a little upset that the public doesn't know about this project. If it wasn't for the advocate coming to Apodaca Park and sharing we would not have known. Even finding the page was difficult. The nice lady set up three laptops for us people to have a say.
Support	None, but bullying is never okay. From what I heard today the community really bullied the wrong person.	Complete support!! I would like to thank the lady at Apodaca Park for advocating this project. I love to see teachers step up and be the voice of the children who are silenced for fear of their parents.	It would be nice if these proposals were televised. Public notification needs to be able to reach everyone. I stand with the children and the value this will bring. We need more teacher to take a stance.	I would suggest haymore teachers advocate and educate the public about all the benefits of these types of projects
Support	I am at Apodaca Park, I came across a lady who felt she needed to educate the community about valuable amenities being proposed and facing opposition by uneducated individuals. The lady showed lots of statistical information showing parks and trails minimize crime	Everything about the project. The woman also told a large group of us pickleballers about the ugly display of behavior at the last meeting. She feels the entire community should have a voice not just those who live off Shalem. I live close to that area and I would definitely frequent the park. Thank goodness for this wonderful lady giving information.		
Support	I am here at Apodaca Park and this really nice educated lady informed us of this proposal. My concern is the neighbors in the area are going to kill a great project. I am more concerned that they (neighbors) intimidated the DAC workers and other neighbors. From what I hear the neighbors were threatening staff and commission.	Everything!! A few bad apples displaying bad behaviors should not represent the County!! Let move this project forward!!!		
Support	Bad behavior of the adjacent community. Unfortunately you can't educate angry little munchkins. Parks and trails reduce crime!!!	Everything we need more outlets to appreciate the River and nature!!		

Support	The neighbors don't own this property, the don't speak for Dona Ana County or the City of Las Cruces. Some of us people want to see nice new parks to deter the crime.	Everything, the not in my yard people need to acknowledge it's not their backyard they don't own this property. I didn't know about this project until I heard a lady telling her friends about the NIMBY's. She said she attended one of the public input meetings and staff was threatened by the neighbors of that property. I live in Dona Ana County I have a voice and I want and support this project. I don't care who's backyard they think it is!!		
Support				
Support				
Support	Threat of my neighbor's for supporting what is right	I support having a safe fun place in my community to take my family.		
Support		I support connectivity		
Support		Great use of resources		
Support		Great Ideas we need this in our community!!		
Support				
Support	This park, with it's overnight tent camping, is very likely to draw in even more crime, trash, traffic and noise than there already is. Our law enforcement is already stretched thin. They would not be able to respond to every issue that is sure to occur. as they do not have the officers or resources to take care of the issues that happen there now on a daily basis. This is sure to become public safety issue for the residents that live in the area.		Use this funding to help our law enforcement. Use this funding to provide resources for people to obtain safe affordable housing, drug addiction treatment, mental health treatment and education/training that will get people in need gain employment. We need to clean up the crime that is plaguing our beautiful city.	
Support	I don't think camping would be a popular activity at this park. However, access to the river picnic Pavilion, the bathroom drinking water would be a great resource.	I think a park of some sort would be a great resource for the area at this location		I am an avid cyclist and travel through the area frequently by Bike. There is nowhere to use a bathroom or get drinking water. A picnic pavilion would be a great place to take a break. I don't think camping would be popular here limited times of year, where the weather would be conducive.
Support	I am concerned that a few loud people want to make a decision for all the people that have live in the north valley for generations.	I want a place I can take my grandchildren. We don't have that in the North Valley, If we listen to the few that don't want a park, what message are we sending to our kids and families. That they don't matter and that is just wrong.		

Support		As a native New Mexican I fully support this proposal. I was born and raised in Mesilla and moved my children to the village of Doña Ana 33 years ago. My children grew there and I had to drive to other places to take my kids to the park. This is an injustice for not only kids but parents who want to take their kids to a nearby park. I am also a board member for the DAVA, we currently hold an outdoor equity grant. This would be a perfect place to take kids to learn and provide outdoor ed.		The county commissioner has proven to really listen to the community in the north valley and I am certain that he will do what is best for the entire north valley not just the 100 people who seem to think that our kids do not deserve outdoor equity opportunities at a cool park that is close by. I cannot stress how much our kids deserve this park. This is about equity for our native New Mexicans not about you not wanting to be around "those kind of people" as said by the residents at that meeting
Support				
Support	Maintenance of the improvements from the date of acceptance will be critical to ensuring neighbors do not have anything to complain about.	Making critical use of the space which is being abused in its current state. Providing for recreational uses by the public in a space that is currently unsafe and not developed for safe use.	Connect to existing trails and coordinate with other jurisdictions to provide a coordinated trail system in our county.	
Support	Nothing. Support <u>100</u>	The whole project I support.	One project at a time will improve our community.	Hopefully Shalen Colony Park is a success..
Support				
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Support	None	I wish the people that were in support of the project would have had an opportunity to speak freely with feeling threatened by the people in the meeting.	Need more viable means of enforcement, not necessarily more sheriffs.	
Support	I would like to see this move forward.	Great idea promoting inclusion.	Hire Park Rangers to address the "expected crime" increase" Parks have been proven to help fight crime.	I would like my name to be redacted from the form due to the ugliness of the people that attended the meeting. I knew several of the people and do not need any form of retaliation.
Support	None I think that this a great idea and direly needed.	Everything	Move forward with this project	
Support	Camping is bad idea. Community parks don't need camping. Else it becomes a State park	Best location for introduction to canoe and kayak down Rio Grande		
Support	Remove the camping option	I support everything minus the camping option.		I appreciate the county for moving this forward
Support		I think this is a much needed upgrade for our area. If we look at La LLorona park, that has been successful. For every "statistical data" source that is opposed, we need to compare that with those that show it works. And how our demographics play into it.		Manny Sanchez is doing an excellent job as is the county. People will ALWAYS complain and offer grievances first before offering compliments. Very hard to please.
Support	Sensationalism	Access for families in the north	Better access to public lands	
Support			Think CHILDREN! Parks, bikeways, outside activities for our children.	
Support	That a small group of "not in my back yarders" will keep the River closed off from the community.	It's awesome!!!!		