

**From:** Shirley Ward  
**To:** [Kim Steadman](#)  
**Subject:** Public Meeting for Case #BOA 18-00423  
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Dear Mr. Steadman,

I will not be in town to attend the Public Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 11 at 5:30pm regarding ASA Now's application for a Special Use Permit (SUP) and Substantial Conformance Improvement Permit (SCIP) for a property located right next to our house. In the letter sent to me from the attorney, Withey Morris, the address of this location is wrong - it's listed as 7830 WEST University Dr. However, they are talking about the property at 7830 EAST University Dr, as seen by the property description and the aerial map.

I would like my comments in this letter to be READ at the meeting Wednesday night.

This non-profit organization, ASA NOW is seeking to provide some necessary services to children and families involved with foster care through a recently passed "Jacob's Law" for families in need of these services. The purpose is advantageous and favorable to such foster families. However, the LOCATION for these services is totally inappropriate. They have chosen an existing vacant church building and vacant lot behind it that is SURROUNDED by high end homes. This is a very quiet neighborhood with no businesses in the area. Not only would this proposed "Jacob's Mission" cause a huge influx of traffic to that area but the NOISE level would be totally unacceptable in a residential area!

This mission proposes to offer after school tutoring, trade skill training, family therapy, mentoring programs, aquatic therapy, equine therapy, dance, basketball, piano, guitar, and family gathering activities. These are all wonderful services, but NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THIS LOCATION!

It would:

1. Decrease our home values in the area
2. Create an increased noise level, mostly in the afternoon and evenings, with the outdoor recreation
3. Bring into existence a possible crime issue, where youth may be lured to climb walls of attractive homes and back yards in the area.
4. Produce an influx of traffic to a quiet residential area

There are many other locations where these services would be totally more appropriate. If this non-profit organization wants to use their money towards the most effective means, it could use the city's Multi-Generational Center on E. Adobe Street with ample spaces to expand as

well as meeting rooms and recreational facilities already built. There are so many other places with vacant buildings and/or lots in areas that are NOT residential, it seems totally improper and illegitimate to propose such a mission service in this quiet residential neighborhood. It is incongruous with logic. I'm hoping the Mesa Planning Division will see this and not allow these permits to be approved.

Thank you for allowing our input,  
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