

## JUNIOR NATIONAL RESPONSES

	TOPIC: DESIGN	Responses
1	Suggest considering the future .... a set-up to accommodate lighting the driving range for evening practice, and even lighting a few holes for night-golf (maybe the par 3s)	Good idea for the potential future plans, possibly Phase 2 or Phase 3
2	Large practice area for youths & adults	In the plan already. Much longer and wider driving range with added/improved short game practice areas.
3	Many tournaments and organizations will want to have events here. Please allow for easy access and direction to the different holes as shotgun starts will be almost guaranteed.	Yes, we agree and it is part of the operational plan directed by a top level team.
4	Maybe think about adding a club house for the youth at the already existing golf course to see if there is even an interest from the underprivileged youth. Or maybe start with a 9 hole course 1st.	Existing buildings will be renovated and used for various aspects of the foundation's missions. The significant investment from the Junior National Foundation will allow all for the new clubhouse and all 18 holes which significantly lowers construction costs and design efficiencies versus 9 holes now, 9 holes later.
5	Shorter Tees for Junior Play. Looks long . . . Also getting a grass to not overseed into. Better conditions year round and using way less water.	There are shorter tees for juniors in the design concept (more than on the original drawings that were shown) and other tees for players of all levels. We are incorporating an all-season grass on both courses, an irrigated turf reduction on the lower course to be good stewards of our water usage.
6	Make the holes closer together for juniors walking. Make at least two set of tees shorter for people who are learning the game. Make at least 1 set of tees between 4500-5000 for women and female juniors. Provide an in depth answer to where the course will be getting water from. Stop acting like it's about junior golf if that's not the main purpose. Based on the tee boxes it clearly isn't.	JNF is a non-profit foundation. The range of juniors expected to go all the way through high school. Top high school players will be able to play all the tee boxes on the new/upper golf course. Younger players will be able to be successful on the original/lower course with many shorter tee options and gradually work up to the upper course. Water comes from the on-site well that we maintain for and deliver water to the Park as well.
7	Parking and practice facility, range, chipping and putting	In the plan and See 2.
8	Nothing I can tell from pdf file. The short game areas and practice putting green/putting course looks good. I hope the course can be played from very short tees to accommodate very new players and very young juniors.	In the plan and See 10
9	Don't waste money if your not changing theses courses by professional designers your wasting time and money. The current course has a bad reputation already and don't put prices out of reach!	The lower course was designed by renowned course architect Red Lawrence and has fallen into disrepair over the years. We are working aggressively to improve and restore the original course. For the upper course we are working with professionals Jim Bellows and Bill Phillips who's work is greatly influenced by renowned professional and designer Tom Weiskopf. We are interviewing course contractors, each of whom has built over 300 courses for many of the greatest architects.
10	Make the layout of course challenging yet far for mid to high handicap golfers. Please budget the funding to adequately fund long and short maintenance. Also, remember your price points. Try to keep it affordable for families and seniors.	Yes, part of the design concept is for many teeing grounds. Junior National Foundation is making a significant investment in the long term maintenance and operational team at the courses. We also recognize our local, loyal golf patrons and their families and will work to keep affordable options available...also remember that those families with junior golfers...juniors will play free!
11	It's nice that there will be considerations for youth golf but let's not forget the need for a facility to work with senior golfers.	Seniors and junior golfers have much in common and our hope is that many seniors will become mentors and be a part of the JNF mission/program. We plan to have programs and offerings to please everyone.
12	Bigger practice facility	The plan is for a longer, wider driving range with increased and improved short game and other practice options.
13	Parking	The plan calls for a much expanded parking lot to accommodate both courses and restaurant options.
14	A large practice area	See 2 & 12
15	The removal of the trees will be a sad process but it would be nice if you could replant trees that would require less water	Our plan is to remove the evasive, non-native, eucalyptus trees and revegetate with local fauna and trees native to the area.
16	The addition of a designated cart path for the original course would certainly be a benefit.	We believe the lower course is well designed for carts while it also lends itself to walking. The upper course will have a cart path system to navigate around that terrain.
17	Do not remove trees!	See 15
18	Bigger range	See 2 & 12
19	I hope that you don't take a lot of the trees out.	See 15
20	Leave the trees and do not reduce irrigation on the fairways no need for an additional course the existing course had light usage	See 15. Additionally, we believe after the mismanagement and deteriorating conditions of the original course are alleviated with our significant investment in both the course and the team managing the course will revitalize the overall operations.
21	Please add shaded structures to the golf course if planning on remove vegetation(trees) especially on the new proposed Southern and course which is primarily desert	Yes we agree that places of shade will be needed and part of our future plans as we lay out the new course and work through our revegetation plans on the existing course.
22	Lots of seniors in area... Have a womens tee of 4800- 5000 yds. and a senior mens tees of 5600 or so. Give the older people a chance to score. lol	We agree and the plan is to incorporate several sets of tees (more than were in the PDFs) so players of all ages and skill levels can enjoy the courses!
23	put some slope and mounds around course for looks. Keep bunkers to a minimum to lower upkeep. Build courses that look appealing to the eye and commit to keeping standards up. Keep costs to play lower than others in area and you will be booked to the hilt	Absolutely and part of the plan. In addition to the improvements in the lower course, the upper course will feature the natural rolling terrain already there!
24	Adequate parking, course kept up, Pro Shop stocked and a restaurant where public can come and enjoy a nice meal.	We agree...all part of the overall plan with the new clubhouse including parking, golf shop and restaurant operations.
25	Please make every effort to maintain the beauty of the current environment, trees, mountain region etc. Enhance parking conditions and the driving range	The enhancements you mention are part of the plan and the new course was designed to blend into and maintain the current environment.

26	Explain the costs involved with the project.	Our estimates are for the existing course's renovations to be between \$4M - \$7M between 2020 and 2025. The new course is estimated to cost between \$10M-\$12M and the clubhouse, parking and other areas being enhanced to be in the \$12M-\$16M range.
27	Elevation raised to offset the overall flat environment	The new course will certainly take advantage of the natural elevation changes that the terrain provides. The original course will remain much the same with its subtle but challenging elevation changes, enhanced by better conditions and restored native fauna.
28	driving range, i think golfers should be able to practice with all thier clubs, putters and chippers, wedges and DRIVERS..	We wouldn't agree more! The new driving range is planned to run north-south and will be significantly longer and wider allowing use of all clubs. Additionally the plan is to add short game practice areas to allow golfers to hone their skills in those areas.
29	Driving range with lights	We love the idea and perhaps a Phase 2 or Phase 3 future project
30	The management at Tres Rios have not been good stewards of the property in the 8 years I have lived at Estrella. Now they want another 18 holes? Need to take care of current property first	We agree and were saddened to see the deteriorated conditions and previous management style. We are committed to being great stewards to the course, the community and the environment. Junior National has already spent well in excess of \$1M on the leased land replacing all the grasses on the greens, redoing the bunkers and that is just the tip of the iceberg for this project. We have hired highly skilled and experienced PGA Professionals and are engaging reputable, experienced contractors to renovate and build the courses.
31	Provide a bigger driving range	See 2, 12 & 28
32	Improve current golf course.	We are in the process of that and will continue to do so in addition to building the new course. On the existing course we have already put in new greens with a new grass, new bunkers and sand, upgraded the irrigation system, added drainage and begun work on removing evasive trees and reducing irrigated turf
33	Ensure that the new course has a realistically walkable routing. The concept drawing shows some holes on the east side of the site that appear to have considerable green-tee transitions.	While the lower course will always be more walker-friendly, we believe there will be opportunities to walk the new course as well. The topography may require some walks up and down hill as well as a couple holes will a little distance between green and the next tee.
34	A back entrance from Estrella Parkway would be good. Also anything the course can add to bring in additional revenue. Wedding venue for example.	That's an interesting idea and one we might explore as we work through this process...perhaps a future phase of the project.
35	Redo greens	They have been redone with mini-Verde grass (a Bermuda strain that requires less water than the grass that was on them when we took over operations). We also redid the bunkers and hope that we have all 18 greens grown in and ready for play by November!
36	No entrance at Star Tower off of Estrella pkwy. To busy already as well as uncontrolled speeding.	While it is not part of the current plan, if ever a thing were to come up it is our hope that there would be a work together to make the roads better and safer for golf guests and drivers.
37	36 holes, dual greens possibly	Yes, 36 holes is the plan. Not sure we understand what the "dual greens possibly" question is???
38	Redo greens	See 35
39	Maybe some more water holes? A fine restaurant and bar!	Several holes on the new course will have water on them. Restaurant and bar are in the current plan.
40	Level roughs!	We plan to continue to improve the existing course including the rough areas
41	The plan should accommodate all ages from youth to seniors	See 5 & 22.
42	The new course appears to be directed towards attracting additional golf revenue not junior golfers/programs. The proposed most forward tees are too long for seniors and junior golf programs.	See 5 & 22.
43	Kids programs	Absolutely part of the plan as Junior National's mission is to change the lives of youth through golf.
44	7800 yards for Junior Golf - really? The forward tees are too long for Seniors. This looks like a thinly veiled excuse to build a \$250.00 per round golf course which is not in the best interest of the citizens of Maricopa County.	See 5 & 22.
45	Nothing extravagant, but it would be nice to have a more attractive entrance in to the golf courses. That area has been neglected for years.	We agree and plan to clean that up as part of our improvements to the current/lower course.
46	Put Tres Rios to more use and use the funds to upgrade the existing layout, remember we our already talking about a water shortage in AZ.	See 32
47	Improve fairways on current course. Fewer willow type trees that leave a mess of tree trash on course.	See 32
48	bigger driving range	See 2, 12 & 28
49	significant improvements to enter/exit along with parking.	See 2, 12 & 28
50	Par three for juniors under age of 10 rental clubs for kids, jr lockerroom, have kids involved in charity golf tournaments, etc.	All great ideas and much in the current and/or future plans. The lower/existing course will have tee boxes for all ages as a dedicated par 3 course is not currently in the plans.
51	The plan should accommodate all ages from youth to seniors	See 5 & 22.
52	Eliminate the dirt areas on the course	See 32
53	Low water usage, smaller fairways and greens.	We are aggressively working on our turf reduction and other water savings programs to be good stewards to the environment.
54	a decent size practice area where large groups of skids can develop golf and life concepts.	See 2 & 12
55	Make EV chargers available for those of us who have EV vehicles and could charge while playing golf.	Good idea for the potential future plans, possibly Phase 2 or Phase 3
56	It would be very helpful to show landmarks, such as Estrella Ranch Parkway and/or Grapevine, so one can see the proposed changes.	Sorry if it wasn't as clear as everyone hoped.
57	Is there a short course (par 3) in the plan. I did not see one and that seems important to the mission to me.	The lower course will have many sets of tees that will accommodate golfers of all skill levels and ages. There is presently not a par 3 specific short course in the plan.
58	Can't tell by diagram, but make a great practice area, including chipping/pitching /bunker areas, putting, multiple wedge distance targets.	See 2 & 12
59	Larger practice range to include more chipping areas.	See 2 & 12
60	Facilities at night for practice. People don't have a place to practice when they have free time in the west valley. Especially underserved communities for golf opportunities. Working class families aren't free during daylight hours in the winter here in AZ. Basically West Valley golf center is the only golf facility that is affordable to practice when people have time or kids can get rides from their working parents. Might be an opportunity for some kind of shuttle program perhaps volunteers could drive kids from schools to the facility and back on weekdays after school also to provide access to the opportunities you are building at this property. Not many people live a short distance from there. It's one thing to say the opportunity is there but if it is out of reach practically for people then what is the real point of this.	Perhaps a future plan to have lights and more opportunities after dark, especially in the winter months.

61	I am supportive of the development of a golf program for underserved youth. I think it's fine to upgrade the current course & facilities center to create a space for the Junior National Foundation and have a course for kids to play on. However I don't see the need to expand it for a second golf course when we have so many other golf courses currently available. Maybe a better option would be to use the money to develop an additional program at existing courses - to make it more accessible for the kids who are wanting to participate.	The second golf course allows us to serve more youth and golfers in one location and is where the entire concept of Junior National was founded. For example, we can continue to operate one course while the youth programming is occurring on the other course.
62	ADA needs	These will be included in the overall plan.
63	I have golfed at Tres Rio and believe the course itself could be better and the funds could be used to improve the existing course. I am not in agreement with losing our taking away from other forms of recreation in the area such as the mountain biking trails because our area is diverse and offers all types of recreation to serve many people.	We agree and are improving the current course (See 32) and we have no plans to take away other forms of recreation...we are actually working with the other stakeholders to help improve and add to the trail system. Granted there will likely be some rerouting of a couple trails, our mission is to have more trails when we are done than before we arrived.
64	How about you just grant youths passes to established golf areas. This is OUR NATURE. And its disgusting you're hurting natural Arizona for ANOTHER golf course	Junior National Foundation is about much more than simply giving youth free golf, although the junior golfers will play for free. It's about developing life skills through the game, mentorship and our youth programs. We believe the new golf course will blend in with the surrounding beauty of the area.
65	You should leave the desert alone and use grants/scholarships for at risk youth to use golf courses that are already around!	See 64
66	Reroute the golf course	We are working with the trail stakeholders to be as minimally impactful as possible and hope to find a great win-win situation where everyone is happy with more and improved trails along with a new golf course.
67	While I absolutely believe and support programs for at risk youth, I do not feel that a brand new facility should be created for this purpose. Oftentimes when projects like these are created, the at risk youth portion brings in little/ no revenue, and costs/profits are offset by offering it to the public/ etc. This particular project seems like a shady way to create a new golf course by taking advantage of and masking it as an "at risk youth" program. I feel the existing park trails, and "wild" areas for desert plants and animals should stay as is. There are plenty of at risk programs that operate successfully within established infrastructure and facilities, why can't this one?	At the core, our mission at Junior National is to change the lives of juniors through golf. The significant investment from Junior National is for this purpose. Our founder's life was positively changed at this course and through the game of golf and it is our intent to help others as well. There are many great programs for at-risk and youth in general, we just want to be another avenue for them through the game of golf.
68	Do we need more of the desert planted with grass during a sever drought? If it must be done then change the layout to keep existing trails.	We plan to be great stewards to the area including many water reducing measures (See
69	Wildlife impact, endangered cacti, water conservation needed to upkeep proposed courses -this money would be better suited to grant youth entrance into existing courses via scholarships and programs	See 64
70	Is another golf course needed? There are other options for youth that could be looked into or use existing courses.	
71	Clean up the existing course.	See 30 & 32
72	The current course could be renovated and utilized, rather than developing what's left of a natural area and using even more water in a state that's already in a drought!	See 30 & 32 and we feel the new course will blend into the natural terrain. In addition we are working diligently to reduce our overall water usage by choosing better grasses, reducing the number of evasive, non-native trees and reducing the acreage of irrigated turf.
73	Restrooms on the course	We have renovated the current on-course building with restrooms and that allows access to them after holes 3, 12 & 15 along with stopping at the turn. The new course will have on-course restrooms as well.
74	There is a very large gap from the Back tees to the Championship tees. 7800 yards is quite a lot for a golf course, especially in AZ. I would ask to reconsider the length due to the amount of water the added length will require.	There will be tees for all skill levels and ages of golfers. Amazingly that back tee yardage is the length required for a course to be long enough for the best high school and collegiate players these days.
75	Don't continue the project put the money towards something more useful for underserved youth like after school open gyms or a program like that. Just a question how are the underserved kids gonna get to the course?	Junior National Foundation's mission is to change the lives of youth through the game of golf. We believe in this to our core and while there are many other programs that could use funding, this foundation's direction is through on-course golf programming. As for transportation, we will work with local school districts in hopes of utilizing their transportation system(s) and/or will develop our own transportation system.
76	Golf net to protect cars driving by in the area.	The reworking of the driving range will improve that area for sure.
77	Please explain how most of these asks have anything to do with exposing at risk youth? Will there be transportation to the golf course? Types of scholarships and grants for youth? Any outreach programs? I could not determine that Tres Rios Golf has any experience or programs helping at risk youths and most of the proposed expansions seem like a gross oversight of our Parks Water, land, and community management.	See 75 and we agree that the former management at Tres Rios either did not have the experience and/or desire to have programs aimed at helping kids. The current team of PGA and golf-industry professionals have many years of experience in such work.
78	Don't destroy our nature! This locations is so far away from the intended populations use. How will they even get there?!	There are more youth, and at-risk youth in the area than one would think (just looking at the free and reduced lunch program statistics from the area). We will use school and/or our own transportation services as needed to getting the youth to the course.
79	Love the larger clubhouse plan! Better outdoor seating as well? EMGC clubhouse outdoor seating is ok, indoor is seriously lacking. Also suggest cleaning up the landscape on Estrella as it looks awful (dead/overgrown) which doesn't make the course look good	Thanks and 'yes' to the better outdoor seating at the new clubhouse, once constructed. We also agree on cleaning up the landscaping around the perimeter of Estrella and Vineyard...all in the plans.
80	I do not agree with the new course coming close to or coming close to Estrella Pkwy. It would Change the entire dynamic of the scenic road coming into the Lucero section.	There would be a section of Estrella Parkway where the course would be visible. We do feel that the course will be an attractive addition to the landscape as it is routed along the terrain of the existing land.

<b>TOPIC: Environmental</b>		
1	Limit the amount of dust that may arise during windy days	We hope that our renovation of the existing course back to its roots will limit the dust to whatever Mother Nature would do naturally and during normal operations we would not be adding to the amount of dust during windy days.

<b>TOPIC: Fees</b>		
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1	Reasonable golf fees and annual membership fees for local adults especially since it is a Maricopa County leased property. Locals should get a break since we tried to support this golf course for over 30+ years. Don't displace the local residents or make it a hardship to the patrons that tried to keep the course open but the prior management companies ran it into the ground. We still golfed there even though the conditions of this course continued to deteriorate. Don't forget about the adults who golfed there and live within the County and nearby. We have enjoyed golfing there for many years and would like to continue to golf there at a more reasonable price than other golf courses in this area who have increased their prices so us limited income patrons cannot afford golfing at these courses. And, I do like having a place for youth since they need mentoring especially since their parents and families are not doing their parenting.	Our intent is to have rates and programming for Maricopa County residents. We certainly appreciate those that have supported the course in the past and hope that you are also happy with the improvements we are making to the existing course, the infrastructure and the team working to provide you great service and a wonderful experience while you are here.
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<b>TOPIC: General</b>		
1	The wording of a safe house for at risk kids to just hang out is not in the best interest of neighborhood safety. At risk youths tend to be in favor of breaking the law in many forms and Fashions. Re route of trails does not do any justice to established wildlife. Adult golfers will be overrun with rude and non caring kids who have no respect for the game of golf. This is a noble concept but build it in a disadvantaged neighborhood where it counts. Why do you think other courses have been cold to the idea of adding this program to there course, think about it.	We believe that our Junior National Foundation program is different and respectfully disagree that "at risk youths tend to be in favor of breaking the law...." As was mentioned by one of the citizens at our townhall-style meeting, "it doesn't take a lot to become at risk." It can be as simple as a divorce or job loss that could dramatically impact a youth's life. We want to help through mentorship and golf programming to fulfill our mission of changing the lives of youth through golf. Our programs are aimed to have youth and adults play and participate in golf together and learn mutual respect and care for one another.
2	An association with the PGA, LPGA, USGA, and Golf Professionals who help youth golf.	We agree completely which is why several of the key figures within both the Board of Directors for Junior National and the actual operations are members of these organizations.
3	Contact local High Schools and JR College. Try and connect the groups 1 day per week. The High School students will learn more about golf and the opportunities it has. The College students will learn more about playing competitive golf. Like the pro-ams.	We agree with the great connection between local high schools and are already in talks with many of them. While some of our junior golfers may go on to play competitive college golf, we are even more focused on ones that are here to learn life skills through our programs, mentoring and go on to become successful humans and great members of their communities
4	Golf swing analysis and coaching	All in the plan, thanks!
5	Why not provide the services to an underserved youth in the community they live in. Why remove them away from the environment they live in. The way the above mentioned purpose and reason is explain sounds like these may be youths that are in the juvenile court system. Don't reduce trails and wildlife!	We are looking to serve all youth, especially at-risk youth and being at-risk does not necessarily mean that they are in the juvenile court system. Our founder was at-risk which is why Junior National exists and he was not in the juvenile court system. There are more at-risk closer to the course than most think (just look at the free and reduced lunch program statistics from the area). While some rerouting may need to be done, we plan to increase the number of trails.
6	If you want so called underprivileged kids to learn golf do it from the ground up. Literally. Put rakes and shovels in their hands and have them learn that hard work and dedication is what it takes to be successful so that one day perhaps you are able to afford to participate in an expensive sport	We agree and have hired a Superintendent that will be a part of the programming for youth showing them the hard work and many successful careers one can learn about from within the golf course maintenance area department.
7	Enhance the trail. Arizona has hundreds of golf colts why not make the available for the kids for free. Plus not makes this unnecessary project will save water which is vital in the desert.	We are working with the trail users to do just that...add to and enhance their trails. The golf is free for junior so we agree on that. We are working hard to be good stewards with our water usage and will continue to reduce wherever we can.
8	I need more information about this organization called Junior National Foundation. I've been unable to find information about them and don't know if it's a trustworthy organization.	Junior National Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization with the simple mission of changing the lives of youth through golf. Golf for juniors at our course is free and our programming is/will be centered around bringing youth and adults together through golf and mentorships. More to come...
9	Just another free use area converted to a private money making facilities for the wealthy under the guise of somehow helping kids. Complete nonsense.	Junior National is a 501c3 non-profit. We are only leasing the land from the county and will be making a significant investment into the property of over \$20M...all of which becomes the county's property. Any profits go put back into the golf course's operations and youth programs.
10	Undeserved youth do not want to play golf, nor do they care about a 24\$ million project to expand a course. What would be more useful is using those funds to allow kids to participate in a variety of hobbies on the already existing trails. Examples - hiking guides, purchasing mtbs for youth and including lessons, etc.	The significant investment that Junior National is willing to make is for golf programming supporting our mission to change the lives of youth through golf. Your other examples are good ideas but not where Junior National's funds will be used.
11	Too much negative impact on a serene environment full of hiking trails. We already have 200+ Golf courses in the Metro Phx area, surely there are suitable courses for this purpose. And \$25 million will go significantly further to help disadvantaged youth if used on projects other than building a golf course!	See 10
12	This project should be in a area more easily accessible to the at risk children, not in the suburbs	In looking at the statistics from free and reduced lunch program participation in the local area, we are confident that there are more at-risk youth in the area than many realize. At-risk youth is also a broad term (our founder was 'at-risk' but will admit he didn't know he was at the time) that can a child of a divorce or of parents that lost their job(s). It seems many are associating "at-risk" as only kids that are in trouble with the law which is not necessarily true.
13	Don't change any trails at the park and keep criminal kids away from our neighborhood. This is absolutely infuriating. You're making the area unsafe, especially women using the trails. Keep the criminal kids on their own neighborhoods and fix those areas, don't ruin ours.	We believe there is a vast difference between "at-risk" youth and "criminal kids" and our hope is that Junior National will help ensure more at-risk youth become good citizens and not criminals. Additionally, there are more at-risk youth in the local area than one might think (just look at the statistics of free and reduced lunch programs in the area)

<b>TOPIC: Restaurant</b>		
1	Larger club house with dining facilities with views focused on the course and mountains to serve both the golfing and non golfing communities.	In our design for the clubhouse, we have an indoor/outdoor restaurant with a space for events as well to serve both the golfing and general public. Capacity and seating to accommodate a two-course event, wedding, etc. is in the plan.
2	A large club/restaurant for the public. Funds could help support programs.	See 1
3	Improved restaurant and food and beverage options.	See 1
4	A nice restaurant and bar in the clubhouse.	See 1
5	Great patio and restaurant for spring and fall happy hours and dinners. Estrella is in dire need of restaurants and entertainment areas.	See 1
6	A restaurant	See 1
7	Have a full service destination restaurant on premises. Not just a snack bar.	See 1
8	Good restaurant	See 1

9	How about a nice clubhouse that serves lunch, dinner, happy hour and snacks and beer, wine and alcohol? Make it something all people will want to come and spend money at. Also a gas station would be nice too!	See 1
10	Club house with restaurant Happy hour Live music	See 1
11	Adding a restaurant to the clubhouse	See 1
12	Bar/restaurants (19th hole)	See 1
13	Hopefully there is consideration for a nice restaurant area in the clubhouse.	See 1
14	A nice restaurant in club house would be important. Preferably with a great view of a finishing hole.	See 1
15	A sports bar/restaurant with nice outdoor patio	See 1
16	Restaurant added	See 1
17	Restaurant on site	See 1
18	Restaurant	See 1
19	Add a players club/restaurant	See 1
20	Restaurants and hotel	See 1...a hotel is not part of the Junior National Foundation's plan, which will focus on the golf operations and programing for junior golfers.
21	Restaurant	See 1

TOPIC: Water		
1	Use the development as an educational opportunity for water conservation.	The water comes from an on-site well which we also manage and maintain for the County's water use needs at the adjacent Park. We are committed to being good stewards of the land by reducing water usage wherever we can. We have already begun by changing the grass on the greens at the existing course to one needing less water, improving irrigation systems, removing evasive trees that are heavy water-users. Moving forward we plan to transition to a different grass on the fairways that uses up to 20% less water, reduce our irrigated turf acreage and the, continue eliminate the non-native water-thirsty trees, bring back native (desert areas that were originally there) where grass was planted and replace the current grass landing area of the driving range with a new range with artificial turf in the landing area. Additionally, a portion of the water we put on the course is discharged back into the aquifer.
2	This type of project should not even be in consideration right now. There is no WATER available. Any water being allocated for this possible project should go to the farms.	See 1
3	Do not expand the golf course onto existing park trails. We live in a desert. Where is the water coming from? Drought contingency plans are already impacting local and SW regional farmers and communities. I also think it is ridiculous to claim you plan to benefit underserved youth. Your plan to execute this is shallow and has no long term benefits. This is a money grab for municipalities and developers. Invest those millions of dollars into resource development EVERYONE in our community benefits from AND has access to. Invest in activities that promote the healthy and sustainable use of our beautiful and unique Sonoran desert landscapes.	The water comes from the on-site well. Junior National is a 501c3 non-profit with the simple mission to change the lives of youth through golf. The foundation simply leases the land from Maricopa County and the significant investment dollars spent on the course and buildings are owned by the County. We respect your desire to spend the money differently however we do believe our mission does support the activities you describe.
4	The added water usage .	See 1
5	Water resources.	See 1
6	Use of reclaimed versus potable water for irrigation and use of low water vegetation if possible.	We have reached out and began discussions on this with the City of Goodyear. At this time, they do not have the ability to distirbite this type of water to consumers. We will continue to talk and work with them as they develop their water usage and distrubtion plans. Also see 1.
7	I am concerned about water usage that the golf course uses and the current drought our state is in. I'm also curious if it's really being built for the underserved and at risk youth. How will they be able to participate considering golf is an expensive hobby/sport with having to buy golf clubs, footwear, golf course memberships etc.	See 1. Junior Golfers will not pay to play golf. Additionally we will have equipment for them to use. Junior National is a 501c3 non-profit with the simple mission to change the lives of youth through golf.
8	the greater phoenix area does not need another golf course. Also whether using affluent water or not, now is not the time for using water in the way.	See 1
9	Project should be canceled due to water usage.	See 1
10	Itâ€™s ridiculous for any golf courses to exist in the desert considering the water demands and the current and projected droit conditions.	See 1
11	I have worked with at-risk youth for over 10 years and acknowledge the positive benefits of getting involved in a healthy, active community and in athletics. A big concern is that youth will have difficulty accessing the golf course, and that it will only be used by individuals who have the financial resources. Unless free transportation is provided from homes, schools, community centers, etc. than the youth may never get to experience the course that your organization is planning to create. Please ensure to build a bussing or van pool plan into this project before moving forward and to include youth in the designing of it. Access to the outdoors and experiences in nature, are incredibly beneficial to youth and fuel an appreciation and respect of living things and natural spaces. This project should not trade one opportunity for the other. Each can teach life skills, but I fear that the environment of Estrella Mountain will be negatively affected if water resources will be diverted to water golf greens. Why not utilize an astrotrurf alternative? Teach youth about xeriscaping throughout the course and highlighting the native species that exist within the area and help youth learn about their benefits? Having golfed the former Tres Rios course several times myself, I never minded the dry turf, because this is a desert environment and water conservation is a critical topic. With the desert landscaping, animals roamed the course and I loved seeing the local creatures make appearancesâ€¦please partner with the Estrella Park rangers to provide teaching moments for the youth, and do not negatively affect the beauty that is our protected space within the park boundaries.	Accessibility: We hope to partner with local schools and their bus/transportation services. If not we will create our own transportation system. We agree that life skills are essential to be learned and we are working with a junior golfer and mentor program to have juniors playing with caddying for and spending time around vetted adult mentors. Water: See 1. We want to partner with everyone involved to find win-win solutions (added trails, places for golfer and non-golfers to eat and go, etc.)
12	Make sure water is being used wisely.	See 1

13	Ensure there's sustainable water and funding to keep the course in good condition	See 1 and we are in a good position in terms of funding...this is a program we want to outlive all of us presently involved.
14	Irrigation water is life blood to golf courses. Is the water already reclaimed, or is there access to "purple pipe" reclaimed water?	See 6
15	Water use for the grass.	See 1
16	Water supply!	See 1
17	Do we really need ANOTHER golf course? Seriously... they are everywhere. Which underserved communities would benefit from this? You think you'd want it more accessible than being on the edge of town. And with water being as scarce as it is, it makes zero sense. There are affordable courses all over the valley. Go play out at papago if you're interested in courses that have no regard toward impeding on public land.	See 1 (water). There are at-risk youth all around this area and Junior National will be free to junior golfers. We will manage accessibility through collaborative efforts with local bus services and/or create our own transportation system.
18	This reads like a joke. \$24 million golf course for at-risk youth? And how much water will this golf course require while we're in a decades long drought?	See 1. We appreciate your concerns and skepticism however Junior National is founded on the goal of changing the lives of youth through golf.
19	Environmental impact. Strain on water resources. We have hundreds of currently made golf courses which can achieve the same thing.	See 1. Most golf courses are "for profit" entities. As Junior National is a 501c3 non-profit foundation, we cannot simply put the Junior National model in at an existing, for profit course. Our opportunity is at the current Tres Rios Golf Course which is actually very appropriate given this the course where our founder's life was changed and the reason this foundation exists.
20	Were will the water be coming from?	See 1
21	How will this impact the pending water shortage that the state is experiencing?	See 1. We will stay within all State and local requirements for our water usage
22	What about the mega drought were're in? Can't you use an already built golf course more centrally located to these underserved youths, instead of taking away an already existing facility from the west valley and wasting water?	See 19
23	more golf course? Is that responsible use of the land and WATER? absolutely not!	See 1
24	Anything less destructive to the environment while using less water resources	See 1
25	Who is the nonprofit there is no information on them so please provide information on them. Also with water being a hot topic where is water coming from to water the golf course?	See 1 (water). Junior National is a 501c3 non-profit organization with the mission to change the lives of youth through golf. Our founder and his wife are personally donating all the money to do this project as his way of giving back to the course and community where he was raised as an at-risk youth. His life was changed through his involvement in golf at Tres Rios (then Sierra Estrella GC) and the mentors that helped him become the person he is today.