

PETITION TO SCOTTSDALE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PESTICIDE USE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

To reduce the introduction of toxins to our soil, water, and air toward a clean and pollution-free environment for all, the undersigned residents of Scottsdale call upon our elected representatives to adopt a “least hazardous first” pest management ordinance covering all municipal operations. Specifically, we ask that the City adopt a three-tier management approach in which a) non-chemical strategies are used first, b) if there are instances in which the desired level of control has not been achieved by non-chemical strategies, least toxic chemicals can be used, and c) higher toxicity chemicals would be used only when necessary to preserve public health and safety after all less hazardous methods have been exhausted.

Least toxic chemicals include Minimum Risk pesticides (as defined in 40 CFR 152.25) and Organic Certified pesticides. Higher toxicity chemicals include EPA-registered non-organic pesticides.

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By signing this petition, I am indicating to Scottsdale City Council that I support a change in ordinance towards our municipal pest management procedures. I understand that this is not a ballot petition. This petition is an expression of resident support towards modifying our current municipal operations.

