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Letter of Support for PVHS to Remain Open

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To whom it may concern,

I hope this finds you well. I am writing to express emphatic support for the continued operation of Pima Vocational High School. I had the privilege of attending the 2023 graduation ceremony in December. There, I heard heartfelt statements from all of the graduating students, describing in detail the value offered to them by PVHS, and particularly the instructors. It is humbling to acknowledge that it is not something I could have appreciated without hearing directly from the people doing the work, and the students benefiting from the work being done. I hope that you have given yourself the opportunity to engage with the community of current students, alums and instructors in order to do the same.

It is keenly evident that the support of this institution is critical to ensuring that students who are neglected by traditional educational systems have the opportunity to realize their full potential. As a person who grew up in Southern Arizona and still feels beholden to the communities that nurtured and molded me, I hope that this essential community resource is assigned the value that it merits. Educational institutions like PVHS that serve and support the community foster that same sense of service and community, which in turn supports local investment and long-term economic growth: the ripple effect this decision can have on subsequent generations of students and community members cannot be understated. I urge you to consider this decision thoughtfully.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully, Itzel Rojas