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Pima County Board of Supervisors

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

From: Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2

Date: October 6, 2025

RE: October 14, 2025, Addendum Agenda:
Resolution calling on Governor Hobbs to Join West Coast Health Alliance

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Board of Supervisors

Discussion/Direction/Action: Moving Resolution 2025-____, calling on Governor Hobbs to have Arizona join the West Coast Health Alliance (attached), and requesting that County Administration send a copy of the Resolution to Governor Hobbs and to the director of the Arizona Department of Health Services upon adoption by the Board.

cc: Jan Leshner, County Administrator
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Dr. Theresa Cullen, M.D., MPH, Director, Pima County Health Department
Sam Brown, Chief Civil Deputy Pima County Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - ____

**PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION CALLING ON
GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS TO HAVE ARIZONA JOIN
THE WEST COAST HEALTH ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2025, Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. abruptly fired all 17 members of the C.D.C.'s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (A.C.I.P.), a committee of scientists and doctors who guide national vaccine policy and whose membership has never before been politicized; and

WHEREAS, on June 11th Secretary Kennedy began appointing replacements to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices without proper vetting of any kind, including some well documented vaccine skeptics; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2025, Secretary Kennedy announced that the United States was rejecting the updated WHO International Health Regulations, which public-health experts say weakens U.S. participation in international epidemic preparedness and makes us more vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2025, Secretary Kennedy removed CDC Director Susan Monarez after she refused to fire public health experts in the agency without cause and resisted Kennedy's pressure to endorse his ideologically driven vaccine policy changes, saying through her attorneys that she "refused to rubber-stamp unscientific, reckless directives;" and

WHEREAS, in the wake of Director Monarez's removal, many other leading doctors and scientists at the CDC have either resigned or been forced out; and

WHEREAS, on the very same day, August 27th, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), also under H.H.S., approved the next round of COVID vaccine boosters but *limited* the updated shots to those who are 65 or older or who have certain health conditions, despite the fact that COVID vaccines had previously been available to anyone 6 months or older without a prescription; and

WHEREAS these unnecessary restrictions on the COVID vaccine mean some insurance companies are no longer paying for the booster shot, some doctors and clinics are balking at stocking and/or prescribing it, and some pharmacists are refusing to administer it; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2025, the newly seated Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (A.C.I.P.), including members hastily seated just days earlier, added even more

restrictions by recommending that Americans receive the COVID vaccine “only after discussing the potential benefits and risks” with a healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, even after the Arizona Department of Health Services issued a standing order for all Arizonans 6 months and older to be able to get the COVID vaccine without a prescription, reports persist of Arizonans not being able to get the vaccine at pharmacies across the state, including CVS and Walgreens, due to this unscientific guidance coming out of the federal government; and

WHEREAS the Trump administration’s efforts to remake the nation’s vaccine policies is causing a rise in families opting out of routine childhood immunizations, leading to multiple Measles outbreaks across the country among other negative consequences, and threatening the health and wellbeing of all Arizonans and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2025, in response to the administration’s attacks on doctors and scientists, its politicization of the CDC, and its destruction of the agency’s credibility and scientific integrity, **the states of California, Oregon, and Washington formed the West Coast Health Alliance** – to uphold scientific integrity in public health and protect the health and safety of their states’ residents; and

WHEREAS the West Coast Health Alliance is providing unified recommendations on immunizations to residents based on science, not politics, with the three governors stating that, “Together, our states will provide evidence-based immunization guidance rooted in safety, efficacy, and transparency — ensuring residents receive credible information free from political interference;” and

WHEREAS, on September 4th, the state of **Hawaii joined the West Coast Health Alliance**, with Governor Josh Green, M.D., stating, “As an island state, we understand how critical it is to protect our communities from preventable disease. By joining the West Coast Health Alliance, we’re giving Hawaii’s people the same consistent, evidence-based guidance they can trust to keep their families and neighbors safe;” and

WHEREAS, On September 23, 2025, organizations across Nevada representing thousands of healthcare clinicians and public health professionals strongly urged Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo to have Nevada join the West Coast Health Alliance as well, citing that, “the federal shift away from vaccines could boost preventable diseases and further strain the state’s health care system;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors calls on Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs to have Arizona join the West Coast Health Alliance, to protect the health of all Arizona residents and ensure that we can rely on accurate, scientific evidence when it comes to keeping our children and our communities safe.

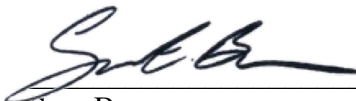
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Pima County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of October, 2025.

Hon. Rex Scott, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Sam Brown
Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney