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Pima County Board of Supervisors

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

From: Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2

Date: October 22, 2025

RE: November 4, 2025, Agenda:
FY26 Emergency Funding for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and the
Sahuarita Food Bank & Community Resource Center

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Please place this on the 11/4/25 Agenda. I request that it be heard at a Time Certain of 10:30 AM.

Board of Supervisors

Discussion/Direction/Action: Directing the County Administration to send Emergency Funding in the amount of \$600,000 to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, and \$200,000 to the Sahuarita Food Bank & Community Resource Center, to ensure that they have the food resources they need to meet the increased demand *they already are experiencing* due to the federal government shutdown, the passage of the "One Big Ugly Bill" Act which strips SNAP eligibility from tens of thousands of Pima County residents, including tens of thousands of children, and other Trump administration policies that have wreaked havoc on the economy, affecting working class and poor families the most. This funding, limited for now to Fiscal Year 2025/26, shall come from the approximate \$8.38M in extra, unencumbered and unrestricted **Beginning General Fund Balance** with which the County began Fiscal Year 2025/26, per the most recent Financial Update provided to the Board. (Projected Beginning General Fund Balance of \$126,746,493 as of July 1, 2025, rather than the budgeted amount which was \$118,366,104.) Smaller Resource Centers and Food Pantries are welcome to apply for funding through the upcoming Outside Agency RFP process in November.

Additionally, directing the Administrator to support the Food Banks' outreach and communications efforts to the broader community about the importance of making a charitable gift this season to ensure that nobody in our community goes hungry.

cc: Jan Leshner, Pima County Administrator
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Art Cuaron, Director, Finance & Risk Management Department