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PIMA COUNTY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 23, 2017

TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor 


REGARDING: Item for the November 7, 2017 agenda

Please add the following to the November 7, 2017 agenda:

Resolution

In opposition to the private operation of correctional facilities and detention centers and to the employment of private corporations for Pima County detention facilities and criminal-justice3 programs. (District 5)

Thank you

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN
OPPOSITION TO THE PRIVATE OPERATION OF CORRECTIONAL
FACILITIES AND DETENTION CENTERS AND TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF
PRIVATE CORPORATIONS FOR PIMA COUNTY DETENTION FACILITIES
AND CRIMINAL-JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, Pima County has been working diligently in recent years to reduce the populations of its adult and juvenile detention centers as they are costly and often have not proven to foster and encourage necessary positive reinforcement to many in the criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the county have reduced the incarcerated populations by employing alternatives to detention programs, which have led to better outcomes for the community and offenders, increased public safety, and reduced recidivism, and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona and other jurisdictions have contracted with private, for-profit corporations for operation of their detention and correctional facilities but have not experienced reduced populations, better efficiency, or the other successes of Pima County, and

WHEREAS, national and state reviews have shown that contracting with private for-profit corporations to operate correctional and detention facilities does not save money when all aspects of affected justice systems are taken into account, and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that private for-profit correctional and detention facilities generally have fewer correctional officers and medical specialists than equivalent government-run facilities, reducing the safety of the officers, detainees and the public at large, and impairing detainees' welfare, and

WHEREAS, private for-profit correctional and detention corporations are based outside of Arizona and have no links to local providers of community-based services that have the knowledge, history, and expertise to properly meet the needs of detainees, and

WHEREAS, private for-profit correctional and detention corporations have little accountability to taxpayers and lack transparency regarding their operations and treatment of detainees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the private operation of correctional and detention facilities, and of supervision programs, and pledges to not contract with private corporations for operation of detention, probation/supervision, rehabilitation and reentry-services programs.

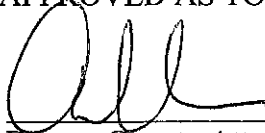
Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, this ____ day
of _____, 2017.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board



Deputy County Attorney