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Dear Chair and Members of the Board,

I am writing in support of Items #4 & #5 on the agenda for the Nov. 18 board meeting. I strongly urge the Board to find ways to support our community regarding food security (which is an issue no matter what's happening with SNAP) and allocate funding to do so.

The overall health of our community depends on food security - neighborhoods, workplaces, education. A food secure community thrives economically and socially.

#### #4 Opportunities for Pima County to Support Supplemental Nutrition

- opportunities for Pima County departments and programs to support SNAP recipients that, per new eligibility requirements, will need to demonstrate a minimum of 80 hours per month in work, training, or volunteer time.

#### #5 Short-Term Crisis and Emergency Resources Grant Program

- a process and application form for the funds and a proposed schedule to fast-track consideration of applications and awards of funding.

I was very happy to read about these items on the agenda. I'll be there tomorrow to hear what you and the community has to say about this issue.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to a compassionate, food-secure Southern Arizona

Most sincerely,

Laura Porfirio

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