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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 5, 2014

**TO:** Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor

**REGARDING:** Item for the November 18, 2014 agenda

Please add the following to the November 18, 2014 agenda:

### Board of Supervisors

The Arizona Blind & Deaf Children's Foundation for more than a decade has supplied much-needed support to the work of the Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind, of other schools and of community non-profits that provide education, benefits and services to children with serious vision or hearing deficits to prepare them for productive lives. The Foundation promotes the artistic talents, fitness, literacy, and life skills of these special children.

The Foundation raises money from the community to help pay for its efforts through its fall Sights & Sounds fundraising event, this year on November 21 at Arizona Inn. But this is not sufficient to cover the costs of all five of the Foundation programs designed to enhance the children's educational experiences.

The Foundation is requesting \$5,000 from Pima County to help pay for one of its programs, the Stories that Soar performances in the School for the Deaf and Blind's Berger Performing Arts Center, in January 2015. Please see the attached correspondence. (District 5)

Thank you



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November 5, 2014

Supervisor Richard Elias, District Five  
Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Supervisor Elias:

First, on behalf of Arizona Blind & Deaf Children's Foundation, our Board of Directors, and most importantly, the children we serve, I want to thank you for your past support of blind and deaf children at Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB). It has truly been an honor to be part of the collaboration which you began with Stories that Soar! a few years ago. Thanks to you, this partnership has blossomed into a community event that showcases the children's talents and promise, while supporting the all-important love of literacy crucial to success. We could not have imagined the richness of this experience, and we are most grateful to you, and by extension, to the entire Board of Supervisors.

I am writing to respectfully request Pima County's support in the amount of \$5,000 for this important collaboration.

Founded in 2002, our mission is to *invest in the future of Arizona's blind and deaf children* by collaborating with schools and non-profits to provide experiential education in the areas of art, fitness, literacy, and life skills. We are the state's ONLY non-profit working to serve the needs of both blind and deaf children. This project is a perfect example of our mission in action. And, because of the involvement of so many local partners, it is especially important to have the County's support as well.

Our sincere thanks to you, your staff, and the entire Board of Supervisors for the work you do on behalf of the citizens of our County, as well as your consideration of this opportunity to support our community's blind and deaf youth.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita Weatherholt".

Rita Weatherholt  
Executive Director

PS: In this challenging climate of budget cuts to children and youth programs, support from our local community is more important than ever to our blind and deaf children—THANK YOU!!!