



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 10/18/2022

*\*= Mandatory, information must be provided*

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**\*Title:**

Addendum Agenda Item – Discussion/Action on the Pima County Attorney's Office request to utilize Anti-Racketeering Revolving Funds in support of Fresh Start International

**\*Introduction/Background:**

Funds are requested in the amount of \$5,000.00, for the Fresh Start International to host the Fresh Start Expo 2022 event for those needing to mitigate the collateral consequences of a conviction history.

**\*Discussion:**

This request is for Fresh Start Expo 2022 is an annual event sponsored by Fresh Start International. It is a unique program originating in Tucson through the efforts of Dr. Pastor Da'Mond Holt and the collaboration of Laura Conover, the Pima County Attorney, and the Judges of the Superior Court, Justice Court, Tucson City Court, and Pima County Juvenile Court. Each of these entities have agreed to support the relocation of the courts to the Tucson Community Center on Saturday, October 22, 2022 to support assisting people returning from incarceration. This population is given the opportunity to clear their records of warrants, fines, restitution obligations, expungements as appropriate as well as other legal entanglements that create barriers to their becoming employed, housed, eligible for health care both mental and physical.

**\*Conclusion:**

The event will be held on the first floor of the Tucson Convention Center this positive community event is supported by and are consistent with Law Enforcement objectives.

**\*Recommendation:**

Approve the funding request in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**\*Fiscal Impact:**

TOTAL IMPACT: Web upgrade \$200, T-shirts for Volunteers \$400, Photo backdrop w/stand \$314, Stage back drop w/stand \$368, Podium insert logo \$250, Fire Marshall fee \$200, Audio Visual rental fee \$1368, water in jugs \$400, and ADVision bus shelters \$1500

**\*Board of Supervisor District:**

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Department: Pima County Attorney's Office

Telephone: 520-724-5700

Contact: Chief Civil Deputy Sam Brown

Telephone: 520-724-5700

Department Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Laura Conover*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*10/5/2022*

Deputy County Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

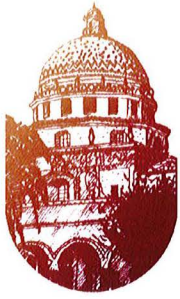
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

10/5/22




## Pima County Attorney's Office

### MEMORANDUM

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TO: Arika Wells, Administrative Services Manager

FROM: Ellen Brown, Civil Deputy 

DATE: 9/29/22

RE: Approval of purpose/use of distribution of Pima County Attorney anti-racketeering funds under state law

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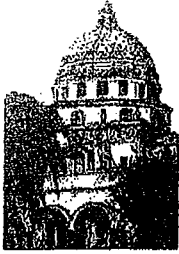
I have reviewed the attached 8/31/22 request for approval of the purpose/use of funds held by the Pima County Attorney in its state sub-account of the Pima County Attorney's Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund. The request is APPROVED for the reason that the description of the purpose/use appears consistent with the following purpose(s)/use(s) by state law:

- ☐ Funding a gang prevention program. A.R.S. § 13-2314.03(F).
- ☐ Funding a substance abuse education program. A.R.S. § 13-2314.03(F).
- ☐ Funding a program that provides assistance to victims of a criminal offense that is listed in A.R.S. §13-2301. A.R.S. § 13-2314.03(F).
- ☐ Funding for witness protection pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-536. A.R.S. § 13-2314.03(F).
- ☐ Funding the investigation and prosecution of any offense included in the definition of racketeering in A.R.S. §§ 13-2301(D)(4) or 13-2312, including civil enforcement. A.R.S. § 13-2314.03(F).
- ☒ Funding for a purpose permitted by federal law relating to the disposition of any property transferred to a law enforcement agency. A.R.S. § 13-2314.03(F). Reference: USDOJ/Treasury *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies*, (July 2018) (*Guide*), specifically subsec(s) VB1k .
- ☒ These monies will provide support of a community-based program (*see the Guide*, section V.B.1.k. (July 2018)). The *Certification by Community Organization Applicant and Community Organization Application for Funding Assistance from Pima County Anti-Racketeering Funds* is attached.
- ☐ Funding to pay the costs of the reports and application and expenditure reviews and approvals required by A.R.S. § 13-2314.03. A.R.S. § 13-2314.03(F).

- ☐ Funds to pay expenses necessary to seize, detain, appraise inventory, protect, maintain, preserve the availability of, advertise or sell property that is subject to forfeiture; or any other necessary expenses incident to the seizure, detention, preservation or forfeiture of the property. A.R.S. § 13-4315(C)(1).
- ☐ Funding to pay awards for information or assistance which led to a civil or criminal proceeding under the Criminal Code. A.R.S. § 13-4315(C)(2).
- ☐ Funding to compromise and pay claims against forfeited property. A.R.S. § 13-4315(A)(5).

Notes/Special Instructions:

Fresh Start International request for \$5,000 for Fresh Start Expo 2022. The mission of Fresh Start International and the objective of the Expo is supportive of the Pima County Attorney's law enforcement initiative- see Pima County Attorney's Office Mission of the Criminal Division. Funds will not be used for food or beverages.



**Pima County Attorney's Office**  
**ARF Applicant Information Form**

Once completed, please send this form and your ARF application to:

Sofia Blue, PCAO Community Outreach Coordinator, [sofia.blue@pcao.pima.gov](mailto:sofia.blue@pcao.pima.gov)

Name of agency/organization Fresh Start International

Address

2101 E Hidalgo Vista  
Tucson AZ 85713

Mailing (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person Da' MOND HOLT, FMD, PHD Title CEO + Founder

Contact person Da' MOND HOLT Title CEO + Founder

Phone 520-595-8885 Email DAMOND@damonholt.com

Is your agency/organization a: Previous ARF applicant Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Previous ARF grantee Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Current ARF grantee Yes ☒ No ☐



ATTACHMENT A

Laura Conover  
Pima County Attorney

MEMORANDUM

TO: Arika Wells, Legal Administrator  
FROM: FRESH Start INTERNATIONAL  
DATE: 8-12-22  
RE: Approval of purpose/use of distribution of Pima County Attorney anti-racketeering funds under state law

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**Notes/Special Instructions:**

ATTACHMENT B

Community Organization Application  
For Funding Assistance From Pima County Anti-Racketeering Funds (ARF)

Community Organization	<u>FRESH START INTERNATIONAL</u>
Executive Director/Agency Head	<u>DA' MOND HOLT, CEO</u>
Law Enforcement Agency	<u>PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY</u>
Date	<u>8-12-22</u>
Amount Requested	<u>\$5000<sup>00</sup></u>

The Pima County Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund has been created by forfeiture of property that constituted the proceeds of crime or that was used or intended to be used to commit crime. Use of the funds is restricted to law enforcement purposes, however transfers to community-based programs, whose missions are supportive of and consistent with a law enforcement effort, policy, or initiative are permitted.

NOTE: A program may benefit the community generally, but still not qualify for Pima County Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund funds. To qualify, a program must specifically involve law enforcement personnel or otherwise include specific content which extends or enhances the efforts of law enforcement in the community, such as assisting victims of crime, preventing crime including by providing programs for at-risk youth, deterring crime, rehabilitation of offenders, emergency response by law enforcement, protecting people and property from crime, reducing the effects of crime, etc.

Describe the community-based program for which funds are being sought and how the program benefits the community:

See ATTACHED PAGE 1  
ITEM 1

Specifically, what law enforcement effort, policy, and/or initiative of this agency does this program support in this community?

SEE ATTACHED PAGE 1  
ITEM 2



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Describe in detail how this program is supportive of and consistent with this law enforcement agency's efforts, policies, and/or initiatives in the community. What elements of the program specifically enhance or extend the efforts of law enforcement in the community, and how does the program do this?

SEE ATTACHED PAGE 2

ITEM 3

As specifically as possible, please indicate how the funds requested will be used by this program (that is, to purchase supplies, equipment, and/or services; covering costs of participants or attendees; etc. Direct cash transfers or gifts are not permitted):

SEE ATTACHED PAGE 3

ITEM 4

Please describe how your initiative will directly assist people from underserved communities and/or those who have been marginalized by a conviction history:

SEE ATTACHED PAGE 4

ITEM 5

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### Certification by Community Organization Applicant

Applicants for funds must certify in writing the following aspects of its background and compliance with Arizona and federal law and Department of Justice guidelines:

I, the undersigned head of the applicant entity, certify that:

- |   | Yes                                 | No                       |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Applicant is a state, county, or local government department or agency; or applicant is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) or (4) organization.<br>Tax I.D. Number: <u>88-1779816</u>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Applicant is primarily engaged in providing a program that is both community-based and supportive of and consistent with a law enforcement effort, policy, or initiative.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Applicant agrees to account separately for all anti-racketeering funds received.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. Applicant agrees to utilize and apply standard accounting requirements and practices employed under state or local law for recipients of federal, state, or local funds and to provide documentation for any audit that may be performed by a governmental entity authorized to audit the use of such funds. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. Applicant is in compliance with federal civil rights laws.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| F. Applicant is in compliance with all other Arizona and federal laws that apply to applicant.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| G. No officer, director, trustee, or fiduciary of the applicant has been convicted of a felony offense under federal or state law, or convicted of any drug offense.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| H. Applicant agrees not to use funds for personal or political purposes.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I. Applicant agrees that funds will not be used for any purpose that would constitute an improper or illegal use under the laws, rules, regulations, or orders of the state or local jurisdiction in which the applicant is located.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

FRESH START INTERNATIONAL [Signature]  
Print Name of Requesting Agency      Signature of Requesting Agency Director  
Director

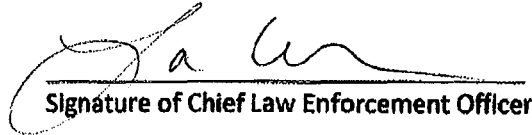
I have reviewed the foregoing request, and based on the organization's certifications and the information provided by the organization, the recipient of the funds is a qualified entity and the program for which funds are sought is consistent with and supportive of a

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law enforcement effort, policy, and/or initiative of this agency. (If the funding is to be from DOJ equitable sharing sources, all additional requirements for use of such funds have also been fulfilled; Treasury funds may not be used for support of community-based programs.)

Laura Conover  
Print Name of Chief Law  
Enforcement Officer

Date 10/3/22

  
Signature of Chief Law Enforcement Officer

## **RICO APPLICATION**

8/10/2022

- 1. Describe the community-based program for which funds are being sought and how the program benefits the community.**

Fresh Start Expo 2022 is an annual event sponsored by Fresh Start International, an Arizona nonprofit corporation. It is a unique program originating in Tucson through the efforts of Dr. Pastor Da'Mond Holt and the collaboration of Laura Conover, the Pima County Attorney, and the judges of the Superior Court, Justice Court, Tucson City Court, and Pima County Juvenile Court. Each of these entities have agreed to support the relocation of the courts to the Tucson Community Center for several hours on Saturday, October 22, 2022, for the sole purpose of assisting people returning from incarceration or, as Pima County Attorney Laura Conover identifies them, "those needing to mitigate the collateral consequences of a conviction history." This population is given the opportunity to clear their records of warrants, fines, restitution obligations, expungements as appropriate as well as other legal entanglements that create barriers to their becoming employed, housed, eligible for health care both mental and physical. In addition, resources are made available so they can participate in Restoration of Rights Clinics and obtain legal identification such as birth certificates and other important records like driver's licenses. The purpose of the FRESH START EXPO is to facilitate the reentry of the formerly incarcerated to the community by enabling them to have free access to services that would normally be beyond their ability to purchase or obtain. These services are made available to them through the generosity of the community via its legal system, agencies, U of A law School, government elected officials, non-profit organizations, faith groups, friends and neighbors. It is a welcoming event made up of people who understand the needs of the formerly incarcerated and care about their wellbeing. With this facilitated reentry into the community, most of the formerly incarcerated will be able to become self-supporting and reconciled with their family. This positive assistance and cultural change from shunning this population to accepting and supporting it, will reduce their need to survive by illegal, criminal activities. Removing the need to support oneself outside the legal system reduces crime in the community, reduces criminal cases in the courts, reduces the likelihood of return to incarceration for the population most likely to experience the "collateral consequences of a conviction history."

- 2. Specifically, what law enforcement effort, policy, and/or initiative of this agency does this program support in this community?**

The Fresh Start Expo 2022 strongly supports the enforcement efforts, policies and initiatives of the Pima County Attorney Laura Conover as she works to "transform Pima County into a safer and more just community." Her objective is to "not rely solely on prosecution and incarceration but to have a more proactive, holistic and crime preventive approach to public safety by also working to mitigate the collateral consequences of a conviction history; helping to provide resources for underserved communities and by treating both victims and people who have committed crimes with dignity and respect." Members of the Pima County community initiated the first Fresh Start event in 2019 at Pilgrim's Rest Missionary Baptist Church, pastored by Dr. Pastor Da'Mond Holt. There were many in the community seeking a proactive opportunity to improve public safety while mitigating the collateral consequences of a conviction history and creating resources for underserved communities. They came together under the leadership of Dr. Pastor Da'Mond Holt and devised a strategy for change: Fresh Start. Although the initial

vision was for Fresh Start to be an annual event, the Covid pandemic interrupted those plans. Laura Conover was elected Pima County Attorney and took office in early 2021. When the Fresh Start Committee sought resources to initiate a Fresh Start event for 2021, they found an enthusiastic supporter in Laura Conover and a new energy throughout the legal system in Pima County for supporting those who had been incarcerated. And they also found new policies in effect throughout the legal community. With the support of the Pima County Attorney and Mayor Regina Romero of the City of Tucson, Fresh Start's concept was expanded and moved to the Tucson Convention Center in 2021. That successful event served 400 formerly incarcerated people and removed significant barriers to their effective self-sufficient reentry to the community. The event slated for October 22, 2022, is the second Fresh Start Expo in the expanded venue of the Tucson Convention Center. It is anticipated that additional publicity and increased efficiency that comes with experience will significantly expand the number served.

- 3. Describe in detail how this program is supportive and consistent with this law enforcement agency's efforts, policies, and /or initiatives in the community. What elements of the program specifically enhance or extend the efforts of law enforcement in the community, and how does the program do this?**

Perhaps the new subtitle of the Pima County Attorney's Office, The People's Office, and the publishing of *Our Core Values* by Pima County Attorney Conover, best exemplifies the focus of the agency's efforts that Fresh Start Expo supports and enhances. Fresh Start Expo follows the concepts of making legal services accessible to people without money, means or influence and does so by providing the services free, in a community space, at a time and day best accessed by the working poor. Fresh Start Expo brings the judges, courts, staff, files and clinics to the Tucson Convention Center on a Saturday. There is no charge for the services being provided. Everyone has equal access to the service via a "first come first served" process because everyone waits in line. However, legal services are located on the mezzanine of the Tucson Convention Center so that people seeking legal services can be screened to verify they have a legal need and the type of legal assistance needed can be ascertained. After screening, they are directed to the appropriate legal service.

Everyone has access to all the free resources on the entire first floor of the Tucson Convention Center. It is filled with tables of resource providers offering free information and access to housing, utilities, employment, training program information, educational opportunities, mental and physical health care, clothing, haircuts, food boxes, snacks, childcare, vaccinations, spiritual support, and more. In addition, there is a stage with a full line-up of speakers welcoming and encouraging attendees, i.e. County Attorney Laura Conover, Mayor Regina Romero, faith leaders, singers and musical groups. Individuals are also encouraged to share their stories of their journey through the legal system as well as stories of success or struggles.

Groups and agencies that work directly with people recently released from incarceration are encouraged to bring their clients to the event and to help them through the legal and resource areas. Sample groups participating: Federal Bureau of Prisons on Wilmot, Catholic Community Services Kolbe Society Prison Ministry, Bridge Prison Ministries, The Gate Ministries, One Stop/DES, Adult Probation, Pantano Church, Rights Restoration Clinic, 4Tucson, Homeless ID Project, New Life Transition Program, member groups of the Pima County Reentry Coalition.

## FRESH START INTERNATIONAL

4. As specifically as possible, please indicate how the funds requested will be used by this program (that is, to purchase supplies, equipment, and/or services; covering costs of participants or attendees; etc. DIRECT CASH TRANSFERS OR GIFTS ARE NOT PERMITTED):

Note: to keep the Fresh Start Expo FREE and accessible to underserved communities and the people that have been marginalized by a history of conviction, the Fresh Start Committee has made every effort to have services and resources donated and to eliminate extraneous items.

Budget items and costs listed here in the column titled 2022 cost (totaled \$14,182) represents the items that are currently unfunded but need funding to appropriately meet the costs of the event so that it remains free for all participants.

The requested RICO funding of \$5000 will enable ordering and covering the costs of items that need to be pre-ordered, contracted or in place several weeks before the event.

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1	Budget Items Needed		
2	Item	2022 cost	RICO Request \$5000
3	web upgrade	\$2,000	\$200
4	Printing	900	
5	T shirts for volunteers	900	400
6	photo backdrop w/stand	314	314
7	stage back drop w/stand	368	368
8	podium insert logo	250	250
9	Fire Marshall fee	200	200
10	Audio visual rent	4200	1368
11	Electricity	1500	
12	TCC housekeeping	1650	
13	water in jugs	400	400
14	ADVision bus shelters	1500	1500
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16	Budget needed	Total \$14,182	\$5,000
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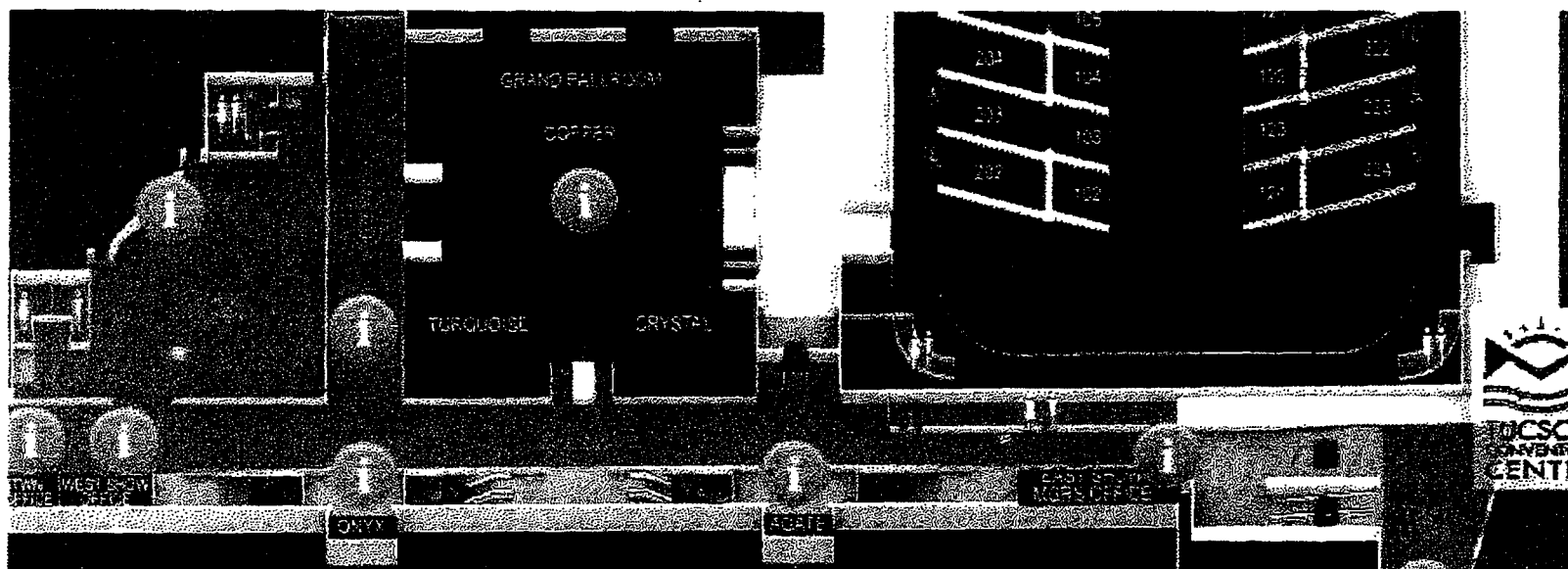
5. Please describe how your initiative will directly assist people from underserved communities and/or those who have been marginalized by a conviction history.

**FRESH START EXPO** brings resources to the neighborhood accessible to these groups by public transportation or walking. Additionally, all the expensive resources needed to navigate the legal system are offered at no cost to the individual and at a day and time that these groups can access the resources without losing time at work or losing a job. Childcare is provided free by reliable, trained adult staff of the Girl Scouts. The process for accessing resources and legal help is kept simple. There are no fees, admission costs or confusing rules that have to be paid or navigated. Mentors, case managers, and trusted adults are encouraged to accompany clients who are insecure in new environments. All participants are treated with respect and dignity.

As a concession to the trauma that some participants may have suffered through contact with uniformed officers, no uniformed officers will be present on the site or will be part of the security staff.

**FRESH START EXPO** addresses changes and resources in the judicial system. It does not involve enforcement. Consequently, neither the Pima County Sheriff's Department nor the Tucson Police Department is involved.

# MAP OF RESOURCES 2021



## East Lobby:

- Registration
- COVID Vaccine Clinic

## Long Galleria:

- Education
- Employment
- Check in for Rights Restoration, Warrant Resolution and Expungement Services
- Misc. Legal Services

## Agate:

- Check in for Second Chance Tucson Job Fair

## Crystal Ballroom:

- Child care provided by Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona

## Turquoise Ballroom:

- Medical, Dental, Mental Health and Substance Abuse services

## Copper Ballroom:

- Main stage
- Community Resources

## Grand Lobby:

- Hair cuts
- Goshen International Church Community Closet

## Short Galleria:

- Lil' Chill Concession Stand



# Main Stage Speaker Schedule

Main stage is located in the Copper Ballroom

Time	Speaker
9:15-9:25	Da'Mond Holt
9:35-9:45	Judge Charles Pyle
9:55-10:05	Celebration - Gate outreach
10:15-10:25	City Courts - Judge Anthony Riojas
10:35-10:45	Mayor Romero
10:55-11:05	Celebration - Peter Meyerhoff
11:15-11:25	Celebration - DJ Cruse
11:35-11:45	Laura Conover
11:55-12:05	Justice Courts - Judge Wilson
12:15-12:25	Celebration - Thomas Cortese
12:35-12:45	Joel Feinman
12:55-1:05	Celebration - Gate outreach
1:15-1:25	Celebration - Jim Brown
1:35-1:45	Superior Courts - Judge Bergin
1:55-2:05	Acting Mayor for the City of South Tucson - Akanni Oyegbola
2:15-2:25	Celebration - Gate outreach
2:35-2:45	Justice Courts - Judge Bacal
2:50-3:00	Da'Mond Holt

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