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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 14, 2022

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner   
Acting County Administrator

Re: U.S. Border Patrol Temporary Facility in Pima County

At the March 1 meeting of the Board of Supervisors a question was raised regarding the soft-sided, temporary facility that was opened in April 2021 by the U.S. Border Patrol.

Located at 4550 East Los Reales Road, the 80,000 square foot facility was built on six acres by U.S. Border Patrol in April 2021. The facility was constructed to safely and expeditiously process individuals in U.S. Border Patrol Tucson Sector custody.

Individuals are brought to the Los Reales facility by one of the components of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which is the federal executive department responsible for border security, immigration and customs. The U.S. Border Patrol does grant access to partner agencies to process and release onsite.

In January of this year, a representative of the U.S. Border Patrol Tucson Sector reported that approximately 2,000 children had been processed through the soft-sided facility since it opened last April. It was noted that the facility is used primarily for unaccompanied children but that it can be used for other individuals.

Unaccompanied children are transferred within 72 hours to the custody of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Others are generally transferred to Casa Alitas Welcome Center, which is one of two active Asylum Seeker shelters in Arizona. Asylum Seekers are often at the Casa Alitas Welcome Center for hours or a couple of days. If people test COVID positive, they do stay longer for offsite COVID positive designated quarantine location.

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,  
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