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ADDENDUM MATERIAL

DATE 12/20/22 ITEM NO. Add 4

Date: December 19th, 2022

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

From: Kristen Randall
Green Valley Justice Court
Administrator

Re: **Comment and Questions About Item Four on the Addendum Agenda**

Honorable Chairwoman Bronson and Board of Supervisors,

Judge Carroll offers his support for item four on the addendum agenda, as statute is clear in these matters. Although the caseload did not change dramatically at the Green Valley Justice Court, the formula for calculating Judicial Productivity Credits did change, and was applied to Judge Carroll for the first time this year. Had the court been subject to the old formula, there would have been no adjustment in salary for the court.

Of other concern, which is a timely issue given the change in Justice Precinct 7 boundaries effective January 1st, are cases that by statute should be heard in Justice Precinct 7 and are not. Judge Carroll has made well-reported arguments about this issue since he first came to Green Valley Justice Court when the statistician for the Administrative Office of the Courts, Bert Cisneros, had pointed out some inconsistencies with the data. While we are aware there are potentially hundreds of cases that fit this description, there is currently no process to transfer them to the proper jurisdiction, nor have we found it easy to have this discussion with Consolidated Court.

This is an important issue to correct, especially as we are welcoming 31,000 more constituents in a few weeks, at the Board's direction. This problem is an issue of statute, it affects access to the justice system for litigants who do not live near Tucson, it wastes County time and money, and it influences the Judicial Productivity Credits of our court.

We are asking for assistance with the following:

1. An accounting of ALL filings for ALL cases in Pima County Consolidated Court for FY 21/22 that should have been filed in JP 7 (zip codes 85756, 85629, 85614, 85641, 85645, 85601, 85633, 85622)
2. An automated, daily data pull from AGAVE sent to the Green Valley Justice Court displaying all filings for JP 7 zip codes
3. A discussion and plan moving forward to ensure that Green Valley Justice Court receives the filings that belong in JP 7

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kristen Randall

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