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TO: Pima County
Clerk of the Board

FROM: Arlene Benavidez, M.A.
Executive Director, MEC

DATE: October 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Appointment Request for Pima County Appointment to the MEC

We hereby request that the following MEC Commissioner Appointment be placed on the Pima County Board of Supervisors agenda for approval, as an appointee representing Pima County:

Nicole Pargas, RN, representing the Health Care Community

Ms. Pargas would be replacing Dr. Marcy Flanagan, who resigned from the Commission May 21, 2019. Thank you very much.

Arlene Benavidez, M.A.
MEC Executive Director

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Nicole Pargas Bio

Nicole Pargas, RN
Director of Health Services
Marana Unified School District

I am a native Tucsonan and a graduate of the University Of Arizona College Of Nursing, with more than twenty years of nursing experience as a Registered Nurse. I have worked in a wide range of health care organizations with a strong emphasis in school health, nursing research, and outpatient medicine.

I joined the Marana Unified School District in 2015 as a Health Services Facilitator, and have served as the Director of Health Services for MUSD since March 2018. Prior to joining MUSD, I served as the Senior Research Nurse on the Tucson Children's Respiratory Study at the University of Arizona, conducting epidemiological asthma and allergy research. I am a driving force for change, and am passionate about advocating for the educational and medical needs of students. It is paramount to support the health care needs of students so they may continue on their road to academic success. I am committed to building collaborative relationships with individuals and community organizations in an effort to ensure all students receive proper support in all aspects of their educational experience.