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Date: September 2, 2020

To: Julie Castañeda
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

From: Ramon Valadez,
Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: **Agenda Item Request for the September 15, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Please place an Agenda Item on the September 15, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting entitled:

Resolution No. 2020- _____

A Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors in Support of the United States Postal Service to Support Mail-In Voting.

Thank you.

RESOLUTION 2020 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, RELATING TO ELECTIONS AND MAIL-IN VOTING; SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AND OPPOSING ANY DECREASE IN POSTAL WORKER HOURS OR REMOVAL OF POSTAL EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION.

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds:

1. Critical to democracy is a voting system that is fair and accessible to all eligible citizens.
2. A ballot processing system developed long ago when voting was confined to a single day is simply not conducive to today's world.
3. The expansion of early voting programs adds necessary flexibility and convenience.
4. More and more residents rely on mail-in voting to exercise their right to vote as evidenced by the recent Pima County Primary in which 91.3% of all voters participated in early voting, a 28% increase since 2010.
5. The need to maintain social distancing is a vital element in the response to the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.
6. All necessary and appropriate actions are maintained to keep elections safe and secure.
7. A well-resourced, efficient United States Postal Service (USPS) is necessary to ensure that mail-in ballots are timely received and counted for the upcoming General Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors calls upon the Pima County and Arizona Congressional Delegations to support increased funding for USPS as part of a pending COVID-19 relief bill and to oppose the removal of any and all equipment or the decrease in postal worker's hours prior to November 3, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2020.

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Ramón Valadez
Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

09/01/2020
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Christopher Straub
Deputy County Attorney