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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

TO:

FROM:

REGARDING: Item for the December 1, 2020 agenda

Please add the following to the December 1, 2020 agenda:

Proclamation

Proclaiming December 5, 2020, to be: "Five Points Gateway Enhancement Project Day." (District 5)

Thank you

Betty Villegas, District Five Supervisor but for the December 1, 2020 -

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Five Points Gateway Enhancement Project was a \$1.2 million effort of three governments working with four City of Tucson neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, this unique beautification project captures the history, culture and community spirit of the people living and working in the area, which is a gateway to downtown Tucson where Stone Avenue merges into Sixth Avenue at 18th Street; and

WHEREAS, the project, 11 years in the making, includes a bronze sculpture of César Chávez by local artist Luis Gustavo Mena, five steel archways overhead, and 10 bronze plaques detailing the history and culture of the four area neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the late Armory Park Neighborhood businessman and resident Albert M. Elías was a major force in conceiving and promoting this project and will be recognized on one of the plaques for his yeoman efforts; and

WHEREAS, District Two Pima County Supervisor Ramón Valadez and the late District Five Pima County Supervisor Richard Elías, Albert's son, were instrumental in the county's planning and funding of the project; and

WHEREAS, former Ward One Tucson City Council Member and current Mayor Regina Romero ensured and promoted the City of Tucson's planning, funding, and active oversight of the project; and

WHEREAS, Barrio Santa Rosa, Barrio Viejo, Santa Rita Park, and Armory Park neighborhood associations helped plan this project, which benefits all of them; and

WHEREAS, the project denotes the intersection's status as gateway from Tucson to South Tucson and complements improvements to South Sixth Avenue by the City of Tucson, which will maintain all project elements in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation also used federal funds to help pay for project costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Saturday, December 5, 2020, to be:

"FIVE POINTS GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT DAY"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of December 2020.

The Honorable Ramón Valadez, Chairman Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk Pima County Board of Supervisors