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Subject: Early childhood education

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I am in support of the \$10 million budget addition to fund scholarships for 3 and 4 year olds in Pima County. This early childhood education proposal is long over due. Please consider and support the proposal by Rex Scott.

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From: Chris Magnus <Chris.Magnus@tucsonaz.gov>
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Subject: Support for Early Childhood Program Scholarships Measure on 2/16/2021 Agenda from TPD Chief of Police

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

In my 40+ years of experience in policing, 21 as a police chief, I have come to appreciate the value of high-quality early childhood programs. For the past 10 years, I have been involved in *Fight Crime: Invest in Kids*, an organization of over 5,000 law enforcement leaders which recognizes the critical importance of making high-quality early care and education available to kids from birth to age five from families with low incomes.

I would like to join with Tucson's *Child and Family Resources, Inc.* in encouraging you to support the measure on your February 16th agenda directing the County Administrator and county staff to include \$10 million in the Pima County budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to fund scholarships to wholly or partly cover the cost incurred by parents who wish to enroll their three- or four-year-old child in a high-quality early childhood program. Eligible children will come from families whose income is under 200% of the federal poverty level. These scholarships would be payable only to high-quality early childhood education programs such as those run by public-school districts, childcare centers, and family home care providers.

Those of us in policing know that giving kids the right start in life can prevent later crime, as shown by several rigorous studies. In the first few years of life, children's intellect, emotions, and their ability to develop concern for others are building the foundation upon which their later success or failure will greatly depend. Voluntary early education and care for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers can put kids on the path towards success and steer them away from later crime.

One example of this is Chicago's publicly funded Child-Parent Centers, which have served over 100,000 three and four-year-olds since 1967. Researchers followed a sample of participants up until age 28 and found that children who did not participate were 70 percent more likely to be arrested for a violent crime by age 18. Those who participated had a 29 percent increase in high school graduation rate. A recent study of Oklahoma's universal pre-K program found the program decreased the likelihood that Black children were later charged with a misdemeanor or felony crime at age 18 or 19.

When we fail to invest effectively in our children, everyone pays the price—in taxes for criminal justice costs, costs to business, and costs to the victims. Worse, some children and adults will pay with their lives. Investing now in what works not only saves lives and protects our community, it saves money. Researcher Mark Cohen estimated that the average value of preventing a baby from growing up to become a youth who drops out of school, uses drugs, and goes on to engage in criminal behavior is at least \$2.5 million per individual.

Thank you helping us reduce crime and improve the lives of many children in our community by supporting this important measure.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Magnus
Tucson Chief of Police

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From: russell miller <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Hello Supervisors,

It's good to see that Pima County is finally going to take action to invest in quality early childhood education. If there's a better investment in economic and workforce development, we'd like to know.

Thanks for taking this matter up and giving it the priority it deserves. Our children can't wait. We hope this is just the first of many commitments to come.

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For the Board of Supervisors: (Adelita Grijalva is my district rep)

I support significant multi-year investment by Pima County for scholarships for high quality early childhood education.

High-quality early childhood experiences mean that a child is more likely to succeed in school and in life. And that means not only better lives for these future adults, but significant savings for taxpayers.

Financial support to send children to high quality early education is crucial to parents' ability to work. Without support, some families will be forced to place their young children in low-quality, perhaps even dangerous, care settings. Without access to high-quality safe childcare options some workers, mainly women, will be forced to remain out of the work force altogether.

A huge proportion of all childcare is provided by small local business owners, many of whom are minorities and women, in centers and in individually licensed homes. Businesses are keenly aware of this need and they support childcare for their employees.

Please vote for this critical support for Tucson families!

Mimi Nichter

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Dear Member of the Board of Supervisors, Dear Chuck Huckleberry,

As a retired pediatrician and former Vice Dean at the University of Arizona College of Medicine as well as a mother and grandmother, I strongly support high-quality early childhood education. Every child deserves this proven method of getting a head start on the education ladder. This is especially true for the disadvantaged children in our community.

I am concerned, as I am sure you are, with those children whose education has been halted or interrupted by the pandemic. Let us not add a generation of preschoolers to that group.

Sincerely yours,

Marilyn Heins MD

This letter can be read at the meeting.

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Marilyn Heins MD
Retired pediatrician, parent, grandparent, columnist, and author

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From: Lori Reid <lreid@erikhitefoundation.org>
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Subject: Statement from Supervisor Rex Scott re: Pima County Preschool

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To Whom It May Concern;

As a resident of Pima County since 1987, and a business owner in Arizona for many years, I can say that I believe in this proposal as a means of investing in the future of our community.

Now, working in the non-profit sector for early childhood education, I see the impact of preschools and childcare centers.

Please support this - our children are our future. It is our duty to make every effort to help them succeed.

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Sincerely,
Lori A. Reid
Admin. Assistant, Board Member
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Dear Chairman Bronson and Members of the Board:

I am taking opportunity to address the importance of access to high quality Pre-K education and to request your support of this issue in the coming fiscal year budget. I urge you to appropriate \$10m to be used in the form of scholarships to 3 and 4-year-old children.

I have been a child clinical psychologist for more than forty years, most of that time in Tucson. I served as head of behavioral health services for Thomas-Davis Medical Centers and developed and directed Catalina Behavioral Health Services. I taught as a special education teacher for the Amphitheater School District for 3 years and, and later worked for Community Partnership of Southern Arizona. In that capacity I managed the development and construction of Pima County's Crisis Response Center.

I urge invest in broadened access for 3 and 4 year olds to high quality Pre-K education. From development psychology perspective, two of the most important areas of skill growth for 3 and 4 year olds are language skills and social skills. Where 2 year olds general speak in 2-4 word sentences, 3 and 4 year old often speak in paragraphs! I'm certain you have all been amazed at the seemingly daily growth of language skills in this age group. This successful development depends on a child being exposed to others who use a broad vocabulary and adult sentence structure. Failure to have these experiences can result in a life-long retardation of verbal skill development.

Three-year-olds also begin to focus on adults and children outside their family. This is the time when the concepts of friendship, sharing, and taking turns. It is the time when children first want to please friends, be like their friends and learn to "follow rules". It's the time when the foundation for self esteem is laid and empathy starts to develop. High quality Pre-K is an ideal opportunity to teach children how to manage their emotions and problem solve when they are upset rather than deal with their world by having temper tantrums. It's also a crucial period in the development of resiliency. At 3 and 4 years old, their interactions with those around them will help to shape their personality and their ways of thinking. The potential impact of high quality Pre-K on social skill development and future success is enormous.

Between 8 months and 3years old children's brains are particularly adept at becoming multilingual; therefore, children raised in monolingual households will get a particular boost from the proposed access to high quality early childhood education .

Additionally high quality Pre-K at 3 years of age provides the opportunity for skilled staff to spot developmental delays or disability direct families to available resources thereby accelerating remediation.

As you well know, the more vulnerable a child's circumstances, the more likely and extensive the impact of high quality Pre-K. Not only will children who are afforded this opportunity have an enhanced likelihood of academic and social success, they are less likely to require special time and attention from teachers and others as they mature. This allows teachers and others to spend more time with the class as a whole and improves the academic experience for all.

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Again, thank you for your service to our community and for your willingness to join with the community, public and private education institutions, business leaders and law enforcement to invest in this all important, high quality Pre-K education program.

Howard Shore, Ph.D.

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From: Nicole Barraza <nbarraza@salc.org>
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Attachments: QECE Support Letter.pdf

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To whom it may concern,

Please distribute the attached comment letter to each of the Board of Supervisors and to the County Administrator Chuck Huckleberry regarding agenda item number 7, Early Childhood Program Scholarships, for the meeting on February 16, 2021.

Please read out loud at the meeting.

Thank you,
Nicole

Nicole P. Barraza, Ph.D.

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Pima County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Chuck Huckelberry

Dear Supervisors and Mr. Huckelberry,

We write today to urge you to include a \$10 million budget earmark for high Quality Early Childhood Education (QECE) scholarships for preschool-aged children in poverty.

The CEOs and community leaders of Southern Arizona Leadership Council firmly believe that QECE is a critical building block upon which future educational attainment and quality of life is built. It is especially important in jumpstarting the educational journey for children in poverty, and the economic and sociological benefits that accrue from QECE have been proven. Data shows us that children who are involved in QECE are healthier, achieve higher levels of education, have higher lifetime earnings, and fewer interactions with the criminal justice system than those who do not.

Our region's future economic prosperity and our quality of life depend on this investment in QECE. Many counties throughout the country have invested in children's early education and are now reaping the benefits. Pima County should do likewise for our children.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this measure that will positively impact the lives of so many young children and their families in the region.

Sincerely,

Nancy Johnson
CEO, El Rio Health Center
Co-Chair, Healthcare Committee
Southern Arizona Leadership Council

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to adopt the measure allocating considerable funding for high quality early childhood care scholarships for lower income preschool aged children. Children's development is most rapid during ages birth to 5 and therefore considerably impacted by robust and high quality developmental and social/emotional learning opportunities. Quality care and Intervention during this time can remarkably increase academic preparedness, reduce later grade retention, and diminish the need for remedial and special education services due to developmental and behavioral problems in our K-12 public schools.

I commend you for your consideration to providing some of our youngest children the real opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and to later become more productive and well-adjusted citizens of our county.

Respectfully,

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To the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the Preschool Promise, and hope that the Pima County Board of Supervisors includes \$10 million in the budget for next year to provide scholarships to 3 and 4-year-old children. The first years of life are a critical time for children to learn, build healthy attachments, and begin to learn positive social and coping skills. No child should be deprived of that opportunity due to financial barriers. These scholarships will also benefit families and parents of young children, by providing them an opportunity to be able to work while knowing their children are being cared for.

Please make this investment in the children of our community.

Thank you,

Natalie Long, MSW Student/Intern

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