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If possible please enter into record of meeting I would like am currently watching on Cox 96. Supervisor Bronson requested statements from each mayor. This is our statement for City of South Tucson.

Thank you

"Pima County and each of its incorporated cities and towns request your immediate release of available state funding which has been rejected for this region by the Arizona State Health Department.

As I see it, this decision can be interpreted as the State of Arizona's embracement of the "herd immunity" as its preferred practice that will ultimately result in control of the Coronavirus pandemic. It is my sincere feeling, that "herd immunity" amounts to nothing more than allowing natural selection to take place. It is unfortunate, that the weak, the infirm, the diabetic, the senior citizens and other marginalized and unrepresented individuals will be left to leave Planet Earth a little earlier than they would have in pre Covid-19 years. Never mind the untold suffering and death that will accompany this unfortunate State of Arizona policy. These poor souls will be cared for in its hospitals, nursing facilities, under induced comas as they await the ultimate relief from their struggles.

Does this scenario represent the state of healthcare science or the unfortunate example of our beloved state at its best? I simply do not believe so, nor do the residents I am fortunate enough to represent within the City South Tucson. I humbly urge the State of Arizona to reconsider this decision to withhold critically needed funding resources it have been allocated with the intent of addressing this horrific pandemic."

Bob Teso, Mayor
City of South Tucson

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