


Adelita S. Grijalva, District 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2021

TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Adelita Grijalva, District Five Supervisor 

REGARDING: Item for the September 7, 2021 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the September 7, 2021 agenda addendum:

Board of Supervisors

Discussion only. It is time for the Pima County Board of Supervisors to consider setting a \$15 an hour minimum wage for everyone working in unincorporated Pima County. This would make our area a more attractive place to work and live. It would stimulate local spending, and therefore the local economy. A \$15 an hour minimum wage yields an annual income of \$31,200 a year, hardly a figure for a life of luxury

A few years ago, several large national labor unions began calling for a \$15 per hour minimum wage. The idea is gaining traction.

President Joe Biden in March established a \$15 an hour minimum wage for federal contractors and proposed that wage for all workers in his original Coronavirus Relief Plan.

The minimum wage in Washington, D.C., went to \$15.20 an hour on July 1. In California It is going up incrementally to \$15 an hour on January 1, 2022. In Flagstaff, the minimum wage hit \$15 an hour on January 1 – it goes to \$15.50 an hour next January 1.

City of Tucson voters will decide an initiative that is to raise its minimum wage, in increments, to \$15 an hour on January 1, 2025, then peg it to inflation. The Board of Supervisors approved a 2021-2022 budget that raises the minimum wage for county employees to \$15 an hour. Other workers in Pima County also are deserving of this dignity. We need regional uniformity in the minimum wage and we should create a reasonable plan to arrive at that goal. (District 5)

Thank you

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