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County Administrator Leshner,

As you know, the PCSD budget is constantly under scrutiny and underfunded. To spend \$170,000 on a program that has no measuring stick to show any success makes no sense. The data shows there is very little return on investment. The number of GED's handed out over the past 5 yrs is less than 1 per year. To date...this year is zero and last year was one.

They report numbers of participants being 700 with 400 passing one test but that again is over several years and to get a GED the inmate is required to pass 5 tests.

The training they provide is offered for free online by Pima Community College.

The training they provide is also already provided by Superintendent of Schools, required by statute to all those inmates 21 and under.

The program they offer takes several weeks to just take one test, much less 5 and the average stay for our inmate population is less than three weeks and one of those weeks is spent in detox where the inmate is not even eligible to attend. This program is best suited for a prison environment not a jail. It requires a great deal of staffing to accomplish something that is better suited for the Superintendent of Schools or the Transition Center where the courts can have input requiring such training.

This program cost us in supplies, space and staffing. The idea that the program provides relief to the inmate is without merit as the jail already offers several other programs that allows for such relief. These programs such as religious, counseling, and library services are all free to the county and the inmate.

I suggest if this passes it be placed under the budget of the Superintendent of Schools or the Transition Center where performance standards can be measured and realistic outcomes can be achieved.

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Melissa,

Please see attached on behalf of Supervisor Heinz for the 6/23 Addendum Agenda.

Thank you,

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