MEMORANDUM

Date: October 10, 2017

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Historic Pima County Courthouse Update

Since my previous update of July 21, 2017, major renovation work continues on the Historic Pima County Courthouse and space allocation planning is complete. The building occupants will be The University of Arizona Mineral Museum, Visit Tucson, Pima County’s Office of Sustainability and Conservation, as well as Attractions and Tourism. These occupants will be located on the Second and Third Floors. The First Floor will be occupied by a visitors center and The University of Arizona (UA) Mineral Museum.

Design of tenant improvements for the Second and Third Floors have been completed. The contract for construction will be awarded with construction anticipated to begin January 2018.

Appropriate agreements with the UA and other leasing documents will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in December 2017 for consideration.

The UA is investing approximately $10 million in developing the Mineral Museum. The County is anticipating issuing a Request for Proposals for an operator for the visitors center before the end of this year. It is likely occupation of the Second and Third Floors will occur before the end of 2018, with the visitors center improvements being completed approximately at the same time. Opening of the visitors center may coincide with the opening of the UA Mineral Museum in 2019.

Finally, the Historic Courthouse will contain three to four public auditoriums, including preservation of the Dillinger Courtroom.

The January 8th Memorial will also proceed with construction late 2018 and be completed in early 2019.

c: Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator
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