MEMORANDUM

Date: June 1, 2018

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: Pima County to Resume Management of the Kino Community Center

Since 1995, the Kino Community Center, located at 2805 E Ajo Way, has provided area residents with access to recreational facilities for adults and youth, child care, swimming lessons and a myriad of educational and support programs.

Pima County operated the facility until April 2012 when the County entered into an Operating Agreement (Agreement) with the YMCA of Southern Arizona, thus, establishing the YMCA as the operator of the Kino Community Center. The Agreement allowed the YMCA to operate the facility, which became known as the Mulcahy YMCA at Kino Community Center (Mulcahy). Pima County was responsible for the exterior maintenance of the building, including the roof and systems such as heating and air conditioning, water heaters, etc.

In June 2017, recognizing increased costs over several years caused the facility to operate in a deficit, the County amended the Agreement and assumed additional financial responsibilities not to exceed $175,000 annually for each of the five years. While the YMCA has experienced lower-than-optimal membership at the Mulcahy branch, increased activity at Kino Sports Complex has resulted in improved revenues and attendance for traditional sporting events in addition to diverse gatherings and events. The Kino Sports Complex is nearly at capacity for the current fiscal year, hosting events every weekend other than the New Year’s and Easter holiday weekends.

For the past two years, the clubhouse has been at capacity from January thru March. Some events are turned away due to lack of useable locker room space. In addition, there have been increased requests for space for meeting rooms, indoor events and receptions.

Recognizing the Mulcahy facility provides unique opportunities for additional events to be held at Kino Sports Complex, staff at the YMCA and Pima County began to discuss possible options regarding the management of Mulcahy to provide the highest and best use of the
facility. The goal is to serve the community in a manner that is mutually beneficial to both organizations and fiscally responsible.

Transitioning management of the facility back to Pima County allows for a continuation of services to the general community in a cost-effective manner. Because Pima County pays all costs for utilities, including the building and swimming pool as part of an annual operating fee, an increase in maintenance and operation costs is not anticipated.

The County will also benefit from rental fees paid for the anticipated use of the facility, including approximately an additional $50,000 to $100,000 generated during the annual Gem and Mineral Show.

The County recognizes that numerous community groups use the facility and is pleased to continue to host those activities. Both the YMCA and the County recognize the importance of programs such as youth sports leagues, swim programs, senior events and community meetings. All regularly scheduled community meetings will continue to be held at Mulcahy or, if appropriate, at the Kino Sports Complex.

The YMCA will notify all of its members and program participants of changes effecting the use of the facility and other YMCA locations they may utilize as well as answer general questions.

The operational transfer is scheduled to occur on July 1, 2018.

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