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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 18, 2018

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Rillito Park and Expanded Wagering/Gambling**

I have attached a summary of a special meeting held by the Rillito Park Foundation that was attended by Chief Deputy County Administrator Jan Leshner and Attractions and Tourism Director Diane Frisch.

It is clear the Foundation and others may ask the Board of Supervisors to increase gambling/wagering at Rillito Park. I believe such would be problematic for a County park.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Diane Frisch, Director, Attractions and Tourism



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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 11, 2018

To: C. H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

From: Jan Leshner   
Chief Deputy County Administrator

Diane Frisch   
Director, Attractions and Tourism

**Re: Special Meeting of the Rillito Park Foundation**

Your May 30, 2018 memorandum asked that Ms. Diane Frisch and I attend the Rillito Park Foundation's June 6 special meeting to determine if there are policy positions the County or Board of Supervisors should consider. We attended the meeting, as did representatives of Districts 1, 3, 4 and 5, the Pima County Attorney's Office, the Rillito Park Foundation, the Fair Horseracing Commission, Ackerley Advertising and members of the media. Mr. Jaye Wells reviewed Rillito's Off-Track Betting Situation, the handouts included with your May 30 memorandum.

We believe the policy questions for the possible consideration by the County or Board are:

- a. Does the County support Mr. Wells' efforts to enhance or expand off-track betting (OTB) at Rillito?
- b. Would the County allow Rillito Park Foundation to expand the number of racing days for which it has access to the Clubhouse in excess of its current lease? Currently, this lease is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2021, which includes no more than 16 live racing days per year, unless the Board of Supervisors approves a greater number of live racing days for that year in advance of the racing season.
- c. Noting that Pima County is the only county required to meet the threshold, would Pima County support legislative efforts to reduce or eliminate the requirement that Pima County hold 140 live racing days?
- d. Would Pima County support reinstatement of the "Dome Rule"? The Dome Rule is a state law that gives Rillito Race Track and Tucson Greyhound Park the right to say whether a new OTB parlor can open in Pima County within a 60-mile radius, the local tracks' right to give permission to sunsets at the end of the year. Would Pima County support this effort? If yes, should payment be made to Pima County or to the Rillito Foundation?
- e. Does the Pima County Attorney's Office agree that the Federal Interstate Horse Racing Act supersedes state law and mandates that OTB parlors within 60 miles of Rillito receive permission to operate?

C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator  
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We understand that the items delineated above simply list the potential policy issues and do not provide an analysis of the risks and/or rewards that might inure to the benefit of Pima County. Please advise should you wish that we conduct and provide a broader analysis.

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