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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: December 30, 2019

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: **Asylum Seeker Processing at Casa Alitas at the Juvenile Justice Center**

Please see the enclosed graph demonstrating the release of asylum seekers within Pima County by Immigration and Customs Enforcement as well as the US Border Patrol for 2019. The data shows that there were nearly 20,000 asylum seekers processed in Pima County during 2019.

As the Board will recall, the Casa Alitas facility opened at the Pima County Juvenile Justice Center in August 2019. Nearly 5,000 asylum seekers have been processed through this facility since its opening. More importantly, since implementation of the Migrant Protection Protocol, Casa Alitas continues to process a significant number of asylum seekers. In one week alone, over 500 individuals were processed at Casa Alitas in December. At the current rate, I expect approximately 12,000 asylum seekers to be processed in 2020 at this facility.

It is unfortunate the US Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement did not approve our Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) grant humanitarian aid request of \$200,000. Our request represented one percent of the total OPSG funding dedicated to border security.

In January 2020, we will apply for the second round of Emergency Food and Shelter Program assistance. I would expect that our request will be in the range of \$1 million to compensate for all past expenditures related to Casa Alitas and our involvement in providing humanitarian aid to asylum seekers.

We will continue to actively support Catholic Community Services in their operation of Casa Alitas.

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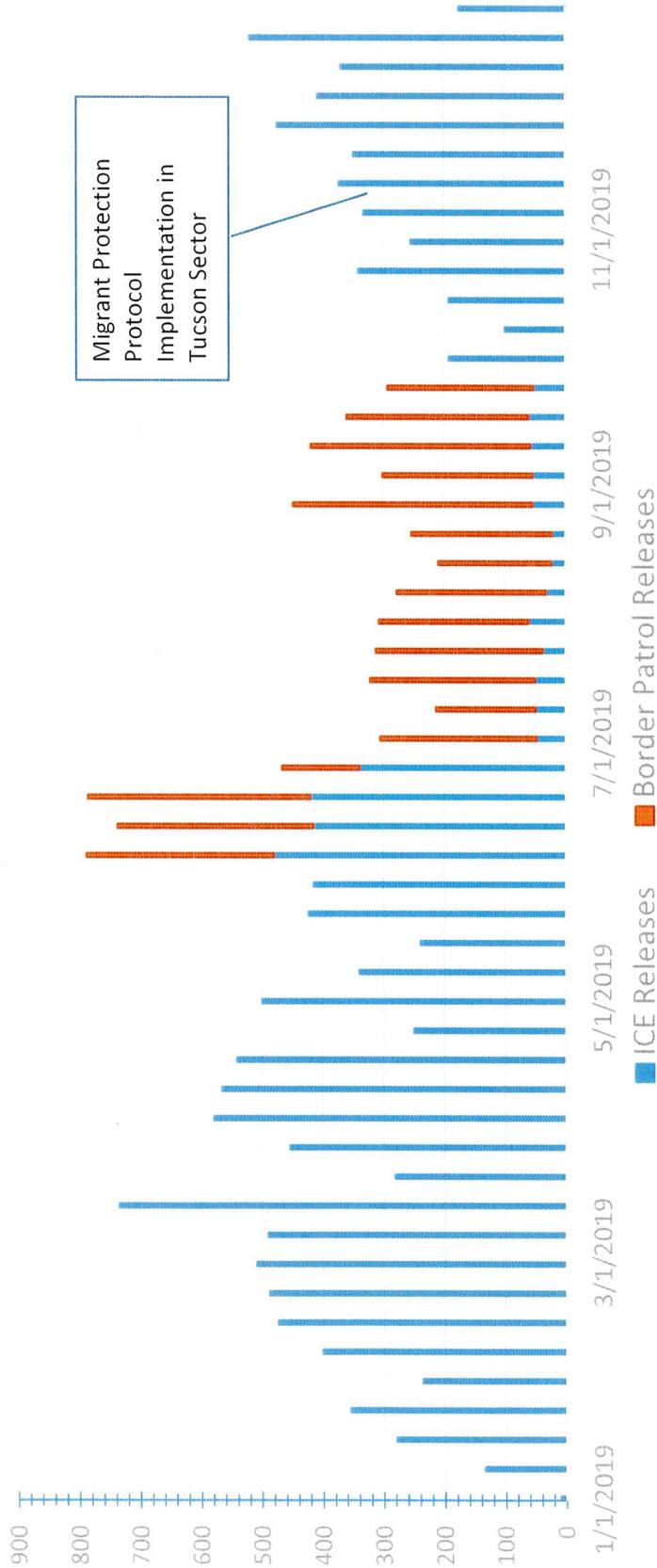
Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator

## Summary of Asylum Seeker Releases in Pima County 2019

Total Release by ICE in 2019	15014
Total Release by Border Patrol in 2019	4547
Total Releases in 2019	19561

## Weekly Releases by ICE and Border Patrol in Pima County 2019



## Summary of Releases to Local Area Shelters in Pima County 2019

ICE Casa Alitas	ICE FUMC	ICE Merilac	ICE St. Pius	Local Area Release	ICE St. Marks Presbyterian	ICE Benedictine Monastery	ICE UCC Church Rincon	ICE St. Francis UMC	BP Casa Alitas PCJCC	BP Benedictine Monastery
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