Date: April 3, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
       County Administrator

Re: Closure of Pima County Shooting Ranges During Pandemic Outbreak

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic causing severe staffing shortages in Pima County’s shooting sports program, the Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR) Department is closing Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range, Southeast Archery Range, Southeast Clay Target Center and the Tucson Mountain Park Rifle and Pistol Range, effective Monday, April 6, 2020, until further notice.

Many of the rangemasters and a significant portion of the volunteer line safety officers are unable to continue to be out in the public for the duration of the pandemic. The Virgil Ellis Rifle and Pistol Range in Ajo and the Tucson Mountain Park Archery Range will remain open since both are unstaffed.

The presence of qualified rangemasters and trained volunteers is essential to operating a safe shooting range, and without these individuals, we are unable to keep the ranges open.

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c: Carmine DeBonis Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
    Chris Cawein, Director, Natural Resources Parks and Recreation