



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 21, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry 
County Administrator

Re: **Return to flight by World View**

I have provided a link to a video featuring World View CEO Ryan Hartman discussing the various challenges and successes the company is experiencing. The video includes footage of a successful launch, designated Griffin 18, that occurred Thursday August 20, 2020 from Page, Arizona, I have been informed the payloads from three commercial clients of World View is proprietary information but is related to the company's successful transition to imagery and data provision to its client base. The launch from Page was necessitated by certain geographic and weather requirements of the payload. This is their first flight since the onset of COVID-19.

Additionally, Mr. Hartman indicates in the video that two more missions are scheduled for October and November of this year and he expects the company to fly missions monthly in 2021. The company has also recently informed staff of the Pima County Economic Development Office that many of the World View employees furloughed due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic are being recalled to their jobs and that the company expects to be advertising for new employee positions as well. This is due to increased business opportunities occurring for World View as the company and clients begin to adapt to the current business difficulties posed by the pandemic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwdOBIAb3kQ&t=2s>

CHH/dr

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Carmine DeBonis, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
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