



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 8, 2020

To: The Honorable Steve Christy, Member
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Your Comments at the December 4, 2020 Emergency Board of Supervisors Meeting Regarding Inconsistencies in the Training of Professional NFL Football Team at State Farm Stadium versus Canceling High School Football in Pima County**

As I indicated to you, the decision to cancel high school football was made by the superintendents of schools for each district, which was based on a recommendation from our public health agency that I fully support. Comparing high school football to the NFL is like comparing apples to oranges.

The firm that manages the State Farm facility has confirmed that the NFL players who will be training at the stadium live in a "bubble" and all players are tested daily for COVID-19, unlike high school football players. In fact, we also understand that once the training actually occurs in Arizona, given the higher positivity and infection rates versus California, that the Governor of California may impose a 14-day quarantine on those returning NFL players.

As you can see, the analysis is a substantial dissimilar comparison and not applicable to the situation in Pima County.

In addition, as I emphasized, the cancellation of tournaments at the Kino Sports Complex was based on the very high percentage of out-of-state teams that would be imported into Pima County. I understand you may disagree, but I believe these actions are a small price to pay to reduce the exposure of our citizens to COVID-19.

For your information, we have also cancelled all athletic events at Canoa Preserve Park with the Baja Sports Club.

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c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Supervisors Elect, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator