MEMORANDUM

Date: December 10, 2020

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors
From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

The Honorable Supervisors Elect
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Protestors at Abrams Public Health Center

Today a group of protestors entered the Abrams Public Health Center in protest of Pima County’s COVID-19 requirements and restrictions. When they entered the building they were disruptive, because of the protest Banner Medical Clinics on the first floor were closed denying medical services to those with an appointment.

As a number of staff were concerned for their safety, I asked the Sheriff and the Tucson Police Department to remove the protestors from the building lobby. They are certainly allowed to protest where they will not disrupt public services. I am providing the below link to the video posted by Douglas Harding on his Facebook.

[VIDEO Posted by Douglas Harding RE: Protest at Abrams Public Health Center]

As you can see there is no compliance with County COVID-19 requirements and due to their disruption of operations at the Public Health Center they were trespassing in the facility. The following sign and notice will be posted on the entrances to the Public Health Center, anyone violating these requirements on entry will be asked to leave and if they refuse to leave law enforcement will be asked to remove them as they are trespassing. Based on the following notice:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, public access to this facility is restricted. Only County employees, tenants of the building, and members of the public who have a legitimate need for medical services provided in the building may enter. Any other member of the public who enters this building is trespassing. A.R.S. 13-1502, 13-1503.

cc: The Honorable Mark Napier, Pima County Sheriff
Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator
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