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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: July 13, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Tip Line Associated with Potential Criminal Complaints Related to COVID-19**

In a recent update, I indicated several individuals wishing to remain anonymous had expressed concern over being required to work by their employer after testing positive for COVID-19 or knowledge of a COVID-19 positive coworker being required to work adjacent to other employees. They also indicated confirmation that a coworker with COVID-19 was required to continue to work by their employer, endangering the health of others, or face termination. I inquired of the County Attorney regarding the use of a tip line such as 88-Crime to report such complaints.

Given that 88-Crime is overseen by a separate board, the County Attorney felt it would be more appropriate to directly report these serious violations and provide their main telephone number with instructions to have the caller request to speak to the on-duty detective. This would allow the County Attorney's Office to evaluate individual cases, gather evidence and facts to determine if criminal charges should be filed in any particular case.

Clearly knowing that an employee who tested positive for COVID-19 continues to work, potentially infecting other employees or patrons, is a serious violation of public health standards. Title 36 allows the public health official to issue an order of abatement, including closure of the business and investigation by the County's Attorney's Office for the enforcement of appropriate penalties. In my opinion, knowledge of these types of violations of public health standards are criminal in nature since these violations can lead to significant illness, injury and even death.

Establishing a County Attorney tip line for these types of serious violations is a positive step in deterring this irresponsible behavior if it is occurring.

CHH/anc

c: The Honorable Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney  
Andrew Flagg, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,  
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