MEMORANDUM

Date: June 10, 2020

To: The Honorable Adam Watters
        Presiding Justice of the Peace
        Pima County Consolidated Justice Court

From: C.H. Huckelberry
        County Administrator

        The Honorable Charlene Pesquiera
        Chief Administrative Justice of the Peace
        Pima County Consolidated Justice Court

Re: **Supervisor Bronson Questions Related to the Consolidated Justice Court Eviction Process**

I am attaching two sets of questions forwarded to me by Supervisor Bronson requesting answers to the issues raised in both communications. It would appear that the Consolidated Justice Court and your offices would be the best source of information to respond to these questions. I have also asked our County housing staff to provide a more detailed response on a number of other issues related to evictions.

I would appreciate your review of these issues and a response as to whether or not you are able to provide your response to these questions by the close of business Friday, June 12, 2020. Please send them to me as I have County Housing staff delivering a report on evictions as well.

CHH/lab

Attachments

c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
        The Honorable Kyle Bryson, Presiding Judge, Superior Court
        Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator
        Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer,
          Health and Community Services
        Arnold Palacios, Director, Community Services, Employment and Training
        Marcos Ysmael, Housing Program Manager, Community Service, Employment and Training

From:	Sharon Bronson
Sent:	Tuesday, June 9, 2020 4:03 PM
To:	Chuck Huckelberry; Jan Lesher
Cc:	Monica Perez; Maria Klucarova
Subject:	Eviction questions

Chuck
Would you ask staff to respond to these questions.
Thanks
Sharon

Are there ways to preempt the Executive Order offering eviction delays to qualifying tenants facing eviction? How is this done? Are all justices justices doing this? How many evictions have occurred through this mechanism?

How many evictions are expected to occur in the next few weeks (eviction judgements and also eviction enforcements)?

What is the average civil judgement against a tenant? (This can help determine assistance needs to prevent evictions and keep families in their homes).
Has the Justice Court been able to adequately meet the needs of the increased caseload as well as maintain proper social distancing efforts? Has technology such as using Zoom been implemented to reduce traffic inside of the court? If so, how well has this worked?

How many applicants are there for rental assistance? How much money is available? How much has been disbursed? If there are bottlenecks, please identify.

When does the Executive Order expire? Are there plans in place to reduce evictions after the Order expires? When does the CARES Act eviction moratorium expire? How were these two eviction moratoriums similar and how were they different?

How do we identify some needs/concerns about the time period following the expiration of the eviction moratoriums?

From:	Sharon Bronson
Sent:	Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:54 PM
To:	Chuck Huckelberry
Cc:	Jan Lesher; Maria Klucarova; Monica Perez
Subject:	More questions on evictions

The evictions process is antiquated, complex and places a hardship on Pima county residents facing eviction. It involves two different legal causes of action as well as statutes and procedural rules that may conflate the two. Anecdotal stories suggest bad faith filings by landlords filings bilk money from tenants or remove tenants that complain about subpar living conditions. Do these filings cost the county money in court and constable time and put our constables in potential harms way serving needless evictions? Do they create potential homelessness and poverty, which serves to increase crime and reliance on other social services in the county? Do we know the extent of these bad faith filings and how to start compiling data on their frequency?