Date: March 20, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
    County Administrator

Re: Basic Request for Information to Determine Damage to Local Employment Caused by the Coronavirus and Emergency Declarations Closing Certain Facilities

We have asked the Pima Association of Governments to provide employment information they may have regarding certain activities related to possible business closures as a result of emergency declarations.

The potential number of employees in the restaurant or bar business totals approximately 29,000 or nearly 8 percent of total employment. These employees will be the first impacted regarding emergency declarations and reduction of operations associated with restaurants and bars.

In addition, we have permitted 4,947 food facilities, including mobile food trucks. By removing mobile facilities from the count, the number decreases to 4,397.

Our efforts as well as those of jurisdictions that restrict restaurant activities need to concentrate on how to minimize these impacts and reduce the overall adverse economic impacts that will result from emergency declarations designed to reduce the infection rate of the COVID-19 virus.

One effort now underway is to create a webpage link to our COVID-19 website that lists all restaurant establishments in Pima County that are open for pickup or delivery of meals. The page will list the name of the establishment, address and phone number for ordering. This page will be named, “Pima Eats.”

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