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County Administrator

May 18, 2020

Kent J. Blumenthal, PhD.
Chairman, Pima County Small Business Commission
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Re: **Response to Your May 18, 2020 Letter**

Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

Thank you for your letter of May 18, 2020. The timely review of the temporary measures you referenced in your letter will take place. In addition, the adopted temporary measures will likely be modified by the Board of Supervisors on May 19, 2020.

We agree the review should at least consider, but not center on, the negative impact of the measures of operation on small businesses. More importantly, it must also include the public health outcomes of coronavirus impacts on hospitalizations, infection and death rates that occur or have occurred post lifting of the State stay at home order. To do this it is likely the timing of such a review will be approximately 30 days or longer after the stay at home order was lifted by the State.

To consider one without the other is simply not balancing the public interest.

Sincerely,

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C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Enclosure

c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Members, Small Business Commission
Dr. John Moffatt, Director, Economic Development Office
Patrick Cavanaugh, Deputy Director, Economic Development Office



May 18, 2020

Honorable Chairman Ramon Valadez and Honorable members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your leadership during this ongoing public health emergency and time of economic hardship for many small businesses.

At its May 14, 2020 meeting, the Pima County Small Business Commission discussed at length the work of the Pima County Back to Business Steering Committee, and specifically, the temporary regulations adopted by proclamation for restaurants and other dine-in establishments at the Board's meeting of May 13, 2020.

In the course of the Board of Supervisors' discussion and in a May 9, 2020 memorandum from Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry to the Back to Business Steering Committee ("**Temporary Measures, Guidelines or Best Practices for Reopening**") consideration was given to reviewing the success of business reopening in 30 days to see if any of the measures require modification.

In its capacity as an advisory body to the Pima County Board of Supervisors, the Small Business Commission voted unanimously at its May 14, 2020 meeting to endorse a review of the success of business reopening specifically for restaurants and other dine-in establishments and respectfully ask that the Board of Supervisors direct Pima County staff to conduct the review within two weeks of the date of implementation of the May 13, 2020 proclamation. The Commission further advises that this review should center on any negative impact the adopted measures have on the operation and profitability of small businesses in Pima County and include input from the public and small business owners together with feedback from the Pima County Back to Business Task Force.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Pima County Small Business Commission,

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Kent J. Blumenthal, Ph.D.

Chairman, Pima County Small Business Commission

c: C. H. Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator