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C.H. HUCKELBERRY County Administrator

January 11, 2021

Debbie Kenyon, President Green Valley Council 555 N. La Canada Dr. Ste 117 Green Valley, Arizona 85614

Re: Green Valley Council (GVC) Letters dated December 29, 2020 and January 5, 2021 regarding Updates and Delivery of COVID-19 Vaccines in Green Valley

Dear Ms. Kenyon:

Thank you for your correspondence and offer of assistance in this massive effort. Pima County continues to work to reach vulnerable populations across Pima County, including Green Valley. We are now planning to implement vaccination phase 1B at the end of next week, which includes population ages of 75 and older, workers in protective services, education and child care and essential care workers.

At this time, with an estimated 275,000 to 325,000 Pima County eligible 1B recipients, we are working to quickly stand up six vaccination centers at Tucson Medical Center, Banner North Cancer Center, Rillito Park, University of Arizona area, Kino Banner South and Tucson Convention Center, which should be operational between January 15 and January 19.

Due to limited vaccine supply, we are focusing our priority efforts on the 75 years and older population in Pima County, with an estimated 89,000 and 8,700 located in Green Valley.

For Green Valley, the County is meeting daily with State and local partners to rapidly include Green Valley providers and locations such as CVS, Walgreens, grocery stores with pharmacies, such as Safeway and Albertsons, and United Community Health Center. The Green Valley Recreation site was also suggested as a possible location if necessary. Regarding the Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital, we are still waiting to hear whether they will receive State approval to provide vaccinations.

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The State has indicated they will centrally manage vaccine allocations to retail pharmacies in the same way as they are managing long-term care facilities, but we have not received any details on their plans. As expected, updates and information are fluid and constantly changing. My office and the Pima County Health Department will work with the GVC in providing accurate and timely vaccine information for residents. We will provide updates to the GVC as they become available. The Pima County Health Department website will continue to be the main source of information and resources, as well as our direct communications with the GVC.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in outreach efforts to eligible Green Valley residents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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