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County Administrator

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Dr. Cara Christ, M.D., M.S.  
Arizona Department of Health Services  
150 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: **State Assistance in Setting up a 24/7 Point of Dispensing at the Rillito Park**

Dear Dr. Christ:

It was recently reported in the *Arizona Daily Star* that Pima County declined State assistance in setting up another Point of Dispensing (POD). I checked with both Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Francisco Garcia and Health Department Director Dr. Theresa Cullen on this matter. They, as well as I, do not recall any conversation with a State official declining assistance in setting up a future state operated POD. I apologize if we somehow left you with that impression.

As you know, we have already stood up five regional centers, including three within the last 15 days. We would appreciate assistance in setting up a sixth center at Rillito Park at the current time. This location is ideally suited for a six-lane, drive-thru vaccination facility with ample parking and long approach and departure driveways. We estimate this site could provide as many as 5,000 vaccinations per day if operated 24/7.

As we work through the priority 1.B classification, those 75 years of age and older, teachers, childcare workers as well as protective service workers, we will need additional vaccination capacity to quickly accommodate those 65 years of age and older as well as those remaining qualified persons.

Please let us know what type of assistance the State will offer in setting up our Rillito Park site.

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Sincerely,

C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

c: Major General Michael McGuire, Director, Arizona Department of Emergency and  
Military Affairs  
Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,  
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Shane Clark, Director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security  
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