



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 8, 2016

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Substantial Completion of the World View Manufacturing and Headquarters Facility in Pima County**

As you know, the County entered into an economic development agreement with World View on January 19, 2016. Due to interstate competition from primarily Florida and New Mexico, the County was required to rapidly deliver a manufacturing and production facility for World View. World View had economic development offers from these states to provide a ready-build facility. Such required the County to rapidly mobilize architects, engineers and contractors to deliver the facilities in the same timeframes required by World View that would have been met by our competitors. Our ability to rapidly develop these facilities was a significant factor in their decision to retain headquarters and manufacturing facilities in Pima County as opposed to relocating to Florida or New Mexico.

I am pleased to report to the Board of Supervisors that the World View manufacturing and headquarters facility will be delivered to World View in mid-December, on schedule and slightly under budget.

In addition, SpacePort Tucson has been developed and is ready for full operation by World View and other near-space stratospheric companies that desire to launch vehicles from this location in accordance with all Federal Aviation Administration requirements. We believe this is a significant milestone in our economic development efforts to increase high-wage, advanced technology employment within Pima County and to expand our tax base.

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