



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 3, 2013

To: Hank Atha
Deputy County Administrator for
Community and Economic Development

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Tucson Pima Arts Council Annual General Fund Appropriation**

I am very concerned with the recent article in the *Arizona Daily Star* regarding the lack of adequate maintenance of public art.

I have asked Assistant County Administrator Nanette Slusser to perform a complete inventory of the condition and assessment of all public art constructed through County projects to ensure they are functional and maintained.

I believe the Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC) plays an essential role in safeguarding the integrity of public art. Therefore, for any renewal agreements for County General Fund appropriations, TPAC will be required to perform a semiannual assessment and review of all public art constructed with Pima County funds and report on the condition of same. This assessment should include a written report and photographic evidence of the condition of the public art.

This reporting requirement should also be added now so that the first report is due to the County by January 1, 2014. If TPAC does not wish to perform this inventory and assessment, TPAC's funding allocation should be reduced by the amount necessary to retain a private art curator to perform this service.

I was quite surprised by the *Star* article and the fact that TPAC had not brought the deterioration of public art to anyone's attention; hence, the necessity of this new reporting requirement as a condition for receiving County General Funds.

CHH/dph

c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Nanette Slusser, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works Policy
Jeff Nordensson, Director, Communications Office
Roberto Bedoya, Executive Director, Tucson Pima Arts Council