MEMORANDUM

Date: September 20, 2016

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
       County Administrator

Re: Arizona Employment Gains by Region

Attached is a graphic from the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity showing over-the-year percentages of employment gain or loss by region. The data confirms what Pima County has experienced; the Tucson Metropolitan Statistical Area is now equal in employment gain to the Phoenix Mesa Scottsdale region.

We have often heard the Tucson area lags significantly behind Phoenix in employment growth, but such is incorrect. As the State’s graphic illustrates, our employment growth is equal to that of Maricopa County.

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Attachment

c: Dr. John Moffatt, Director, Economic Development
   Patrick Cavanaugh, Deputy Director, Economic Development
Total Nonfarm Employment Over-the-Year Percentage Gain/Loss by Region

- Prescott MSA: 6.1%
- Tucson MSA: 2.3%
- Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale MSA: 2.3%
- Arizona: 2.1%
- United States: 1.7%
- Lake Havasu City-Kingman MSA: 0.4%
- Sierra Vista-Douglas MSA: 0.3%
- Yuma MSA: 0.2%
- Flagstaff MSA: -0.5%