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**Supervisor Matt Heinz released the following statement on a Board resolution asking FEMA to establish vaccination PODs in Pima County:**

“I’m pleased that my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors joined me and voted unanimously to request that FEMA move forward and set up additional Vaccination PODs at the El Pueblo Community Center and the Kino Event Center, and in doing so, provide our community with hundreds of thousands of additional doses of critically needed vaccine. The exceedingly rare 5-0 unanimous vote highlights that this issue is not about politics – it’s about equitably providing these life-saving vaccines to our community members as quickly as possible.

This federal assistance will ensure our ability to vaccinate more than 200,000 more members of our community more quickly. Most importantly, these federally-administered PODs, backed up with staffing and logistical support from Pima County, will make the vaccine that much more accessible to our lowest-income and minority communities, furthering our explicit goals of equity and accessibility.

That Governor Ducey would play games with the lives of Pima County residents by rejecting this federal assistance and additional vaccines for our community is just despicable. His rash and politically-motivated decision put lives on the line and attempted to hold back our economic recovery as well. It is an affront that will not be forgotten any time soon by the voters of Pima County.

Thank you to FEMA. Thank you to my colleagues on the Board. Thank you to County Administrator Huckelberry, Dr. Cullen, Dr. Garcia and our entire Public Health team. Let’s get these shots in arms!”



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