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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 10, 2017

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: **Justice Courts Fines/Fees and Restitution Enforcement Program (FARE)**

The Board of Supervisors may receive communications from constituents regarding vehicle registration hold notices issued by the State's Motor Vehicle Division (MVD). Notices received from the MVD by Pima County residents result from unpaid traffic citation fines and fees, some dating to 15 or more years ago.

Our Justice Courts began sending delinquent cases to the Fines/Fees and Restitution Enforcement Program (FARE) in July 2016 pursuant to a Supreme Court mandate (Administrative Order 2009-29). Over the course of the last seven months, Justice Courts has sent more than 180,000 delinquent cases to FARE.

The Traffic Ticket Enforcement Assistance Program (TTEAP) was created pursuant to A.R.S. §28-1631 to assist courts in collecting delinquent fines and fees imposed for civil or criminal traffic violations. The collection agency that FARE utilizes, LDC, is required to make at least two attempts to collect prior to placing an MVD hold on registration renewals.

Between July 2016 and February 2017, MVD issued 31,752 TTEAP holds. During the same period, 12,385 individuals contacted the Justice Courts and received either a TTEAP waiver or release, which occur when a payment is made or information is provided to the Court that the individual is not the party in the case.

Thus far, Pima County Justice Courts has not forgiven any aging delinquent cases. Therefore, collection notices and MVD vehicle registration hold notices are being issued for these cases.

CHH/mjk

c: The Honorable Adam Watters, Presiding Justice of the Peace, Consolidated Justice Courts  
Micci Tilton, Interim Court Administrator, Consolidated Justice Courts