



# CITY OF TUCSON

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### **CITY OF TUCSON WEBSITE LAUNCHES 'BIENVENIDO A TUCSON'**

The City of Tucson created a new website to help ensure that Spanish speaking residents of Tucson have access to information about child care, education, health and humanitarian services, and other important government programs.

When Mayor and City Council directed City staff to form the Immigrant Welcoming Task Force, it included direction to establish a website with links to programs and services important to all Tucsonans, especially new arrivals to Tucson. The site, <http://government.tucsonaz.gov/welcome-tucson>, was completed last year.

Now, thanks to the support of the Immigrant Welcoming Task Force, and especially Prof. Jaime Fatás-Cabeza, Director of the Translation and Interpretation Program, Spanish and Portuguese Department at the University of Arizona and two of his students, Lizbeth Feria and Leonardo Vega, the site has been fully and professionally translated into Spanish. The website URL is <http://government.tucsonaz.gov/bienvenido-a-tucson>.

In addition, the City's IT department built the site to make it easy for citizens to toggle back and forth between English and Spanish, by alternately clicking "Welcome to Tucson" or "Bienvenido a Tucson."

"The translations are of professional quality and will increase the ability of monolingual Spanish speakers to engage with their community and their government," said Tucson City Council Member Regina Romero. "As a result, residents will have greater opportunities to connect to resources and help build the economy of our city."

The Mayor and City Council, and the City of Tucson, are committed to a vision for our community that is inclusive, multilingual, international, diverse, and welcoming to all people. The work of the Immigrant Welcoming Task Force and the "Bienvenido a Tucson" website helps implement that vision.

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