



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

Cinco de Mayo is the holiday held on May 5, commemorating the Mexican Army's victory over French Forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin.

In the U.S., Cinco de Mayo has taken on significance beyond that in Mexico and the date is best recognized in the United States as a date to celebrate our culture and experiences of Americans of Mexican ancestry.

Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their commitment to family, faith, hard work and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multi-cultural customs of their community.

Through the years, Latin Americans have played an integral role in our Nation's success in science, the arts, business, military service, government and every other field of endeavor and their talent, creativity, and achievement continue to energize our national life.

The United States is a country made of, and made for, immigrants. But the Latinos have been in this area for thousands of years. And to say our culture has little impact on our community, would be a major understatement.

Tucson was declared a City of Gastronomy by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and El Guero Canelo, with their Sonoran Hot Dog, won the prestigious James Beard Award for gastronomy.

With more than 50 million Latinos across the United States, Latinos now make up the largest minority group and represent billions in buying power.

I have worked to give the Latino community more economic opportunities by creating more than 9,000 jobs since taking office as your Ward 5 Councilmember. Raytheon, Costco, Walmart, GEICO, VXI Tucson, Alorica Pharmaceutical, HomeGoods Distribution Center, FedEx Ground, Century Mark 14 Theatre, Lins Grand Buffet, Modular Mining, Centene, Vanguard and Shared Services are just some of companies who have opened new businesses or expanded operations in Ward 5.

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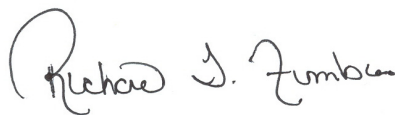
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Latinos also represent the fastest growing segment of the American electorate. In Arizona, Raul Castro served as our first Latino Governor in the 1970's. In 1991, Ed Pastor was the first Latino elected to represent Arizona in the U.S. Congress and today there are two Latinos in Congress representing Arizona: Raul Grijalva and Ruben Gallego.

As we reflect on the Latino contributions in this great country, let us not lose sight of where we, as Americans, Arizonans, Tucsonans need to go. We must continue to work together to solve the challenges of today, so our community and our children have a better tomorrow.

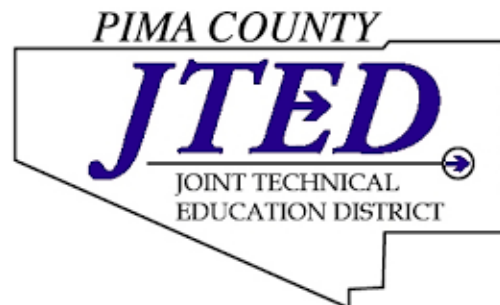
Saludos,



Richard G. Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

JTED CAMPUS AT THE BRIDGES

I am proud to announce the Pima County JTED will be building another educational campus at the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges in Ward 5.



The first building will be 50,000 square feet and have up to 900 students from TUSD and the Sunnyside School Districts.

Both the University of Arizona, who is breaking ground on the Tech Park at the Bridges, in the Fall of this year and Pima Community College will also have a presence at the new JTED Bridges Campus.

I want to thank Kathy Prather, JTED's Superintendent and JTED staff for choosing the Bridges site. Gary Brav and BFL Construction and Don Bourn and Bourn Companies for the donation of the land and the capital lease to make this happen.

I am looking forward to working with JTED on the campus, another part of the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side.

BUDGET UPDATE

At the April 23 Mayor and Council meeting, City Manager Michael Ortega presented his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020, which starts July 1.

The City's Manager's proposed budget is \$1.5 billion dollars and is structurally balanced.



Prior to this discussion, the Mayor and Council, the City Manager and his staff and Department Directors met to discuss the City of Tucson finances.

Thanks to my colleagues on the Council and the City Manager and his team, we have worked to get a structurally balanced budget for the past two years.

The City Council will further discuss the \$1.5 billion spending plan in Study Session on May 7, and a public hearing will be held that same night. For more information, go online to tucsonaz.gov/budget.

30TH ANNUAL LULAC EDUCATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET

More than 500 people turned out, Thursday, April 18, for the 30th Annual LULAC Educational Awards and Scholarship Banquet held at the DoubleTree Hotel

Receiving the LULAC Presidential Citation Award were:

Hon. Edward Manuel, Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Cassandra Becerra with Congressman Raul Grijalva's office, Thomas Boyle with the American Patriot Memorial, Jim Monaco - Pima Community College Athletic Director and Mark Kerr, Chief of Staff for City of Tucson Ward 5.

Receiving the Soldado de Cuero Lifetime Achievement Award were:

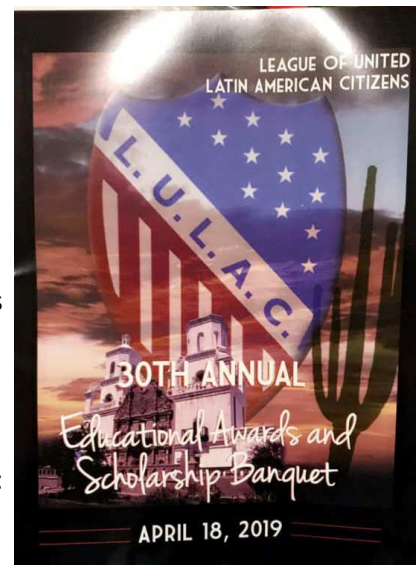
Dr. Alfredo Valenzuela, retired educator and founder Davis School Mariachi Program, Hon. Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor of the City of Tucson and Hon. Shirley Scott, Tucson Ward 4 Councilmember.

These individuals are being honored for their work and commitment to bettering the lives of youth and our community. Proceeds from the Banquet go the Youth Leadership Conference, Educational Scholarships and to help those in need in our community with food boxes.

SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FORUM

On Tuesday, April 16, Councilmember Regina Romero joined me for the Senior Affordable Housing Forum and listening session at the El Pueblo Activity Center.

The first session took place at Armory Park in December 2018. I want to thank the Elder Alliance Housing Action Team, PCOA, AARP, the Tucson Housing Foundation for coordinating the event. I want to thank the staff of the El Pueblo Center for their work.

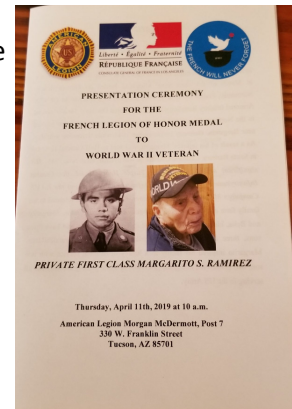


TUCSONAN HONORED WITH FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

On April 11 I had the privilege as Vice Mayor and an Army Veteran to take part in the ceremony honoring U.S. Army Private First Class Margarito S. Ramirez, with the French Legion of Honor Medal.

France's Consul General Christophe Lemoine presented Margarito with the Legion of Honor Medal for his service in France during World War II.

I want to thank the French Government for recognizing Margarito for his service and I want to also thank him for serving this nation during World War II.



U.S. Army Private First Class, Margarito S. Ramirez served in World War II and had a record of distinguished service in France during World War II.

Ramirez was born in February 1920 in Gleason, AZ, 87 miles southeast of Tucson in Cochise County.

He entered active duty with the U.S. Army in January 1942, completing basic training in March and landing on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France on D-Day - June 6, 1944 as a rifleman with the 47th Armored Infantry Battalion of the 5th Armored Division.

Also serving in the Northern France and Central Europe campaigns, before he was injured near Bergstein, Germany in December 1944 while defending a bridge.



He was sent to Hoff General Hospital in Santa Barbara, California, where he was discharged in June 1945, as a result of his injuries. His significant awards include the Purple Heart Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, and the EAME Campaign Medal with two battle stars. After the war, he returned to his family farm and later worked as a heavy equipment operator. Margarito and Belia, his wife of 76 years, live in Tucson, and have three sons, three daughters, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Ramirez inspired his family to a legacy of national service with one son, two grandsons, one great-grandson, and one great-granddaughter all serving in the U.S. Army.

I presented Private Margarito S. Ramirez with the City of Tucson Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation and the Medallion of Hope. Councilmember Paul Durham presented Private Ramirez the Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Jonathan Rothschild.

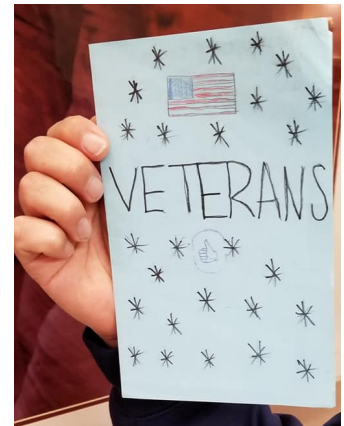
I also presented Christophe Lemoine, the Consul General of France with the City of Tucson Ward 5 Medallion of Hope.

MEMORIAL DAY CARDS TO BE PRESENTED

On Friday, May 24, a contingent of elected officials will be joining me and going to the Southern Arizona VA Hospital to give out thank you cards and letters made by school children from schools from Ward 5 and Tucson.

During my time as your Ward 5 Councilmember, I have gone out to the Southern Arizona VA Hospital to present thank you cards to the Veterans at the hospital and the Veterans on staff.

This has grown from three schools for the first event eight years ago. I want to thank Lupita Robles from my staff who coordinated the effort. I also want thank Luke Johnson and the staff of the VA Hospital for letting us come out to do this and salute our veterans.



NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATED

On Tuesday, April 2, As Vice Mayor, I had the honor of privilege of speaking to my fellow Vietnam Era Veterans for the Tucson commemoration of National Vietnam War Veteran's Day, at Iora Care, 8616 East Broadway. More than 40 of my fellow Vietnam Veterans and I received a pin from the VFW and a copy of the National Vietnam War Veteran's Day. I want thank the VFW, Humana and Iora for holding this event.



MEC CRYSTAL APPLE AWARDS HELD

The 29th Annual Metropolitan Education Commission Crystal Apple Awards took place Friday, April 26. The theme was "A Salute to Education Investors." Congratulations to the Metropolitan Education Commission and staff for their work and their efforts on the Crystal Apple Awards.

Congratulations to those educators, counselors and staff recognized for their work and commitment. A special congratulations to the students honored for their achievements. Special shout out to Joshua Ashton from my office, who also sits on the MEC. Education is the Key to Success!



JERRY NEELY GOT BELLED

Congratulations to Jerry Neely, the Director of the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center was Belled by Ben's Bells for his work at the Center and in our community. Jerry was nominated by Timothy Schulz, who works with Jerry at the Quincie Douglas Center.

From Schulz's nomination letter: He manages for the many needs of the Pueblo Gardens and surrounding community, from weekly food bank deliveries to those in need, to a community garden, to numerous holiday events for both families and seniors in the area. Schulz said the center for Neely is much more than a job, and that Neely brings happiness to the many lives he touches. "Jerry means the world to me, helps me find a sense of purpose every day," Schulz wrote. Congratulations Jerry, such a great honor for such a dedicated person.



REPORTING POTHOLE

Jesse Lugo is my appointee to the Proposition 101 Citizens Road Bond Advisory Committee and helps to report potholes in his neighborhood to the Department of Transportation to get them fixed. Jesse has created an effort to have neighborhoods to also get more involved and has created a form to use to help neighborhoods to get potholes called in and repaired.

Lugo would like neighbors to do the following: "When you call, 791-3154 to report a POTHOLE to be repaired in your neighborhood due to a concern of public safety, write person's name and date that you spoke with. Give the location (address or cross streets) where the issue is of concern. If POTHOLE is not repaired within a week then call the TDOT office once again. "If you choose to email the City of Tucson (TDOT) attach a photo or video of the POTHOLE location as this procedure is highly recommended. "The best way is to use your cell phone, take the picture or video then forward to TDOTSR@TucsonAZ.gov with the location (address or cross streets) in order for City of Tucson maintenance crew to find it. Also congratulations to Jesse for being named Elk's Man of the Year. He is a member of the Elk's Club 385.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

With the growing number of immigrant families that are being released in the Tucson area, community service providers such as Catholic Community Services are in need of volunteers and donations to help the asylum seekers continuing on their journey. To volunteer in any capacity, please send an email to casalitasprogram@gmail.com. Please indicate whether or not you have a current DPS fingerprint card or have attended the Safe Environment training through the Catholic Diocese of Tucson. You will receive a response with information about volunteering for this program and instructions to register for upcoming training. Spanish speaking volunteers are a critical need at this time. For more information on available opportunities and needed donations go online to: https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/pdfs/Volunteer_and_Donations_1.1.pdf.

I want to thank Catholic Community Services and Ward 6 Councilmember Steve Kozachik and his staff for their work on this.



May Neighborhood Associations' Meetings

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, May 2 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, May 6 at 6:00 pm at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th Street.


Mortimore Neighborhood Association – Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm at Jesus Reigns Christian Fellowship, 5337 S. Palo Verde.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) - Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm at Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th Street.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, May 27 at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue.

29th Street Coalition – Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00 pm at PCC-29th Street Coalition Center, 4355 E. Calle Aurora.



You paid your debt, restore your rights

People convicted of a federal or state crime lose some of their civil rights--these can include the right to vote, the right to bear arms and the right to serve on a jury. Participants at the FRESH START Rights and Restoration workshop will receive information about how to restore rights and have convictions set aside.



FRESH START Rights Restoration

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

2403 S. Martin Ave., Tucson, AZ

Saturday, June 8, 2019 • 10:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Workshops are geared toward those with Arizona and federal criminal convictions.

Participants should bring paperwork related to their cases and convictions.

To obtain a form to request an Arizona Certificate of Absolute Discharge, go to:

<http://www.primavera.org/what-we-do/stability/civil-rights-restoration.html>

For more information, call Alonzo Morado at (520) 882-5383 or email amorado@primavera.org

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IMPORTANT: Please also request that the neighborhood streets in your area be scheduled for resurfacing or maintenance for 2018 calendar year.

Document the following Information:

Person you spoke with: _____

Date & Time: _____

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520-622-0525



Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non Emergency

791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

Transportation & Street Maintenance

Tucson Department of Transportation
791-3154

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900

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