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Dear Friends:

Each year the United States honors the contributions that Latinos have made to our great country with Hispanic Heritage Month. Despite all the negativity in our country today during this election cycle, the Latino community has a rich heritage of educational innovation and achievement.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month gives us an opportunity to reflect on what makes Latinos such a strong, contributing force in America. Latinos were among the earliest European settlers in the New World, and Latinos as a people, like their many cultures, share a rich history and great diversity.

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 multicultural customs of their community.



And to say our culture has little impact on our community would be a major understatement. You can see Latino influence on culture from here to New York but we think very little of it. With over 50 million Latinos across the United States, Latinos now make up the largest minority group and represent billions in buying power. 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. Today there are two Latinos in Congress representing Arizona: Raul Grijalva and Ruben Gallego.

In Tucson and Pima County, Latinos have sent a strong message by turning out to vote and leading the state in the number of Latinos that have been elected to governing bodies. In a recent article in "Inside Tucson Business," entitled "Hispanics a Key to Tucson's Rebound," it discussed the importance of buying power of the Latino Community in Tucson, Pima County and throughout Arizona.

It noted, "the Latino impact on the local and national economy and that their purchasing power represents \$8 billion per year in Pima County, a number that is expected to increase by 88% in the next decade." By 2024, Latinos are estimated to spend \$14 billion in the Tucson economy, equating to 28 percent of the total market spending.

Hispanics are the largest group that has earned the Medal of Honor and have a wall dedicated with their names and how they earned their accommodations at the Pentagon.

Sixty-one men of Hispanic heritage have been awarded the Medal of Honor, the most of all groups.

Of the Sixty-one Medals of Honor presented to Hispanics, two were presented to members of the United States Navy, thirteen to members of the United States Marine Corps and forty-six to members of the United States Army. Forty-two Medals of Honor were presented posthumously.

All this though was not handed to our community. We have had to work hard and to overcome prejudice. Resilience and perseverance are two words I live by and tell people to follow.

In Tucson, we have pushed to grow our work force, which in turn, will grow our businesses and in Ward 5, which has resulted in 9,000 jobs created during my time as your Ward 5 Councilmember.

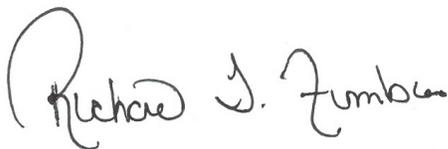
The City of Tucson relies on sales tax to provide police, fire, streets and parks, it's four core services. The Hispanic community, through purchases of goods and service, provides a lot for our entire community.

Hard work, resilience, perseverance and family have made our Hispanic community great and one with a remarkable heritage.

It is sad though to see members of the Hispanic community, who served this nation in the armed forces, now being deported as well as children being locked up.

With more than 50 million of the population, we can't be silent any more and we need to go vote on November 6. Su voto es su voz.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Fimbres". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Fimbres
Vice Mayor of the City of Tucson (Ward 5)

GEICO Groundbreaking

On Thursday, September 20, Mayor Rothschild and Councilmember Scott joined me for the groundbreaking of the new GEICO Regional Office located at the Bridges in my Ward, another chapter of the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side.

In his remarks GEICO President and CEO Bill Roberts said the completion date for the new office will be May 28, 2019. GEICO will have 2,100 employees at the new facility and will be expanding their workforce by an additional 700 people.



I want to thank the four neighborhoods: Pueblo Gardens, Las Vistas, Western Hills and South Park for their work, Retail West and the U of A for their efforts and the Bourne Company for making this a reality.



Proposition 407

The four core services under the City of Tucson Charter are: police, fire, streets and parks.

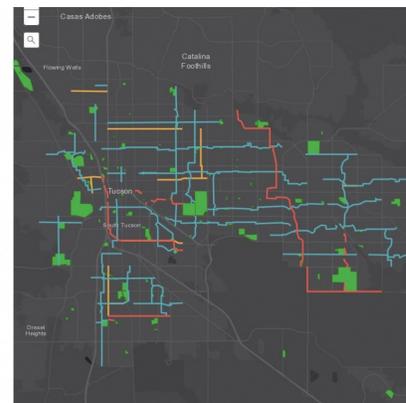
Thanks to the good citizens of Tucson who approved Proposition 409 and in 2017, with Proposition 101, funding is available for further road work, police and fire vehicles, equipment and facilities.

In dealing with the fourth core service, the Mayor and Council and the City Manager had discussions about the state of the City's Park and Recreation facilities.

PARKS + CONNECTIONS PROP. 407 PROJECTS

The PARKS + CONNECTIONS Bond Includes \$225 million in General Obligation bonds to fund parks and connections improvements throughout the City of Tucson. The program would be implemented in three phases: 2020-2022, 2023-2025, and 2026-2028.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP: This Story Map is a tool for you to learn more about the Bond projects. Scroll down to explore the different categories of projects. Click on underlined words to access more information. Interact with the map by clicking on the map features for more information about projects. Click the down arrow in the Legend box (top, right) to show the map legend.



Prior to these discussions, I worked to get improvements in Ward 5 parks facilities, including: the new lighting at Silverlake Park, the irrigation system at Rudy Garcia Park, the crossing HAWK at 6th and Irvington, the redesign of the Santa Rita Park bathrooms, the improvement of playground equipment at Santa Rosa Park, the Buffalo Soldiers artwork mural at the Quincie Douglas Center, the Quincie Douglas artwork mural at the library named for her, speed tables at Sierra Middle School and neighborhoods, barbecue grills at Pueblo Gardens Park to name several and “Bring Back the Splash,” that opened pools in Ward 5 and throughout the city during the last several summers through a private/public partnership, to name a few.

My efforts were accomplished using alternate funding sources, such as: impact fees, grant funds, private funding donated through the Parks and Recreation Foundation, service line warranty revenue funding and monies that came from my Ward 5 Council Office budget.

These sources help to get some projects completed but it isn’t enough funding to cover our needs.

The Mayor and Council, working with City Manager Michael Ortega and his staff, put together a proposal to issue General Obligation Bonds to fund the repairs and improvements to the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Facilities.

I worked to ensure that each City Park in Ward 5 and our Ward 5 Recreation Centers at El Pueblo, Cherry Avenue, Santa Rosa and Quincie Douglas had projects in this proposal.

The Mayor and Council voted to put this proposal on the November 6 general election ballot and will be known as Proposition 407.

The City of Tucson is asking Tucson voters to approve Proposition 407, which is a \$225 million General Obligation Bond question for capital improvements in the Parks and Recreation facilities.

Proposition 407 would not raise the taxes of the good citizens of Tucson. It’s based on the City’s primary and secondary property tax assessments and keeping them level and with the City retiring old Bond debt, it will create a potential capacity of \$225 million that would be used over nine years to make repairs and improvements.



If approved by the voters, the bond funds will be dedicated to improving City parks amenities - including playgrounds, sports fields, pools, splash pads, and recreation centers - as well connections (defined as pedestrian pathways, bicycle pathways, pedestrian and bicycle safety).

Parks and Recreation Facilities in each Ward would get improvements, repairs and new equipment under this proposal. **A citizen's oversight committee would oversee the spending for these projects to ensure the funds are spent as stated in the ballot proposition.**

With the recent economic downturn, there has been limited funding for Parks capital, maintenance, and staffing needs. Since the recession, due to a decline in sales tax revenue and rising costs, the City has been unable to invest in large capital needs, like parks and facility improvements.

The money generated through Proposition 407 can only be used for projects listed. **Bond money cannot be used for City employee salaries or pension costs.**

If Proposition 407 is approved by voters, the community would see improvement, starting in July 2020. The City's goal is to maintain the current secondary tax at the existing rate; new bonds will be issued in July 2020 as old bond debt is retired. Prior to issuance, City staff will work with community members to design upcoming improvements.

A Ward 5 and Ward 1 Town Hall will take place, Thursday, October 4, 5:30 pm at the El Pueblo Senior Center, 101 W. Irvington.

If an organization, neighborhood association or group would like a presentation from the City of Tucson on Proposition 407, please call 791-4204 and ask for Andy Squire, Andrew.squire@tucsonaz.gov, or Lane Mandle, lane.mandle@tucsonaz.gov.

For more information about Proposition 407, go online to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksbond>.

To learn more about the proposed projects for each park and recreation center, go online to:

<https://cotgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=1ecc433d37e141e198ab9301bdc1a736>.

In the next Ward 5 newsletter there will be a listing of all Ward 5 project proposals in Proposition 407.

**Ward 1 & 5
Town Hall**

Hosted the Ward 1 & Ward 5 Council
Offices of Council Member Regina Romero
and Vice Mayor Richard Fimbres

Thursday, October 4th, 2018
5:30-7:30 PM
El Pueblo Senior Center
101 W. Irvington Rd

**-City of Tucson-
Proposition 407-Parks Bond**

Ward 5 Council Office, Vice Mayor Richard G. Fimbres
Ward 1 Council Office, Council Member Regina Romero
Parks & Recreation Director, Brent Dennis
City of Tucson, Public Information
Andy Squire and Lane Mandle

RSVP to Mary 520.791.4231 or Ward5@tucsonaz.gov

7th Annual Youth and Peace Conference

I had the privilege of speaking at the 7th Annual Youth & Peace Conference held at Pima College's West Campus on Friday, September 21. I want to thank the organizers for another successful event and for the students who took part. Below is an article by Joshua Ashton, an Intern from my office who took part in this conference:



The 7th Annual Youth and Peace Conference was one of the most incredible experiences that I've had in



the last year, through the hard (but rewarding) work that went into planning the conference in the Youth Leadership Team and the experience of being a co-Master of Ceremony for the Opening and Closing Ceremony's. The turnout for the event was fantastic and even when things seemed to be going terribly wrong –they ended up turning out great, and the adults and youth would have a good time. Vice Mayor Fimbres was even able to attend and give some amazing remarks to the group of student leaders and teachers, which were well received. I'm looking forward to continuing to work on planning the next Youth and Peace Conference, as well as

the next Youth Leadership Conference!

Legendary Teacher's Day

On Tuesday, September 25, I had the privilege of representing the City of Tucson as Vice Mayor for Legendary Teacher's Day at the Pima County School Superintendent's Office.

Legendary Teacher's Day was formed by Dr. Nick Clement, former Flowing Wells School Superintendent. I want thank Dr. Clement for this and his continued work with students showing Education is the Key to Success.

I also want to thank Pima County School Superintendent Dustin Williams for hosting the ceremony and supporting this effort.



Fiestas Patrias

On Saturday, September 22 I had the privilege of speaking and reading the City Proclamation for the Fiestas Patrias Community Appreciation Festival that was held at 5401 S. Park. I want to thank Anthony Crespo and South Lawn for organizing the event and Mariachi Milagro for performing. It was also great to see Ward 5 residents out for the festival.



Pascua Yaqui Tribe 40th Anniversary

Also on Saturday September 22, I represented the City of Tucson at the 40th Anniversary of Federal Recognition of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Congratulations to Pascua Yaqui Chairman Robert Valencia and the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

Women in Government Awards Luncheon

The Women in Government Awards Luncheon took place Friday, September 21 at the TCC Copper Ballroom. Hosted by the City of Tucson and Pima County, this event honors women who work in government and their commitment to public service. Congratulations to Lupita Robles and Mary Kuchar from my office for being honored and recognized for their efforts.



POW/MIA Recognition

I had the privilege of representing the City of Tucson at the 2018 POW/MIA recognition ceremony at the VA on Friday, September 21. Congressman Raul Grijalva, State Senator Andrea Dallesandro, State Representative Daniel Hernandez, South Tucson Mayor Bob Teso and South Tucson Councilman Herman Lopez were also present for the ceremony. Army Veteran Carlos Jacques, who had presented me with the All Gave Some, Some Gave All Military Flag was among those present. I want to thank the Southern Arizona VA for organizing this great event to remember those who served our country and didn't return.

Trunk or Treat!

The Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association will be holding their first annual Trunk or Treat Safe Halloween Party, Saturday, October 27, 6 to 8:30 pm at Pueblo Gardens Park. Bring the kids and have a great time!

Safe Walk to School Los Amigos Elementary

On Friday, September 14, I took part in the 2018 Safe Walk to School at Los Amigos Elementary. I want to thank the students, parents, teachers and Los Amigos staff who made the walk a success. Here is the list of names of all involved with the Safe Walk to School:



Tucson Police Department: Sgt. Mike Allen, LPO Mike Molina, Ofc. Dave Scherzinger , Ofc. William Honomichl, Ofc. Alberto Moreno. Pima County Sheriff: Deputy James Allerton, Tara Barerra. City of Tucson Bike & Pedestrian Program: Krista Hansen. Walmart Neighborhood Market: Jose Vargas (Store Manager), Maria Hardy (Asst. Store Manager). Arizona Health Zone: Marissa Sanchez. Living Streets Alliance: Colby Henley, Vanessa Cascio. Sunnyside Unified School District: Victor Mercado, Board Members Beki Quintero and Eva Dong Carillo. Los Amigos Teachers & Staff: Jennifer Flores, Mo Burruel, Norma Moreno, Melissa Soto, Katie Larter, Victor Rodriguez, Katelyn Sweeney, Elizabeth Becerra, Roxana Lamadrid, Donna DeWaay, Aaron Buckley, Stacie De La Vega, Hilaria Courtright, Jessica Grim, Heather Morgan, Carla Fontes, Elizabeth Flores, Principal Valerie Sandoval, Alberto Pacheco, Ramon Garate. Everyone will be recognized at an upcoming Sunnyside School Board Meeting for this effort. I will be presenting Certificates of Appreciation from my office and Sunnyside will be recognizing those involved for their work.

Welcome Cassius and Joshua!

Cassius Chandler has joined the Ward 5 office to assist myself and the Ward 5 staff. I want to welcome Cassius to the Ward 5 team. Joshua Ashton is a high school student who is part of the Metropolitan Education Commission. I want to welcome Joshua and hopes he gets the most out of his internship at Ward 5.

October Neighborhood Associations' Meetings

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, October 1st at 6:00 pm, at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St.

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, October 4th at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC) – Tuesday, October 9th at 6:00 pm, Student Union Memorial Center, Ventana Room, 4th Floor, 1303 E. University Blvd.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, October 15th at 6:30 pm at Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Road.

Barrio Santa Rita Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, October 16th at 6:00 pm, Santa Cruz Parish, Good Shepherd Room, 1220 S. 6th Avenue.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, October 16th at 6:30 pm, Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th Street.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) – Thursday, October 18th at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

Cherry Ave. Neighborhood Association – Saturday, October 20th at 10:00 am at the Cherry Avenue Recreation Center, 5085 S. Cherry Avenue.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue.

City of Tucson

Report Potholes in Your Neighborhood

Contact City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT)

Call: 791-3154

Email: TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov

When you call 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 TDOTConcerns@tucsonaz.gov with the location (address or cross streets) in order for City of Tucson maintenance crew to find it.

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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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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