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Veronica Moreno

City Manager

City of South Tucson

1601 S 6th Ave.

Tucson AZ, 85713

Re: IGA for Fire Suppression and EMS Services – Next Steps

Dear Ms. Moreno:

I am writing to advance the discussion about entering into an IGA for the City of Tucson, through the Tucson Fire Department, to provide Fire Suppression and EMS services to the City of South Tucson. Based on the information exchanged at our November 8, 2023 meeting, it is my understanding that the City of South Tucson continues to be interested in pursuing this IGA and that you are actively working on closing the funding gap to be able to compensate the City of Tucson for providing these services.

Through this letter, I want to express both a sense of urgency to advance this IGA negotiation as well as the City of Tucson's continued willingness to co-develop a road map for the City of South Tucson to close the funding gap. Our urgency emanates from the current situation, where Tucson Fire crews are often the only resource available for Fire Suppression in the City of South Tucson, which places an ongoing and undue burden on our personnel and resources. Further, this places the citizens of the City of South Tucson at risk in the event that our resources are unavailable in a time of emergency. Finally, Tucsonans are bearing costs that should not be on their shoulders.

We ask that work begin immediately on the IGA so that we can enter a productive partnership to reduce community risk in both of our cities. As we discussed, I am willing to work with you and your team to develop strategies to assist the City of South Tucson in addressing the current funding gap.

Alternately, I seek confirmation if the City of South Tucson is no longer interested in having Tucson Fire provide these services. If that is the case, it is my expectation that



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Tucson Fire would no longer be routinely dispatched to events in the City of South Tucson, retaining only the limited mutual aid support role provided under our current agreement.

As noted in prior correspondence, the training of personnel and ordering of equipment takes time, and it could be as long as 6-9 months before we can be adequately staffed to service the City of South Tucson in a safe and efficient manner. Time is of the essence.

I look forward to hearing from you and continuing our partnership to include working through this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Thomure".

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Cc: Michael J. Ortega, P.E., City Manager

Chuck Ryan, Tucson Fire Chief