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MEMORANDUM

DATE: Aug. 22, 2008
TO: Lori Godoshian, Clerk of the Board
FROM: Richard Elías, Board Chairman 
REGARDING: Item for the Sept. 9, 2008 agenda

Please add the following to the Sept. 9, 2008 agenda:

Resolution: Supporting policy changes by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to provide safer working conditions for its correctional officers. (District Five)

Thank you

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUPPORTING POLICY CHANGES BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU
OF PRISONS TO PROVIDE SAFER WORKING CONDITIONS FOR ITS
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS.**

WHEREAS, the recent murder of Correctional Officer Jose Rivera while he was working at the United States Penitentiary-Atwater in California has raised serious concerns about the working conditions and policies in federal correctional facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Prisons reports 116 assaults on corrections officers and other staff members nationally just since January 1, 2008, and

WHEREAS, correctional officers working at the Federal Correctional Complex's maximum-security facility at 9000 S. Wilmot Road report that one of their fellow officers recently was stabbed with a shank and that shanks are prevalent at the facility, and

WHEREAS, correctional officers working at the Federal Correctional Complex's medium-security facility at 8900 S. Wilmot Road report that two years ago one of their fellow officers was stabbed 35 times with a shank, forcing him into medical retirement, and

WHEREAS, correctional officers at the Tucson Federal Correctional Complex need and deserve the safer working conditions that they have requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors calls for the Federal Bureau of Prisons to promptly implement policy changes to better protect correctional officers working in its facilities, to wit: these correctional officers should be provided with up-to-date, properly fitted and certified stab-resistant vests, as well as other non-lethal equipment such as pepper spray or batons; and that the maximum-security Tucson facility housing units should have a minimum of two (2) correctional officers on duty in each of the two (2) housing units at all times.

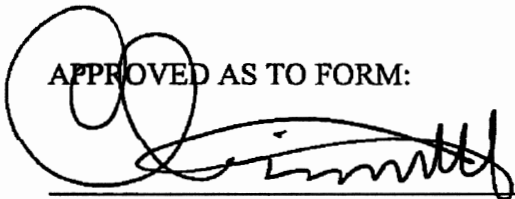
Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this ____ day of _____, 2008.

Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board



Deputy County Attorney