

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 20, 2017

To: The Honorable Chair and Members

Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry

County Administr

Re: Sun Corridor Inc. Job Expansions and Relocations by School District

Recently the Chair of the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board proposed a resolution that was rejected by the full Board. The resolution criticized both the City of Tucson and Pima County; specifically our economic development activities or what was perceived as a lack of progress.

Attached is a summary of the most recent regional job attractions through Sun Corridor Inc. As you know, the County is the largest single investor in Sun Corridor Inc. The attached data demonstrates 8,558 job locations. Of those, 1,406 have been inside the Tucson Unified School District.

We continue to have significant success in attracting business expansion and employment.

To sustain this new job growth, the region needs to better prepare the workforce for the expanding job market by improving educational attainment of the workforce. At the high school level, educational attainment can take two directions: 1) preparing students to be successful in higher educational institutions offering bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees, and 2) the school district offering new technology training and vocational training to prepare the workforce for new technology jobs that require high technical qualifications.

New and expanding employers will gravitate to regions that have highly qualified, available workforces. We need our educational institutions, whether they be vocational schools, local school districts, community colleges or universities, to all actively pursue new employment training opportunities.

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Attachment

c: Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator

Recent Company Relocations and Expansions per Sun Corridor, Inc.

Company	Number of New	City and School District
	Employees	
ADP	450	City of Tucson, Tucson Unified School District
Arcadia Custom	150	Unincorporated Vail area, Vail Unified School District
Arizona Turbine Technology	22	City of Tucson, Sunnyside Unified School District
Bombardier Aerospace	27	City of Tucson, Sunnyside Unified School District
Caterpillar	635	City of Tucson, Tucson Unified School District
Comcast	1,125	City of Tucson, Amphitheater Unified School District
Dignity Health Urgent Care	35	Queen Creek, Queen Creek Unified School District
Global Equity Finance	40	City of Tucson, Tucson Unified School District
GW Plastics	70	City of Tucson, Sunnyside Unified School District
Hexcel	146	Casa Grande, Casa Grande Elementary and High School
HomeGoods	895	City of Tucson, Sunnyside Unified School District
International Towers, Inc.	130	City of Tucson, Tucson Unified School District
Lucid Motors	, 2,000	Casa Grande, Casa Grande Elementary and High School
Mainstreet	90	City of Tucson, Tucson Unified School District
Otto Environmental Services	32	Eloy, Eloy Elementary and Santa Cruz Valley Union High
Raytheon Missile Systems	2,000	City of Tucson, Sunnyside Unified School District
Tucson Medical Center	61	City of Tucson, Tucson Unified School District
Vector Space Systems	200	City of Tucson, Sunnyside Unified School District
World View	450	City of Tucson, Sunnyside Unified School District
Total	8,558	

Companies Relocating to or Expanding within TUSD	Number of New Employees
ADP	450
Caterpillar	635
Global Equity Finance	40
International Towers, Inc.	130
Mainstreet	90
Tucson Medical Center	61
Total	1406