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Pima County Administrator
Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701-1317

**SUBJECT: Response to your Letter of November 4, 2003 re: Joint Co-
Located Lower Courts**

Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

We are in agreement that the conceptual discussions that have been held by City and County staff members regarding a co-located Justice Court/Municipal Court building can now move to a more detailed level. We have already identified the appropriate people from City Courts and the City's Facilities Division who should come together with their counterparts from Pima County. I believe they have targeted next Monday, November 10th as a day to meet and hold more specific discussions.

I am hearing from my staff that they have in mind several areas for shared space and thus potential savings in a co-located building. You have pointed out a parking facility as an amenity that could qualify for joint savings and I agree that this should be carefully considered. I must clarify, however, that there are no other sources of funds we can identify for a Courts parking structure or any other segment of this project.

You and I spoke on several occasions about the benefits of a co-located City/County Courts building. You stated that all costs for such a facility would be covered by County bond funds. We the City are proceeding with this assurance in place.

Both the City and the County are in urgent need of new and improved space for our courts. I believe that if we encourage creative and critical thinking by both our staffs we can meet our mutual goals for this joint facility, including

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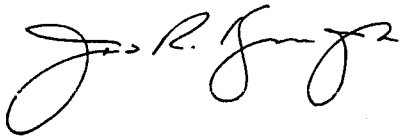
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covering the costs from County bond proceeds. The public will be the ultimate beneficiaries.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Keene". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

James Keene
City Manager

- c: The Honorable Tony Riojas Associate Presiding Magistrate, Tucson City Court
- The Honorable Paul Simon, Presiding Judge, Consolidated Justice Courts
- Larry Hecker, Chair, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
- Joan Harphant, City Court Administrator
- Patricia Alvarez Hurley, Justice Courts Administrator
- Liz R. Miller, Benny Young and Karen Thoreson, Assistant City Managers
- Albert Elias, Comprehensive Planning Task Force Director
- ✓ Jim Barry, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator