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C. H. Huckelberry
Pima County Administrator
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Dear Mr. Huckelberry,

I, and my entire staff and organization, sincerely appreciate your initiative in suggesting a procedure to ensure Pima County's significant public art collection is appropriately cared for. Our records show eighty completed artworks in Pima County's collection with an additional eleven commissions underway.

The Tucson Pima Arts Council is in the best position to undertake bi-annual inventories and is pleased to take on this task.

Public art in our community is reaching an age where lack of routine maintenance and lack of preventative care such as a simple cleaning allows small problems to expand to greater deterioration. The City of Tucson's Public Art Policy predates Pima County's by six years and the majority of the problems are showing up in the older works.

Discussions resulting in the Arizona Daily Star article revolve around the lack of an established procedure for short and long-term maintenance. A deaccession request, made by the City for portions of the Modernist landscape designed by Garrett Eckbo at the Tucson Convention Center, also sparked the interest of the Arizona Daily Star reporter.

Rather than having an overarching procedure in place, various departments in the County and City undertake maintenance of artworks on their own initiative. Creating a policy and procedure for routine cleaning and preventive maintenance would offer a sensible and cost effective approach. An example of a recent restoration is *Flying Books* at the Woods Memorial Library where the Pima County Public Library hired the creating artist Simon Donovan to restore the artwork to its original brilliant coloring.

We look forward to undertaking the inventory and working with you and your staff to develop a policy and procedure that will help preserve this important community resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Bedoya", written in a cursive style.

Roberto Bedoya
Executive Director
Tucson Pima Arts Council

The Tucson Pima Arts Council fosters artistic expression, educational development and the economic growth of our diverse community by supporting, promoting, and advocating for arts and culture.