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MEMORANDUM:

TO : Ron Walker, County Manager

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SUBJECT : Transition for Mohave/La Paz Local Workforce
Investment Board/Youth Council and Mohave County
Housing Authority Board of Directors

Effective January 1, 2013, Mohave County Board of Supervisors will increase its composition from 3 to 5 members. This change will effect a transition for Mohave County Boards and Commissions.

MOHAVE/LA PAZ LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD:

Public Law 105-220 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 defined the Local Workforce Investment Areas, the composition of the Local Workforce Investment Boards and Youth Councils.

Mohave/La Paz Local Workforce Investment Area has been designated as the Local Workforce Investment area by the State Governor based on recommendations by the Arizona State Department of Economic Security. The 2-county consortium has been patterned after the previous Job Training Partnership Act which was replaced by the Workforce Investment Act.

The Mohave/La Paz Local Workforce Investment Board (Mo/Paz LWIB) members are appointed by Mohave County Board of Supervisors (Mohave County representatives and One-Stop Partners) and La Paz County Board of Supervisors (La Paz County representatives). These Mo/Paz LWIB Members are also certified by the State of Arizona Governor every 4 years.

The membership and composition of the Mohave/La Paz Local Workforce Investment Board are defined by the following:

A. Section 117 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998

Section 117 (b)(2) Composition –Such criteria shall require, at a minimum, that the membership of each local board shall include:

- a. Representatives of Businesses in the local area;
- b. Representative of Local Educational Entities;

- c. Representative of Labor Organizations;
- d. Representative of Community-Based organization;
- e. Representative of Economic Development agencies;
- f. Representative of each of the Local One Stop Partners;
- g. Representative of Entities as the Chief Elected Official in the Local area may determine to be appropriate

B. Arizona Department of Economic Security and other agencies' designation of the required One-Stop Partners

The State Department of Economic Security, JOB Corps, US Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Western Arizona Council of Government (WACOG) identify the required One-Stop Partners for the Local Board and these members are appointed by the Mohave County Board of Supervisors

C. By-Laws passed and approved for the Mohave/La Paz Local Workforce Investment Board

The By-Laws provides the following:

- a. The numbers of private sector representatives from Mohave County and La Paz County which constitute 50+1 of the entire Board Membership
- b. The number of representative from both counties for the educational entities and economic development agencies
- c. The 4-year term of office which corresponds with the Board of Supervisors term of office

RECOMMENDED PLAN OF ACTION:

1. *The term of office for the Mo/Paz LWIB expires on December 31, 2012. New Board appointments will be scheduled for another 4-year term effective January 1, 2013.*
2. *By the October LWIB meeting, current members will be informed of the expiration of their term of office by December 31, 2012. Each member will be asked of their intention to be re-appointed as members of the Board for another term.*
3. *Amend the By-Laws to expand the membership of the private sector to provide 3 business members for each Supervisors (a total of 15 for Mohave County).La Paz County number of representatives will not change.*
4. *Meet with new Mohave County Board of Supervisor members by December to review possible appointments for the LWIB.*

YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

In addition to the Public Law 105-220- Workforce Investment Act of 1998, the By-Laws for the Mo/Paz LWIB describes the membership and composition of the Youth Council. The membership of the Youth Council are based on required sectors and not by Supervisor Districts. Members are appointed by Mohave County Board of Supervisors (Mohave County representatives) and La Paz County Board of Supervisors (La Paz County representatives).

RECOMMENDED PLAN OF ACTION:

- 1. The term of office for the Youth Council expires on December 31, 2012. New appointments will be scheduled for another 4-year term effective January 1, 2013.*
- 2. By the September Youth Council meeting, current members will be informed of the expiration of their term of office by December 31, 2012. Each member will be asked of their intention to be re-appointed as members of the Board for another term.*
- 3. On the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 2013, present the re-appointments and/or new appointments of the Youth Council.*

MOHAVE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY:

The Mohave County Housing Authority (MCHA) Board of Directors is currently composed of 3 Board of Supervisors and 2 Tenant Members. The MCHA By-laws require Mohave County Board of Supervisors to the appoint the MCHA Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDED PLAN OF ACTION:

- 1. Revise and approve the amended MCHA By-Laws on September 6, 2012 MCHA Board of Directors and Mohave County Board of Supervisors meetings.*
- 2. Revise the Board composition to align with the 5 Board of Supervisors providing 5 Board of Supervisors and 2 Tenant Members.*
- 3. Schedule the appointments of the MCHA Board of Directors for the January meeting of the Board of Supervisors.*