IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YUMA

CITY OF YUMA ex rel. STEVE IRR, in his official capacity as Fire Chief, and SUSAN M. SMITH, in her official capacity as Chief of Police, an Arizona municipal corporation,

Petitioner,

|| v.

YUMA COUNTY ex rel. DIANA GOMEZ, in her official capacity as Director of the Yuma County Public Health Services District, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona,

Respondent.

Case No.: S1400CV202000214

PROTECTIVE ORDER
MANDATING THE
DISCLOSURE OF COVID-19
INFORMATION TO
PETITIONER'S FIRST
RESPONDERS

The Court having reviewed and fully considered all of the allegations in City of Yuma's Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause (With Notice) and Application for Preliminary Injunction, the Memorandum in support of said Application, submitted on behalf Steven Irr, City of Yuma Fire Chief and Susan M. Smith, Chief of Police, as well as the arguments and positions of the parties and their counsel during the emergency hearing on April 3, 2020, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, the Court finds as follows:

1. A.R.S. § 36-665 applies to this case and operates to provide the requested remedy sought by Petitioner.

- 2. Petitioner has established that a clear and imminent danger exists to its first responders and the public and thus Petitioner has met the burden under A.R.S. § 36-665(B)(5).
- 3. The imminent danger and risk requires an immediate order and notice to individuals about whom information is sought and provided is not reasonable under the circumstances.
- 4. The COVID-19 outbreak and spread of the virus is an ongoing crisis throughout the Yuma community, throughout the State of Arizona, throughout the United States and throughout the world.
- 5. Based on the Application and common knowledge, COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that is spreading quickly throughout the world, throughout the Yuma community and is dangerous,
 - 6. For people who get COVID-19, the mortality rate is high.
- 7. Communities throughout the State of Arizona and the United States are being overwhelmed by the number of people contracting the COVID-19 virus and hospitals are not able to provide care.
- 8. Petitioner's first responders are in imminent danger of contracting COVID-19 because of their interactions with the community.
- 9. Having prior knowledge of the name and address of individuals who migh have the COVID-19 virus or who have tested positive for COVID-19 is very useful to first responders in helping them avoid contracting the virus.
- 10. COVID-19 health information is confidential and must be protected and disseminated in a way to make it the least intrusive or less broadly disseminated.
- 11. The name and address of individuals who have tested positive and who are pending test results for COVID-19 are relevant and necessary for Petitioner's first responders.
- 12. An order from this Court requiring the immediate issuance of COVID-19 health information to Petitioner would not be a hardship to Respondent at this time.
- 13. Respondent has not breached its obligations at this time, however, there is an immediate need for the requested information to be disclosed to Petitioner.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that until the Governor of the State of Arizona rescinds his state-wide Declaration of Emergency in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak, that the Director of the Yuma County Public Health Services District ("Respondent") shall immediately and without delay, but in no event not less than 24 hours, provide Petitioner's Fire Department and Police Department with the names and addresses for persons who have tested positive for COVID-19.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall immediately and without delay, but in no event not less than 24 hours, provide Petitioner's Fire Department and Police Department with the names and addresses for persons who have pending test results for COVID-19, to the extend Respondent has this information.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as negative test results are received, on a weekly basis the names and addresses of the people testing negative shall be deleted from Petitioner's list of COVID-19 information.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all COVID-19 information disclosed to Petitioner shall remain and be kept confidential and only available to Petitioner's emergency dispatchers and first responder supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no names will be conveyed or broadcast over radio transmissions and appropriate protective measures shall be implemented to convey the required information and the same shall not be disseminated beyond the purpose of this Order.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2020.

Honorable David M. Haws

Presiding Judge

1 2	Copies of the foregoing placed in the boxes of the following this 3 day of April , 2020, to:
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