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USPS Committee Chairman tours the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center and Takes Part at Roundtable at the Ward 5 Council Office

TUCSON – U.S. Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, the Chair of the House Subcommittee overseeing the Postal Service, toured the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center and took part in a roundtable meeting of stakeholders at the Tucson’s Ward 5 Council Office.

Rep. Meadows was invited to Tucson by U.S. Rep. Martha McSally (AZ- CD 2), who has worked closely with Ward 5 Councilmember Richard Fimbres, for which the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center is located in his Ward.

Ward 5 Councilmember Richard Fimbres works closely with U.S. Rep. Martha McSally’s office to coordinate local and federal efforts in support of the Cherrybell Postal Processing Facility.

Joining U.S. Representatives Meadows and McSally and Councilmember Fimbres on the tour at Cherrybell were U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva (CD-3), Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez and Juan Ciscomani, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey’s Southern Arizona and Northern Sonora Mexico Director.

“This tour showed postal officials that Cherrybell was a community issue and that the six-year effort to keep our processing center open continues,” Councilmember Richard Fimbres said. “I want to thank Congressman Meadows for coming out to Tucson to tour Cherrybell and for taking part in the roundtable meeting.”

The roundtable meeting of stakeholders followed the tour at the Ward 5 Council Office. More than 40 people were present, including: State Senator Andrea Dalessandro (LD 2), State Representative Chris Ackerely, Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez, Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Tucson City Manager Michael Ortega, George Kalil of Kalil Bottling and representatives from veteran’s groups, the Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce, Cox Communications, 4Tucson, Southwest Gas, TEP, Arizona Bilingual, surrounding neighbors, members of the Faith Based Community, the American Postal Workers Union and Pima County.



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During the roundtable discussion, there were many accounts of how the changes made by the post office in January have delayed mail even further, caused delays in medical prescriptions, businesses losing potential offers and checks being delayed because of the situation with Cherrybell. Those present talked about now having it take a week to mail a letter in Tucson to another address in Tucson and how the economic impact the delays have hurt Tucson and Southern Arizona.

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