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COUNCIL MEMBER FIMBRES AND TUCSON CHANGE MOVEMENT UNVEIL DONATION STATIONS

The City of Tucson tomorrow will unveil the first of 20 new Tucson Change Movement donation stations. A 10 a.m. news conference will take place directly in front of the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Avenue. The specially marked donation stations (repurposed parking meters) will allow people to use change or swipe a debit or credit card to donate to homeless assistance programs. The effort also will collect donations from the security area at the Tucson International Airport, local businesses, and online at tucsonchange.org.

The donation stations are a product of the Tucson Homeless Work Coalition, led by Councilmember Richard Fimbres, and will be operated by the Tucson Change Movement. The volunteer committee helps fund initiatives and programs that demonstrate efficient and innovative solutions to ending homelessness in Tucson. The initial program funded by the meter donations is the Tucson Homeless Work Program.

“I am pleased that these meters will provide a funding source for the Tucson Homeless Work Program,” said Ward 5 Tucson City Council Member Richard Fimbres. “With initiative from my office, Tucson has been able to make tremendous strides in helping the homeless in our community, and I want to thank all of the different organizations involved in these efforts.”

The Tucson Homeless Work Program allows homeless people to join a day-labor crew to clean streets and medians in five-hour shifts for \$10 an hour in cash. Those who take part in the program, administered by Old Pueblo Community Services, get a meal, shower and other services provided by various agencies.

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