



March 13, 2020

To: Tucson Rodeo Committee members and associate members

From: Mark Baird

RE: Appreciation Dinner 2020 Cancelation

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Attention Everyone,

Due to the state of affairs worldwide and some statements issued by the City Council of Tucson last evening I have made the decision to Cancel the 2020 Tucson Rodeo Appreciation dinner scheduled for next Saturday evening March 21<sup>st</sup>. This decision comes after some very heartfelt conversations this morning. We are in a very uncertain situation at this time and my belief is that the fact of the matter is we are using a City of Tucson owned facility that we should do our due diligence and comply with their wishes. The council stated last evening that they were not going to approve any permits for gatherings of 50 people or more. That and the fact that a large portion of our volunteer's are in what is being considered the high-risk category I believe we have not other choice at this time. This was a very painful decision to make as I know how hard everyone has worked this year to make our event one of the city's top events, but I don't believe I want to be the one to explain it to anyone why we thought we were above the current state of affairs and held the event in such a unsuitable circumstance.

My heartfelt apologies go out to every one of your and your staff and my ask is that your reach out to as many individuals as possible to pass the word along. I will be having this information posted on our website as well as our social media outlets as well to let as many people know as possible before hand.

Thanks, you all for your understanding in this very unfortunate situation and please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.



Mark W. Baird

Chairman of the Board of Directors

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