

AGENDA MATERIAL

DATE 8-8-23 ITEM NO. RA 9

Melissa,

Chair Grijalva submitted nine items to the County Administrator for consideration as issues for the 2024 Pima County Legislative Agenda. They were not included in the materials the Administrator submitted as background material for Regular Agenda Item No. 9 "2024 Legislative Agenda.

She would like for you to add these as backup material for this agenda item. The forms are attached. Her issues, briefly, are:

- Funding for all-day kindergarten. This once was a state program, but the Legislature cut it back to state funding for only half-day kindergarten. This funding should be restored.
- Allow local jurisdictions to regulate firearms sales. The Legislature took this right away from local jurisdictions. Local governments should be able to protect residents as they see fit.
- Allow local jurisdictions to control housing rents. Rent prices have skyrocketed in recent years, contributing to homelessness and privation for low-income families.
- Allow local jurisdictions to adopt inclusionary zoning. This would let the county to require affordable housing inclusion for residential rezonings. We are in an affordable housing crisis.
- Allow local jurisdictions to regulate retail pet-sales stores. Many of these stores sell pets bred under abusive conditions and practice shady finance schemes.
- Substantial additional funding for affordable housing. The current state budget took a strong step in this direction, but considerably more funding is needed in this crisis.
- Funding for eviction prevention and evictees' legal representation. Federal funding under the pandemic for these issues is running out and has proven very effective.
- Allow local jurisdictions to eliminate cash bail. The cash bail system is problematic as too often low-risk offenders go to jail and high-risk offenders go free while awaiting trial.
- Restore county authority to regulate small cell=phone towers (up to 50 feet in height). The smaller towers are going into residential areas, in some cases inappropriately.

Thank you,
Keith Bagwell, for Chair Grijalva

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Date: July 27, 2023

Department/Office: Board of Supervisor Chair Adelita Grijalva

Name, Title and Telephone Number of Contact Person: Keith Bagwell, Chief of Staff 4-8723

Subject or Title of Proposal: Restore state funding for full-day kindergarten

Proposal Description: Significantly increase kindergarten funding in the 2024-2025 state budget.

- A. Background Information:
(Describe the issue or problem in need of legislative attention. Attach all existing documents relating to the issue.)

State has cut back on kindergarten funding for low-income families and this is a vital public service to get children ready for elementary education.

- B. Legislative Proposal:
(Describe the proposal and what it would accomplish.)

See above.

- C. Statutes/Regulations Affected or Proposed Language:
(Identify any state or federal statutes or regulations to be amended or repealed or attach proposed new language.)

Budgetary issue.

- D. Fiscal Impact:
(Describe any direct or indirect impact on Pima County expenditures or revenues.)

Significant but reasonable.

- E. Proposal History:
(Describe any previous efforts by any person/entity to pursue this proposal.)

State used to fund full-day kindergarten, but cut back.

- F. Interested Parties:
(Identify any persons/entities that you know or believe will either support or oppose this proposal.)

Parents, children, school districts and the general public.



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Subject or Title of Proposal: Local firearms regulation

Proposal Description: Legislative change to allow local jurisdictions to regulate the sales of firearms

- A. Background Information:
(Describe the issue or problem in need of legislative attention. Attach all existing documents relating to the issue.)

A significant percentage of Pima County residents and a majority of the Board of Supervisors want more requirements for the sales of firearms.

- B. Legislative Proposal:
(Describe the proposal and what it would accomplish.)

Enact legislation that would allow counties and non-charter cities and towns at least to require background checks for all firearms sales within their jurisdictions. Some might also vote to ban the sales of semi-automatic assault firearms.

- C. Statutes/Regulations Affected or Proposed Language:
(Identify any state or federal statutes or regulations to be amended or repealed or attach proposed new language.)

See above

- D. Fiscal Impact:
(Describe any direct or indirect impact on Pima County expenditures or revenues.)

None.

- E. Proposal History:
(Describe any previous efforts by any person/entity to pursue this proposal.)

This has been a longstanding, but unsuccessful effort.

- F. Interested Parties:
(Identify any persons/entities that you know or believe will either support or oppose this proposal.)

The general public. Law enforcement agencies.



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Subject or Title of Proposal: Rent controls.

Proposal Description: Legislative change to allow local jurisdictions to regulate the amount of rental fees landlords are allowed to charge tenants.

- A. Background Information:
(Describe the issue or problem in need of legislative attention. Attach all existing documents relating to the issue.)

We are in a housing crisis, most acute with regard to housing that moderate and lower income people can afford. In recent years, rental fees have skyrocketed, significantly contributing to this crisis.

- B. Legislative Proposal:
(Describe the proposal and what it would accomplish.)

Enact legislation that would allow counties, cities and towns to control housing rental-fee increases..

- C. Statutes/Regulations Affected or Proposed Language:
(Identify any state or federal statutes or regulations to be amended or repealed or attach proposed new language.)

See above

- D. Fiscal Impact:
(Describe any direct or indirect impact on Pima County expenditures or revenues.)

Just for county personnel to monitor rental-fee increases to ensure they are in compliance with county-set limits..

- E. Proposal History:
(Describe any previous efforts by any person/entity to pursue this proposal.

This has been a longstanding, but unsuccessful effort.

- F. Interested Parties:
(Identify any persons/entities that you know or believe will either support or oppose this proposal.)

The general public. Tenants. Counties, cities and towns. Organizations and individuals advocating for more affordable housing. .



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Subject or Title of Proposal: Inclusionary zoning.

Proposal Description: Legislative change to allow local jurisdictions to require applicants for real property residential rezonings to include certain public benefits such as a specified amount of affordable housing units in the rezoned land's development.

- A. Background Information:
(Describe the issue or problem in need of legislative attention. Attach all existing documents relating to the issue.)

We are in a housing crisis, most acute with regard to housing that moderate and lower income people can afford. Local jurisdictions could better address this crisis if they could require applicants for residential rezonings to include a specified amount affordable units in their subsequent developments.

- B. Legislative Proposal:
(Describe the proposal and what it would accomplish.)

Enact legislation that would allow counties, cities and towns to employ inclusionary rezoning.

- C. Statutes/Regulations Affected or Proposed Language:
(Identify any state or federal statutes or regulations to be amended or repealed or attach proposed new language.)

See above

- D. Fiscal Impact:
(Describe any direct or indirect impact on Pima County expenditures or revenues.)

None.

- E. Proposal History:
(Describe any previous efforts by any person/entity to pursue this proposal.

This has been a longstanding, but unsuccessful effort.

- F. Interested Parties:
(Identify any persons/entities that you know or believe will either support or oppose this proposal.)

The general public. Low- and moderate-income people who need affordable housing. Organizations and individuals advocating for more affordable housing. .



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Subject or Title of Proposal: Affordable housing..

Proposal Description: Provide substantially more state funding for the development of affordable housing.

- A. Background Information:
(Describe the issue or problem in need of legislative attention. Attach all existing documents relating to the issue.)

We are in a housing crisis, most acute with regard to housing that moderate and lower income people can afford. Since the expiration of local bond funding, local jurisdictions have relied almost solely on limited federal funds for this purpose. The county is unable to provide enough funding of its own to meet the critical needs.

- B. Legislative Proposal:
(Describe the proposal and what it would accomplish.)

Include substantially more funding for affordable housing in the 2024-2025 state budget.

- C. Statutes/Regulations Affected or Proposed Language:
(Identify any state or federal statutes or regulations to be amended or repealed or attach proposed new language.)

See above

- D. Fiscal Impact:
(Describe any direct or indirect impact on Pima County expenditures or revenues.)

Just more staff time to coordinate use of additional funds..

- E. Proposal History:
(Describe any previous efforts by any person/entity to pursue this proposal.

This has been a longstanding, but unsuccessful effort.

- F. Interested Parties:
(Identify any persons/entities that you know or believe will either support or oppose this proposal.)

The general public. Low- and moderate-income people who need affordable housing. Organizations and individuals advocating for more affordable housing. .



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Subject or Title of Proposal: Regulate small cell-phone towers

Proposal Description: Restore ability of local jurisdictions to regulate the placement of cell-phone towers of 50 feet or less in height

- A. Background Information:
(Describe the issue or problem in need of legislative attention. Attach all existing documents relating to the issue.)

The placement of small cell-phone towers, 50 feet or less in height, in residential areas often is very controversial. The county used to govern these proposals as they went through a Type 1 Conditional Use Permit process including public comment and the right of denial. The Legislature stripped local jurisdictions of that authority.

- B. Legislative Proposal:
(Describe the proposal and what it would accomplish.)

Restore the authority of local jurisdictions to regulate the placement of cell-phone towers of 50 feet or less in height.

- C. Statutes/Regulations Affected or Proposed Language:
(Identify any state or federal statutes or regulations to be amended or repealed or attach proposed new language.)

See above

- D. Fiscal Impact:
(Describe any direct or indirect impact on Pima County expenditures or revenues.)

Just for staff time to process applicable cell-phone tower applications.

- E. Proposal History:
(Describe any previous efforts by any person/entity to pursue this proposal.

Unknown..

- F. Interested Parties:
(Identify any persons/entities that you know or believe will either support or oppose this proposal.)

The general public. Cell phone companies surely will oppose such an effort.



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Subject or Title of Proposal: Funding to prevent evictions

Proposal Description: Substantial federal funding was provided to local jurisdictions since the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. This has kept tens of thousands of low-income people facing eviction housed. This funding will run out in 2023 and 2024. The housing problem has not been resolved and funding is needed to continue these efforts

- A. Background Information:
(Describe the issue or problem in need of legislative attention. Attach all existing documents relating to the issue.)

Federal funding has been used since 2021 to prevent evictions by paying landlords for tenants who cannot make rental payments on time. It also has been used to pay for legal representation for tenants facing eviction, not always legitimately.

- B. Legislative Proposal:
(Describe the proposal and what it would accomplish.)

Provide funding in the 2024-2024 budget, if not sooner, to continue rental assistance and emergency eviction legal assistance programs meeting the needs of troubled tenants.

- C. Statutes/Regulations Affected or Proposed Language:
(Identify any state or federal statutes or regulations to be amended or repealed or attach proposed new language.)

See above

- D. Fiscal Impact:
(Describe any direct or indirect impact on Pima County expenditures or revenues.)

None, unless the county has to dismantle and re-establish funding-affected programs..

- E. Proposal History:
(Describe any previous efforts by any person/entity to pursue this proposal.

Unknown.

- F. Interested Parties:
(Identify any persons/entities that you know or believe will either support or oppose this proposal.)

The general public. Low- and moderate-income tenants facing eviction or potential eviction, and the prospect of homelessness..



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Subject or Title of Proposal: Elimination of cash bail.

Proposal Description: Enact legislation allowing local jurisdictions to eliminate cash bail for alleged criminal-law violators.

- A. Background Information:
(Describe the issue or problem in need of legislative attention. Attach all existing documents relating to the issue.)

The cash bail system has proven to be a failure as low-income alleged offenders spend time in expensive formal detention when it is unnecessary and unwarranted. At the same time some alleged offenders who are potentially dangerous can be freed by posting bail.

- B. Legislative Proposal:
(Describe the proposal and what it would accomplish.)

Eliminate the state statutory requirement that judges in Arizona must set bail for alleged offenders of criminal laws.

- C. Statutes/Regulations Affected or Proposed Language:
(Identify any state or federal statutes or regulations to be amended or repealed or attach proposed new language.)

See above

- D. Fiscal Impact:
(Describe any direct or indirect impact on Pima County expenditures or revenues.)

None or unknown – additional pretrial and probation personnel might be needed.

- E. Proposal History:
(Describe any previous efforts by any person/entity to pursue this proposal.

Unknown.

- F. Interested Parties:
(Identify any persons/entities that you know or believe will either support or oppose this proposal.)

The general public whose taxes now pay for incarcerating far more detainees than it necessary or merited. Persons accused of crimes who cannot afford cash bail requirements. County sheriffs who could reduce corrections officer staffing and the other expenses associated with incarcerating detainees (booking, food, medical care, etc.).



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Subject or Title of Proposal: Regulate retail pet-sales stores.

Proposal Description: Enact legislation allowing local jurisdictions to regulate the operations of retail stores in which pets are sold.

- A. Background Information:
(Describe the issue or problem in need of legislative attention. Attach all existing documents relating to the issue.)

Retail stores in which pets are sold often mistreat the animals in their custody and often obtain the animals from breeders whose practices are detrimental to the welfare of the animals. Customers too often learn later that the pets they purchased have expensive debilitating illnesses or physical conditions as a result of poor breeding and handling. This can add to the stress that Pima Animal Care Center experiences, at taxpayer cost.

- B. Legislative Proposal:
(Describe the proposal and what it would accomplish.)

Repeal state law that prohibits local jurisdictions from regulating retail pet-sale stores..

- C. Statutes/Regulations Affected or Proposed Language:
(Identify any state or federal statutes or regulations to be amended or repealed or attach proposed new language.)

See above

D. Fiscal Impact:

(Describe any direct or indirect impact on Pima County expenditures or revenues.)

The cost of personnel to inspect retail pet-sales stores for compliance with good practices protect of animal welfare offset at least partially by fewer animal for the Pima Animal Care Center to house and care for.

E. Proposal History:

(Describe any previous efforts by any person/entity to pursue this proposal.

Unknown.

F. Interested Parties:

(Identify any persons/entities that you know or believe will either support or oppose this proposal.)

The general public whose taxes now pay for an overstressed Pima Animal Care Center and those members of the public who purchase pets from retail pet-sales stores. Retail pet-sales store owners and operators surely will oppose such legislation.