



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 20, 2024

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Lesher 
County Administrator

Re: **2024 Pima County Small Business Commission Awards**

Attached is a memorandum providing information on the 2024 Pima County Small Business Commission Awards. The winners selected are:

- Forbes Meat Company – Urban
- Arivaca Mercantile – Rural
- SARSEF – Nonprofit

Notable highlights include:

- 203 total nominations received
- Approximately 107 unique businesses nominated
- Broad distribution of nominations across Supervisor Districts
- Expanded marketing and advertising of the nomination process and selected winners

I'd like to offer congratulations to the selected award winners and extend a thank you to our Pima County Small Business Commission for their continued efforts in support and recognition of small businesses in Pima County!

Award winners will be honored at the December 3, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting.

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c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Heath Vescovi-Chiordi, Director, Economic Development Department

November 18, 2024

To: Jan Lesher, Pima County Administrator

From: Heath Vescovi-Chiordi, Director, Pima County Economic Development



Re: **Pima County Small Business Commission Awards**

The Pima County Small Business Commission (SBC) has selected the winners of its annual Small Business of the Year awards. The winning businesses this year are:

Forbes Meat Company – Urban, District 2
Arivaca Mercantile – Rural, District 3
SARSEF – Nonprofit, District 5

The SBC received 203 nominations for ~107 different businesses throughout the County. The businesses that were nominated came from all Supervisor Districts and were well distributed among all districts.

Economic Development staff have been working with Communications staff on not only actively marketing the award nomination process, but is also engaged in creative marketing which announced the winners through various social media channels. We believe this will lead to increased active engagement in future nomination processes, as well as shines a well-deserved light on our small business community across the County.

Attached (**Attachment 1**) you will find the breakdown of application origins, for reference.

The SBC Awardees will be honored at the December 3, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Economic Development Staff will be in attendance.

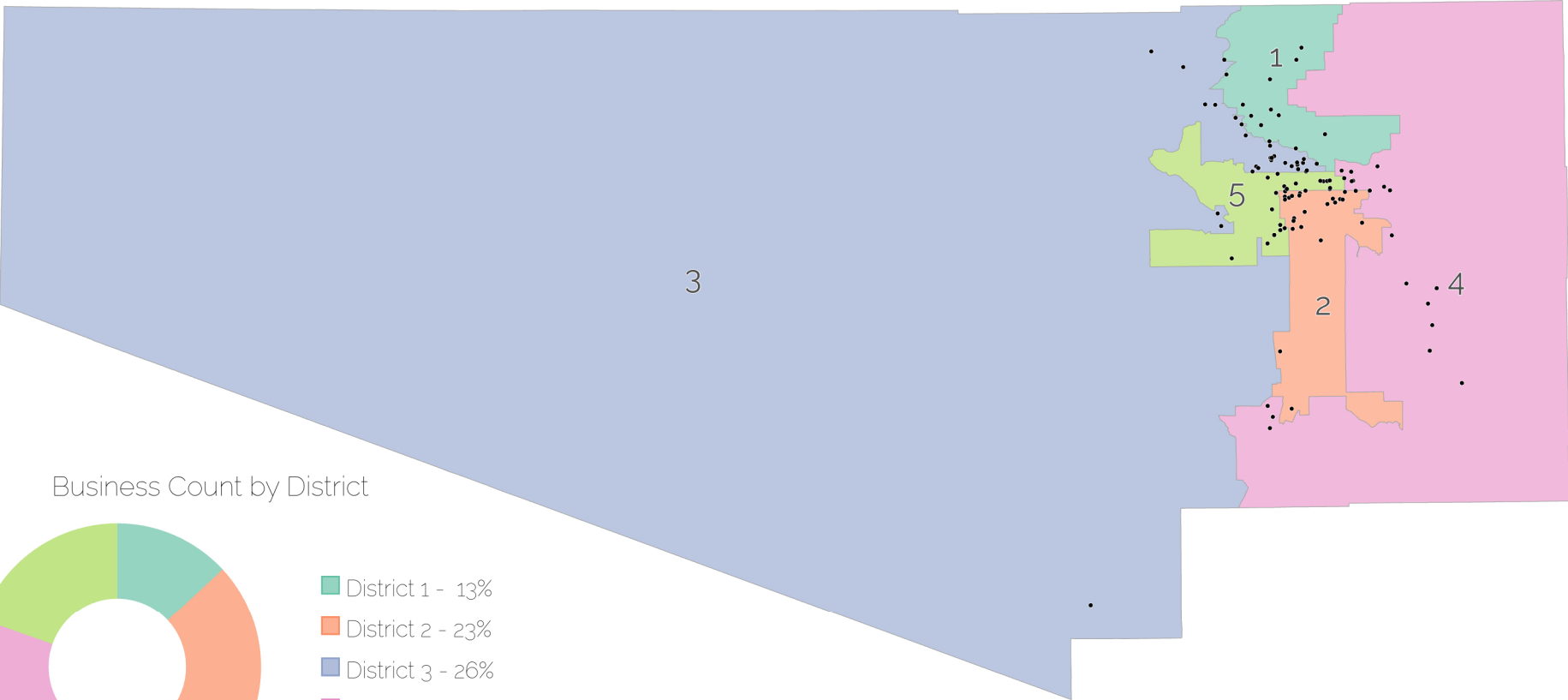
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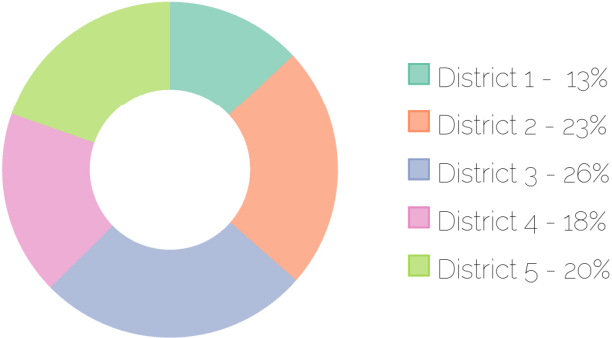
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BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATIONS BY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT



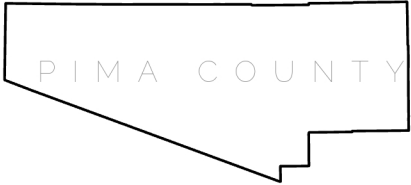
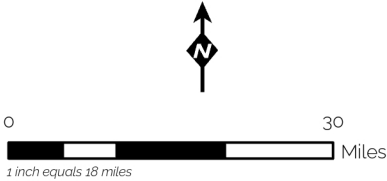
Business Count by District



- District 1 - 13%
- District 2 - 23%
- District 3 - 26%
- District 4 - 18%
- District 5 - 20%

District & Supervisor

- 1 - Rex Scott
- 4 - Steve Christy
- 2 - Dr. Matt Heinz
- 5 - Adelita S. Grijalva
- 3 - Dr. Sylvia M. Lee
- Businesses



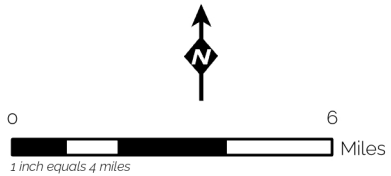
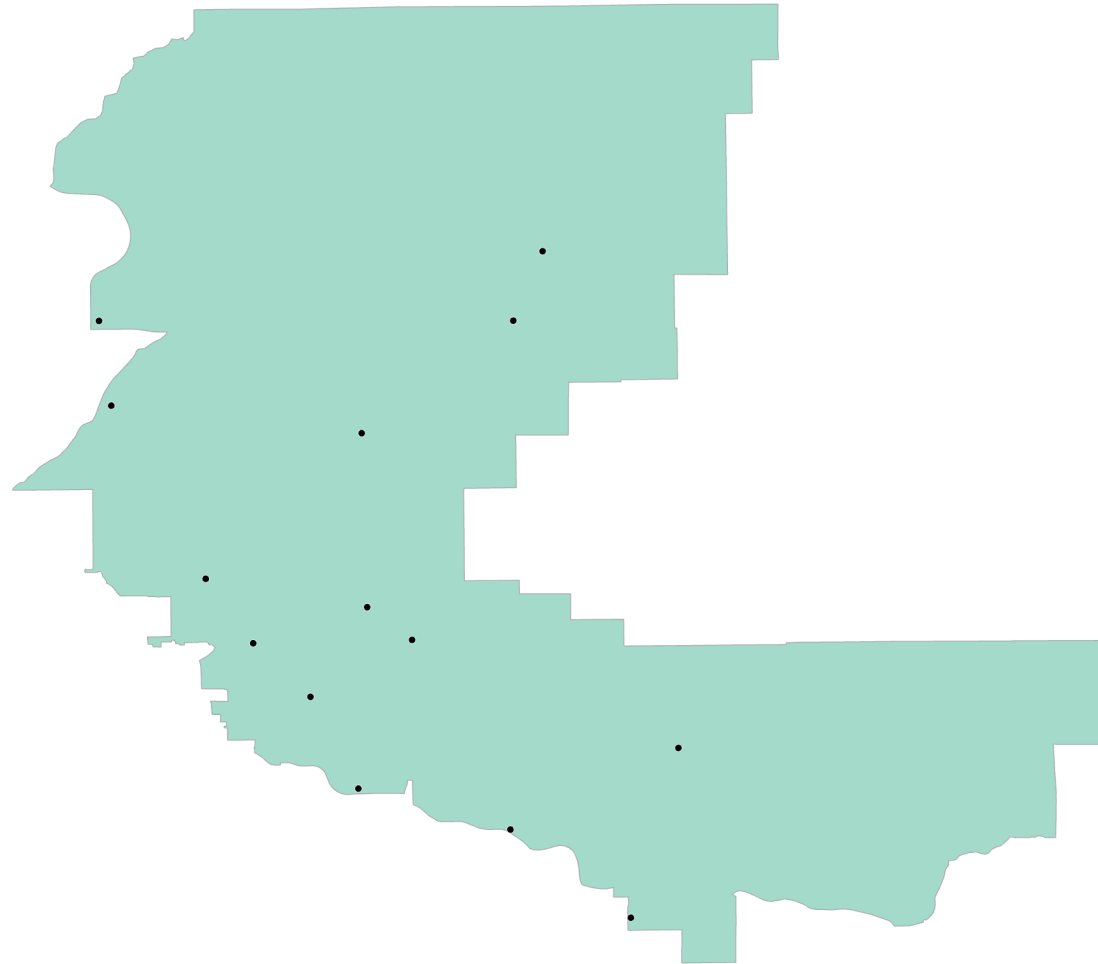
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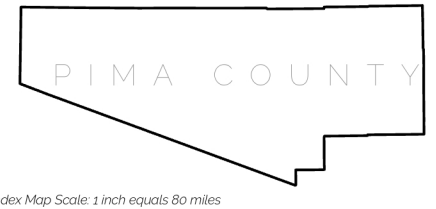
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DISTRICT ONE BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATIONS



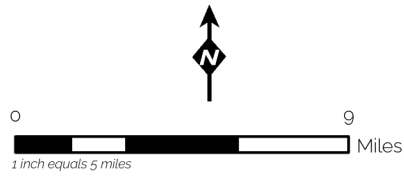
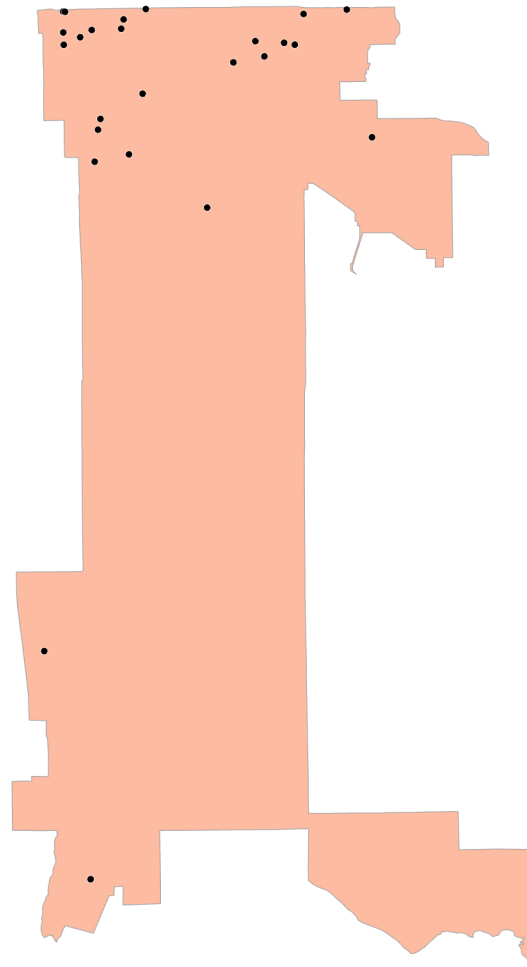
 District 1 - Rex Scott • Businesses (14)



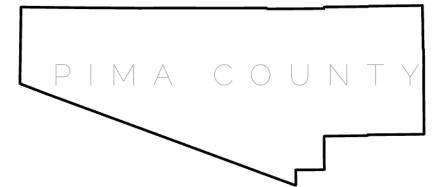
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DISTRICT TWO BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATIONS



 District 2 - Dr. Matt Heinz  Businesses (25)



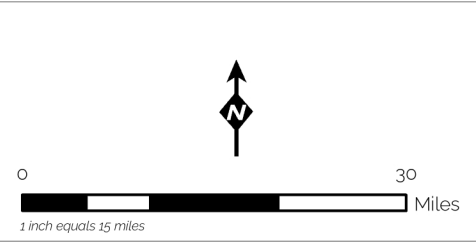
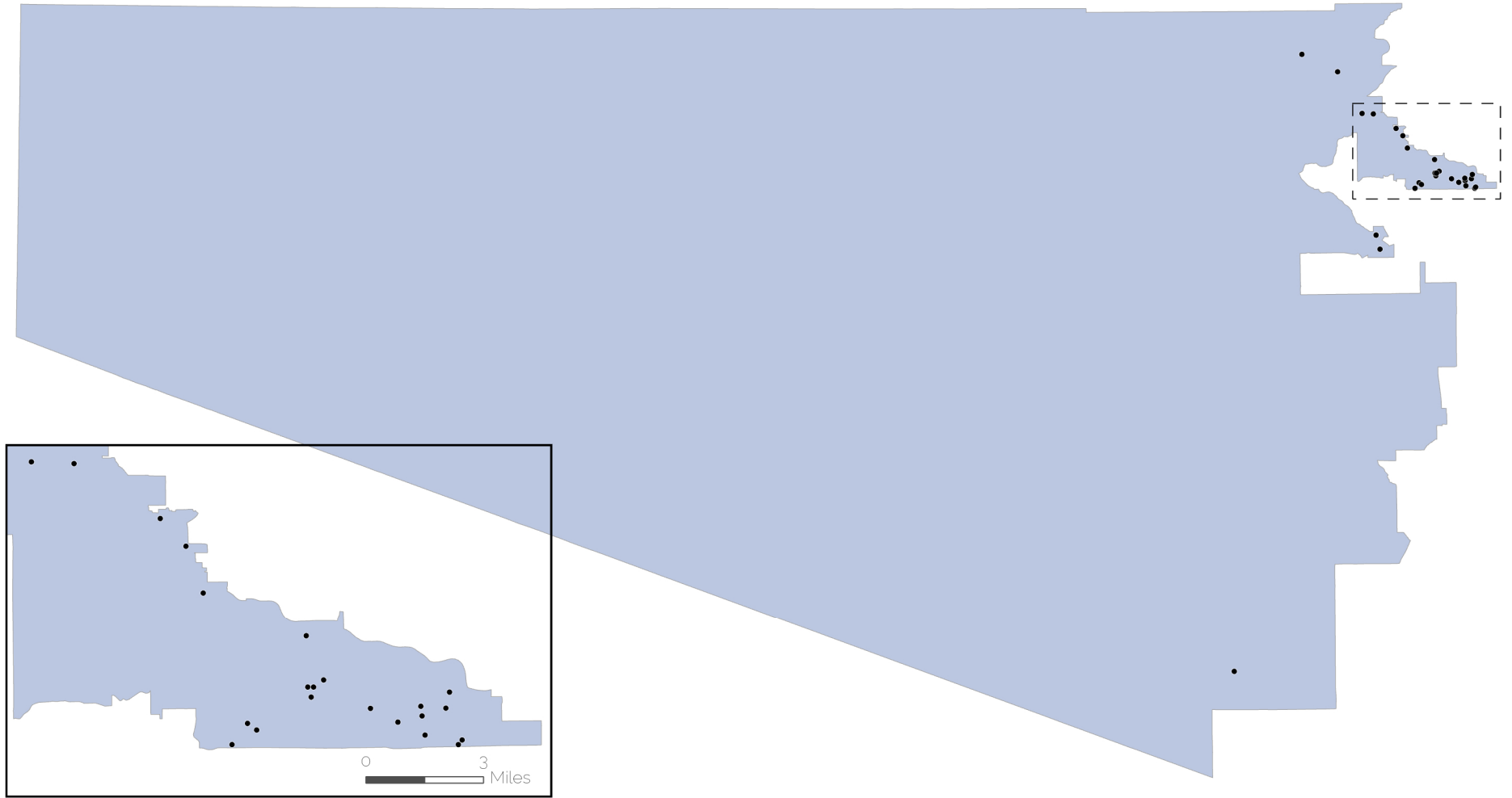
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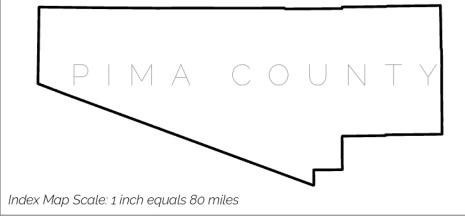
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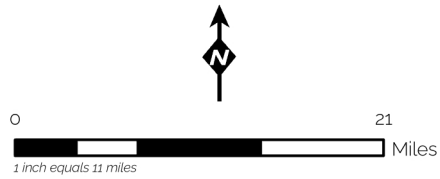
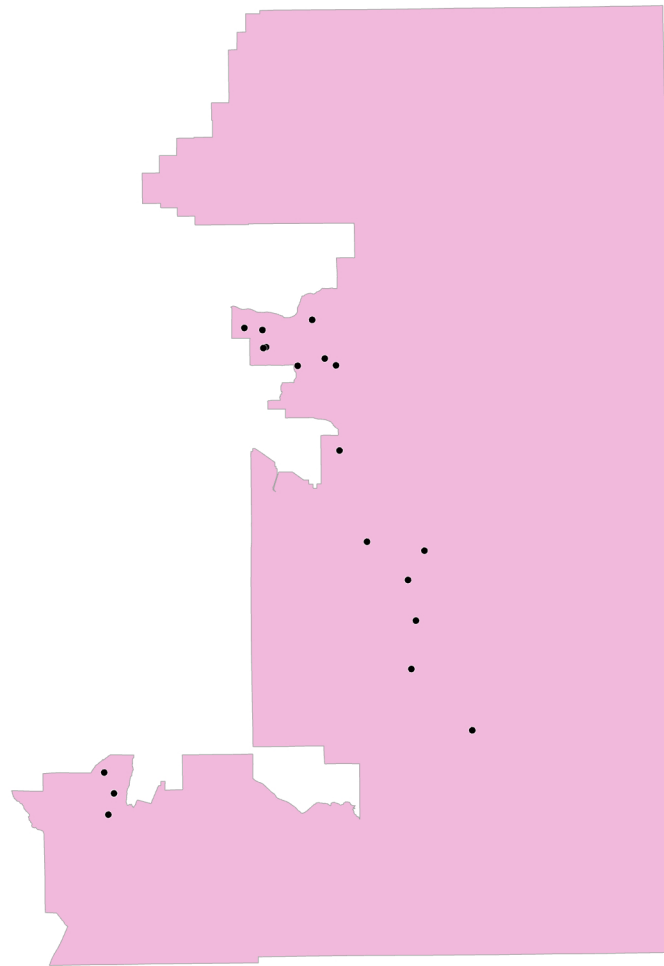
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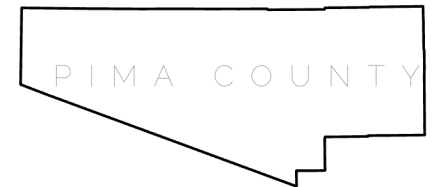
■ District 3 - Dr. Sylvia M. Lee • Businesses (28)



DISTRICT FOUR BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATIONS



 District 4 - Steve Christy • Businesses (19)



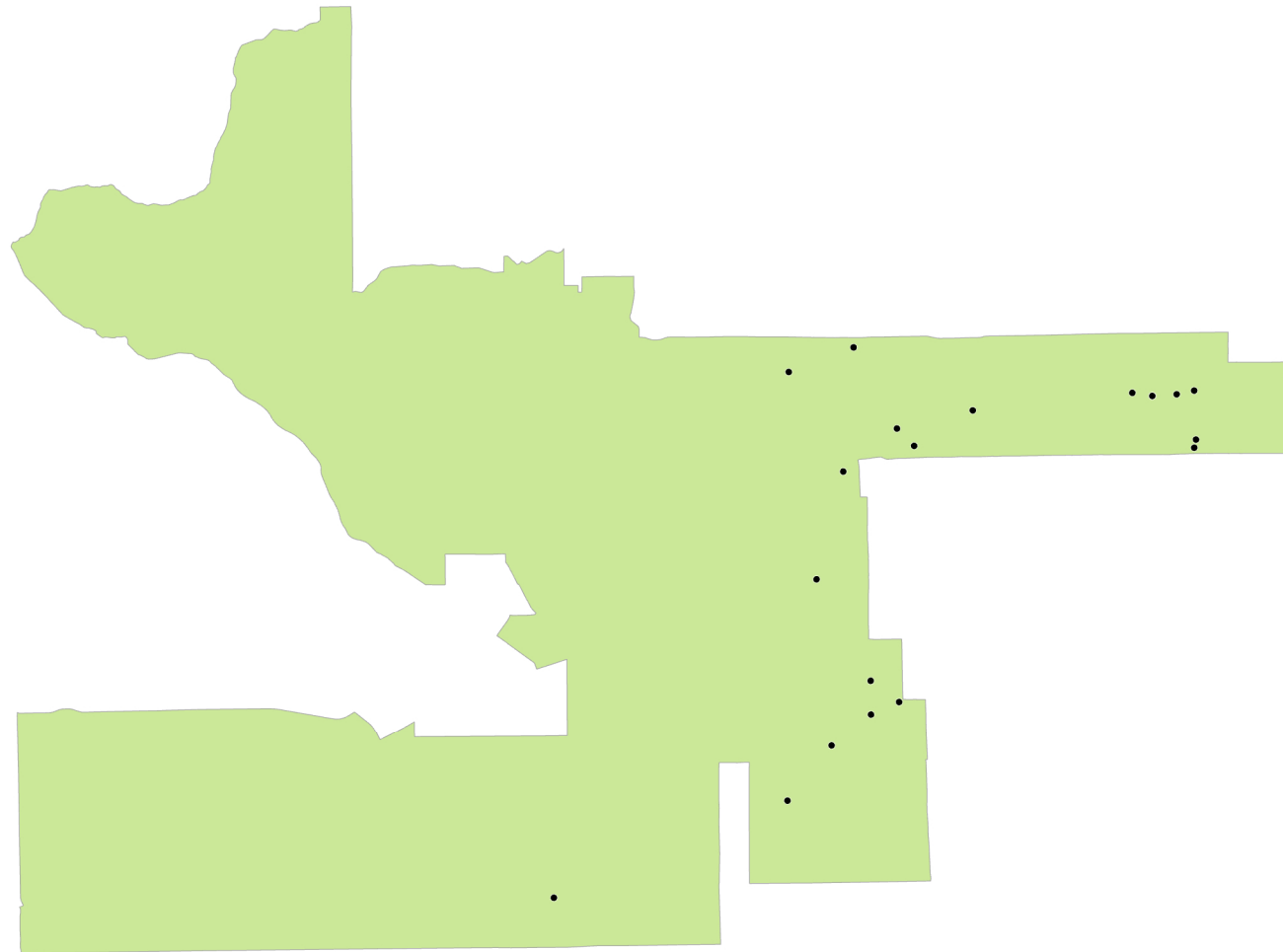
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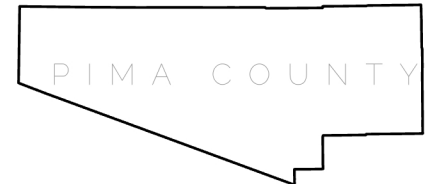
DISTRICT FIVE BUSINESS AWARD NOMINATIONS



District 5 - Adelita Grijalva



Businesses (21)



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