



Southern Arizona Leadership Council

February 6, 2023

Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress St., 11th Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Dear Chair Grijalva and Honorable Supervisors,

On behalf of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC) and our more than 145 executive business and community leaders, I am writing to you in regards to item #15 on the February 7th meeting agenda. One of SALC's focus areas is governance and we believe this item requires more vetting and consideration. The underlying policy, Board of Supervisors Agenda/Addendum Policy C2.5, has been in place since 1997 with only minor revisions. It is unclear how the recommended policy changes will provide the desired consistency and transparency for agenda items. We believe several of the changes proposed are either not necessary and/or hinder a Supervisor's ability to efficiently place an item on the agenda in a timely manner.

Change to include Supervisors: It is concerning to us that this change would treat the Supervisors under the same process as county staff. The elected Supervisors are the direct representatives of their constituents and should continue to be able to work directly with the Chair in placing items on the agenda. This ensures their ability to address issues of concern in a timely manner.

Mandatory review by legal counsel prior to placement on agenda. The review to be completed by legal counsel seems an unnecessary addition to the process. It is our belief that legal counsel reviews all agenda items in order to provide adequate and timely legal advice to the Chair and the Board.

Justification for proposed changes. The justification for the change to improve consistency and transparency does not appear supported. There has been no clear explanation for the need to change the role of the Supervisors in placing items on the agenda. Have there been problems with this process in the past that resulted in legal issues? Is this a best practice or used in any other county in Arizona? We encourage the Board to explore these questions prior to making such a significant change to the process which defines the role of each supervisor in ensuring issues of their constituents can reach the agenda.

As an organization, SALC believes in continuous improvement to processes and systems. However, we believe, in this case, more exploration and process clarification is necessary to ensure the ability of a supervisor to place items on the agenda is managed by the Chair and the Supervisors themselves. Trying to fit the requirements for the elected Supervisors into a system used for decades for staff and county administrators does not appear a thoroughly vetted and ensure detail and transparency of the agenda item.

For the reasons stated above, I would ask you to consider "continuing" this item or removing the current proposals. This would allow for adequate time and process to review both the impacts of the

3
FEB 07 23 AM 08:45 PULK DF 80

recommended changes and their ability to truly provide consistency and transparency for agenda items. SALC would gladly participate in any discussion of determining a process to better ensure clarity and transparency surrounding Board agenda items.

Thank you for your continued leadership and service. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any further questions or concerns about my comments.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Maxwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ted" being more legible than the last name "Maxwell".

Ted Maxwell
President & CEO
Southern Arizona Leadership Council