PIMA COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE



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Honorable Chair Adelita Grijalva Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors 150 W. Congress St Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Letter of Resignation/Retirement

Dear Honorable Chair Adelita Grijalva and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Pima County as their Treasurer for the past six terms. During my tenure, with the help of a dedicated staff, we have transformed the Treasurer's Office to provide for the effective and stable management of the monetary assets of Pima County and the many other jurisdictions it serves. However, it is time for a new Treasurer to lead the office through the next set of challenges.

Twenty-four years ago, the Pima County Treasurer's Office was mired in problems. There were eight different computer systems that couldn't talk to each other, the books were out of balance, and the office had been issued many significant audit findings. I knew I could fix these problems. That desire to solve the problems motivated me to run for the office. I have accomplished those goals. We developed the Treasurer's Tax Collection and Cash Management System, combining the functions of the Treasurer's Office into a unified software solution. The books are balanced, and we haven't had a significant audit finding in years. My job is done. Therefore, I am retiring effective April 12, 2024.

Knowing that I would not be seeking another term, I sought a Chief Deputy Treasurer that would be able to continue the progress we have made. I found that person in former State Representative Chris Ackerley. Having served as Chief Deputy for two years, I have every confidence he can lead the office through the challenges of the coming years and wholeheartedly recommend that you appoint him to fill the remainder of the term.

If there is any way I can continue to serve Pima County in the future, please let me know. I will always be happy to help.

Sincerely,

Beth Ford, CPA

Pima County Treasurer

cc: Jan Lesher, County Administrator