

AGENDA MATERIAL

DATE 4-2-24 ITEM NO. RA16

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Assessor



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March 27, 2024

Pima County Clerk of the Board
33 N. Stone Ave, Ste 100
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Treasurer's Office

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

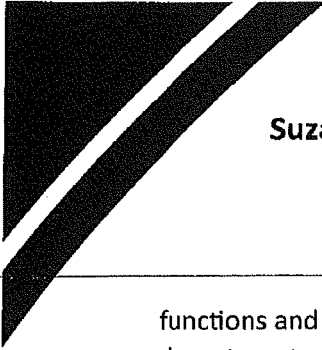
I want to applaud your recent decisions to prioritize fairness in appointments, avoiding any appearance of favoring incumbency among appointees tasked with fulfilling the remaining term of a retiring elected official. The Board of Supervisors have unique positions, in that they do not have deputy, so it is not possible to appoint a deputy to fulfill the remaining term. In contrast, the offices of the Assessor, Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer, do have deputies to the elected officials that handle a range of responsibilities including the management, administrative, and supervisory duties, associated with the day-to-day operations of the office, in the absence of the elected official.

The Treasurer's Office plays an important role in county government serving as the financial backbone of Pima County. The office is responsible for collecting property tax payments, dividing them according to the tax rates, and disbursing these funds to various taxing jurisdictions, such as school districts and fire districts. They also develop financial plans, prepare budgets and financial statements, all while ensuring compliance with local financial regulations and laws. An understanding of the complex relationships, financial structures, and statutory requirements of all the different entities is crucial to the successful management of the office and the county.

During the interim period, the appointed individual will oversee significant tasks such as the collection of the second half of the 2023 property taxes and ensuring their distribution among multiple taxing jurisdictions. Additionally, they will undertake the billing and collection of the first half of the 2024 property taxes and oversee the allocation of these funds accordingly. Pima County and its taxing jurisdictions must be able to rely on the Treasurer and their ability to, correctly collect, oversee, and distribute those funds accurately to operate. Appointing an individual with the most current experience and knowledge is of the utmost importance.

To keep the Treasurer's Office running smoothly, I respectfully request that you give strong consideration to appointing the current Deputy Treasurer. Since April of 2022, the Deputy has learned the day-to-day operations and responsibilities of running the Treasurer's Office. To ensure the continuity of the

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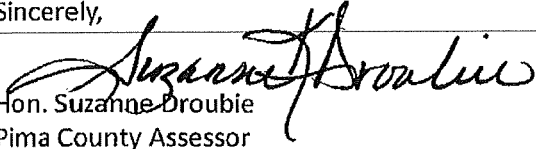


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functions and interactions between the Treasurer, the County, the various taxing jurisdictions, and the departments of other Elected Officials, it is imperative that Treasurer's successor be acquainted with the current operations of the office. This can only be guaranteed if the functions of the Treasurer's Office continue to be carried out by the current Deputy Treasurer until Ms. Ford's successor is elected by the voters of Pima County.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to maintaining the integrity of our county government.

Sincerely,



Hon. Suzanne Droubie
Pima County Assessor

cc: Jan Leshner, County Administrator
Hon. Adelia Grijalva
Hon. Rex Scott
Hon. Matt Heinz
Hon. Sylvia Lee
Hon. Steve Christy