



Brian Johnson Pima County Treasurer

Jake Martin Chief Deputy Treasurer

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Brian Johnson, Pima County Treasurer

Date: August 4, 2025

Subject: Auditor General's Report; Urgent Need for Pima County Treasurer's Office IT Systems Upgrade

This memorandum addresses the critical need to upgrade the Pima County Treasurer's Office (PCTO) IT systems, a matter of paramount importance for the security of public funds. The PCTO is aware of the deficiencies highlighted in a recent Auditor General's report and is committed to a collaborative effort to address these issues.

In April, Chief Deputy Treasurer Jake Martin and I met with Deputy Auditor General Melanie Chesney and Financial Audit Director Katherine Decker to discuss the need for system improvements. We emphasized our commitment to working with the Auditor General's Office to address the identified deficiencies.

The PCTO currently operates on a 20-year-old, homegrown IT system that lacks modern internal controls, posing a significant risk to the security of public monies. The urgency of this situation necessitates an immediate and comprehensive upgrade. For context, Maricopa County recently invested approximately \$11 million to overhaul its IT infrastructure, providing a benchmark for the scale and resources required for such a project.

The safety and security of public funds are the highest priority of the Pima County Treasurer's Office. We respectfully request the Board's partnership in providing the necessary budgetary resources to modernize our digital infrastructure and ensure the continued protection of Pima County's financial assets.

Brian Johnson, Pima County Treasurer

Cc: Jan Lesher, Pima County Administrator Art Cuaron, Finance Director