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## Pima County Board of Supervisors

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

From: Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2

Date: January 30, 2025

RE: BOS Addendum Agenda 2/4/25: Legislative Agenda Update – Fire District Funding

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Please add this item to the Addendum Agenda for February 4, 2025. Thank you.

### Board of Supervisors:

**Discussion/Direction/Action:** Directing the County Administrator to add the following to our 2025 State Legislative Agenda, for pursuit by our county lobbyist at the State Capitol this legislative session:

Using the language from SCR 1049 (Fifty-fifth Legislature, Second Regular Session, 2022; i.e. what became *Arizona Proposition 310, Sales Tax for Fire District Funding Measure (2022)*) as a model, creating enabling legislation that would authorize the Board of Supervisors of Pima County (or all Boards of Supervisors across all fifteen counties) to refer to the electors of Pima County (or to the electors of their respective counties) a countywide sales tax measure of up to 1/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent (1/10<sup>th</sup> of a penny) for the purpose of shoring up the finances of all Fire Districts operating within the county.

While Tucson Fire Department serves the urban center of our county, numerous other fire districts provide critical services to rural, suburban and unincorporated areas. These districts face unique challenges, including limited budgets, aging equipment, and growing service demands. Ensuring they are adequately equipped and staffed is essential for the safety and well-being of all Pima County residents.

CC: Jan Leshar, County Administrator  
Carmine DeBonis, Jr, Deputy County Administrator  
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator  
Sam Brown, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney