

Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

# M E M O R A N D U M

**DATE:** July 9, 2024

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Adelita Grijalva, Chair and District Five Supervisor

REGARDING: Proposed amendments to Item 9 on the July 16, 2024, Regular Agenda

Following are proposed amendments to Item 9 on the July 16, 2024, Regular Agenda:

#### County Administrator, Item 9. 2025 Legislative Agenda

Additions to the proposed 2025 Legislative Agenda are in red in the attached Resolution 2024-34. These seven additions enhance Pima County's ability to deal effectively with housing affordability (new B. 4-7 in the resolution) with early childhood education (new C. 7 in the resolution) and with public safety issues (new D. 3 and 5.in the resolution). (District 5)

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# PIMA COUNTY

# RESOLUTION NO. 2024 -

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA ADOPTING A PIMA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 2025

# IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

#### Section 1

That those persons authorized by Pima County to lobby on its behalf and registered as such with the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §41-1231 et seq. (the "County Lobbyists") are hereby authorized and directed, subject to the continuing supervision of the Pima County Administrator and this Board, to represent and pursue the legislative interests of Pima County by supporting legislation that embodies any of the following basic principles:

- A. Empowers Pima County with sufficient flexibility to address an expanding and changing variety of local needs and conditions.
- B. Establishes appropriate means to adequately compensate Pima County for the costs of complying with state mandated requirements.
- C. Provides Pima County with the means to cope with inflationary cost increases, population growth and escalating service requirements.
- D. Enables Pima County to provide public services in a more responsive, efficient and costeffective manner.
- E. Defines appropriate fiscal and administrative responsibilities within various Federal/County, State/County and City/County joint programs.

Conversely, legislation that is inconsistent with any of these basic principles should be opposed or appropriate amendments pursued.

#### Section 2

That, in addition to those basic principles set forth in Section 1, the County Lobbyists are authorized and directed to pursue the following specific objectives:

- A. <u>Protect the County Taxpayer</u>
  - 1. Oppose any State Cost Transfer that would transfer cost to the County.
  - 2. Modernize the process of bid notices, vendor registration and sales of surplus properties.
- 2025 Legislative Program

- 3. Monitor and advise on economic and workforce development, including support for rural broadband infrastructure.
- 4. Research and advocate for modifications to taxing districts to provide the greatest flexibility to the Board of Supervisors.

#### B. Invest in Pima County's Infrastructure

- 1. Advocate for funding and financing for both new roads and maintenance of the existing transportation infrastructure and to address the outdated and inadequate funding and financing of transportation network needs.
- 2. Allow Pima County to develop a single stormwater ordinance to protect and improve water quality while mitigating flooding.
- 3. Support efforts to limit and regulate wildcat subdivision and further to provide a mechanism to deal with unimproved subdivision lots.
- 4. Allow local jurisdictions to limit housing rent increases.
- 5. Allow local jurisdictions to adopt inclusionary zoning policies.
- 6. Provide funding to local jurisdictions for eviction-prevention programs.
- 7. Significantly increase state funding for affordable housing projects.

# C. Maximize or Strengthen Critical Programs

- 1. Provide adequate funding for the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.
- 2. Protect the public health authority.
- 3. Support efforts to enable pharmacists to prescribe lifesaving medication to prevent fatal opioid overdose and reduce the risk of HIV infection.
- 4. Expand the availability of dental health benefits.
- 5. Oppose requirements to use E-Verify Enrollment in Public Welfare Programs.
- 6. Appropriate State General Funding to maintain DES Childcare Subsidy Reimbursement Rates at the cost of providing quality childcare.
- 7. Restore state funding for all-day kindergarten classes.

# D. Fortify Public Safety

1. Establish a capital post-conviction pay cap for attorneys.

- 2. Support severe orders of protection ("red flag laws") and all measures to promote the safe use of firearms and reduce unintentional injuries and suicide due to firearms.
- 3. Allow local jurisdictions to adopt requirements for firearms sales.
- 4. Work to redefine the respective roles and funding responsibilities of Pima County and the Courts related to court costs and salaries of probation officers.
- 5. Allow local jurisdictions to eliminate cash bail requirements.
- 6. Review the role and effectiveness of the constables and advance concepts for reform of the position.

# E. Federal Advocacy

County federal lobbyists shall advocate for the County's access to federal dollars and to make and enforce rules and regulations to support critical infrastructure and local programs and efforts to avoid street release in support of the federal response to the passage of legal asylum seekers through Pima County.

#### F. Support the County Supervisors Association Adopted Legislative Agenda

Continue to support the County Supervisors Association Adopted Legislative Agenda.

#### G. Monitor Legislative Efforts of Countywide Elected Officials and Other Associations.

Direct County Staff to work with Countywide Elected Officials, Arizona Association of Counties and other statewide organizations to monitor legislation proposed and endorsed by these partners and to report to the Board of Supervisors on any action recommended by the County Administrator or County Lobbyist.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deputy County Attorney

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board