



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 3/19/2024

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***Title:**

Pima County Attorney Juvenile Safety and Security Audit. Building Security enhancements at 2235 E. Ajo Way.

***Introduction/Background:**

Based on the walkthrough of a recent safety audit out 2235 E. Ajo Way, Facilities Management pointed out a serious security risk in the entrance way (open access to the public) given currently large numbers of unhoused living adjacent to the office. This has not been an issue prior to this inspection, previously. The attached estimate from Pima County Facilities Management is for security upgrades to ensure employee safety. Requesting contingency funding to cover the costs of this security upgrade.

***Discussion:**

During a recent safety walkthrough of the building, an issue of unhoused people in the area easily accessing the office building unexpectedly was brought to the attention of leadership of Pima County Attorney's Office. Unexpected or unannounced individuals can enter the building, use the restrooms, and may or may not find themselves in areas with sensitive material and access to staff. Due to the sensitive nature of the cases handled by our office, particularly in our Juvenile Division, the need has arisen to change the door to badge entry and adding an intercom for visitors to announce their need or intent for visiting the building. This expense is an item that Pima County Attorney's Office did not budget for this fiscal year, and due to the risk to employee safety feels it is prudent to act expeditiously in the completion of work identified in the attached quote. Our current projections show we will not be able to cover this expense because of other unbudgeted expenses that have occurred this Fiscal Year as well as vacancy sweeps that have occurred in our office.

***Conclusion:**

The building is unsecured, and the general public has free access to sensitive areas of the building and to staff, which presents a safety concern for employees in the building. Failure to fund this risks the wellbeing of all Pima County Attorney's Office employees at the Juvenile Office at 2235 E. Ajo Way.

***Recommendation:**

Requesting contingency funding to cover the costs of the building security enhancements that were recommended during part of the Pima County Facilities Management safety walkthrough.

***Fiscal Impact:**

\$7,841.86 is being requested from contingency as this security upgrade is not currently included in the County Attorney's approved budget.

***Board of Supervisor District:**

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