

**PIMA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN PIMA COUNTY ARIZONA
ADOPTING A PIMA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 2026**

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. Provides Pima County with the means to cope with inflationary cost increases, population growth, and escalating service requirements.
- C. Enables Pima County to provide public services in a more responsive, efficient, and cost-effective manner.
- D. 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. Protect the County Taxpayer

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.
3. Monitor and advise on economic and workforce development, including support for rural broadband infrastructure.
4. Research and advocate for modifications to special taxing districts to provide the greatest flexibility to the Board of Supervisors.
5. Advocate for a streamlined process to eliminate racist Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCRs) including the elimination of a recording fee for associated amended deeds.

B. Invest in Pima County's Infrastructure

1. Support dedicated funding to incentivize the deployment of high-speed internet connections to traditionally underserved areas and facilities to remove barriers to access.
2. Advocate for the State of Arizona's establishment of the Homeless Shelter and Services Fund, which dedicates monies from the State Housing Trust Fund to encourage the inclusion of reliable, affordable internet access in affordable housing developments.
3. 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.

C. Maintain or Strengthen Critical Programs

1. Encourage full funding of the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to include the required State match to ensure uninterrupted compliance with federal and state preservation laws and to protect Arizona's eligibility for federal infrastructure and preservation funds.
2. Provide adequate funding for the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.
3. Protect the public health authority.
4. Advocate for funding of critical public health programs, including but not limited to immunization clinics, maternal and child health services, disease prevention initiatives, and behavioral health outreach.

5. Support efforts to increase the minimum standard for inpatient substance use disorder treatment and to expand Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) coverage of this necessary care.
6. Work to regulate or prohibit the use of Kava (Piper Methysticum) as a food or beverage additive in retail establishments.
7. Promote continued access to reproductive healthcare, including but not limited to sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, cancer screenings, and contraception.
8. Advocate for appropriate State General Fund allocations to maintain Department of Economic Security (DES) childcare subsidy reimbursement rates equal to the cost of providing quality childcare.

D. Fortify Public Safety

1. Encourage legislation that mandates the use of wildfire risk modeling for properties in wildland-urban interface areas, requiring insurers to offer possible rate reductions reflecting mitigation efforts like Firewise USA designations.
2. Support efforts to modify the grounds for wildfire insurance policy cancellation and nonrenewal, and to oppose significant rate increases.
3. Advocate for the expansion of the Coordinated Reentry program to include Pima County, providing funding that is available to others in the State of Arizona.
4. Promote efforts to address intervention and treatments for both alcohol and substance abuse.
5. 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.
6. Work to redefine the respective roles and funding responsibilities of Pima County and the Courts related to court costs and salaries of probation officers.
7. Review the costs, roles, and responsibility 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 15th day of July 2025.

Rex Scott, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bobby Yu, Deputy County Attorney