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From: K Madsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2023 1:00 PM
To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; COB_mail
Subject: Reevaluate County Budget and Debt Service

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Dear Supervisors:

I understand that last year's approved budget was \$1.9 billion, and this year's would be reduced to around \$1.8 billion. On the surface, this seems to be a significant reduction, but unfortunately, this is not the case. There is a \$265 plus million deficit along with another proposed property tax hike, so harmful in this time of inflation. If the proposed budget and debt service are approved, do you realize that Pima will be bankrupt within a few years unless property taxes are hiked again significantly? Why approve ANY debt service? Look at Maricopa County's projected budget. It's around \$4.462 billion with a property tax **decrease** for a population of over 4 million people compared to Pima's estimated 1.5 million. Pima's budget needs tightening before it's approved. Property owners are tired of footing the bill.

Sincerely,
Kathy Madsen
Registered Voter, Tucson

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From: Beth mcgwire [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 8:21 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Tentative County Budget and Debt Service for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Agenda Items #13 & #14

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I am imploring the Board to make a better decision with the 2023/24 Budget. There can in no way be a DEFICIT. How in the world is this good budgeting? I could never get away with deficit budgeting in my own household. Why are you even considering this? Additionally, there should be no increases in budget items without a complete explanation for why the increase. The Office of Sustainability and Conservation does not need more money. By definition, increasing the budget is NOT SUSTAINABLE.

We have no more money for property tax increases. You are penalizing citizens for living in this county. You are already getting more money because our values have increased. Quit punishing us by increasing our costs. Why do you hate the citizens of this county so much?

Sincerely,
Beth McGwire
District 1

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From: Terra R. [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 8:45 AM
To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; COB_mail
Subject: Agenda items 13 and 14

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Good morning Supervisors,

I am writing to express my concern that it seems you will attempting to pass a budget that includes a deficit. I urge each one of you to be fiscally responsible and find ways to approve the budget WITHOUT a deficit. This may involve tightening the county purse strings however that is the only way forward, unless the intent is to bankrupt the county.

I'm also concerned that you want to raise property taxes. This also, in the long run, will be detrimental to the financial welfare of every homeowners constituent in the county. Unless this is your intent, which I pray it is not.

Please take the time to understand the long reaching effects that passing a budget with a deficit and raising property taxes will have on all of your constituents and the financial stability of the county. Cut out "pet project" money. Be fiscally responsible. It's not easy and yet it is the only responsible way forward.

Your constituent, Terra Radliff

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