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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: February 6, 2024

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner   
County Administrator

Re: **Release of the Pima County Adult Detention Center Blue Ribbon Commission Final Report**

Attached please find the Pima County Adult Detention Center Blue Ribbon Commission's Final Report. My review and recommendations will be on the agenda for the February 20, 2024 Board meeting.

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# Final Report and Recommendations



**Pima County Adult Detention Center**  
**Blue Ribbon Commission**

**Submitted to:** Pima County Administrator Jan Leshner  
**Date:** January 31, 2024



## Pima County Adult Detention Center Blue Ribbon Commission

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## Executive Summary

In December 2022, Sheriff Nanos requested the Board of Supervisors (the “Board” or “BOS”) assistance in addressing significant issues facing the Pima County Adult Detention Center (“PCADC” or “Jail”) including deteriorating conditions of the 40-year-old jail facilities. Sheriff Nanos stated, “While we would all like to see fewer inmates in our jail, the reality of law enforcement and the inclination of the courts and probation do not signal a reduction. On the contrary, I believe we must brace for more of what is already stressing our correctional capability to a breaking point. We have a resilient community, but without our guardianship and good governance, the escalating crime and social problems have the potential to do irreparable harm.” Sheriff Nanos recommended construction of new jail facilities.

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors, Pima County Administrator Jan Leshner appointed a Blue Ribbon Commission (the “Commission”) to review the condition and needs of the Pima County jail. The Commission was assigned three tasks:

- Task 1: Assess the current condition of the Pima County Adult Detention facility to determine the need and feasibility for design and capacity improvements and/or construction of a new facility.
- Task 2: Assess best practices and standards and other factors impacting operations given industry changes since the county facility was built.
- Task 3: Assess funding options available to the county for facility improvements and/or construction of a new facility and related services.

While the Commission's scope was limited to evaluating the condition of the jail itself, it became immediately apparent to the Commission that doing so in isolation without consideration of the coexisting societal problems surrounding confinement may not completely resolve the issue and will need to be addressed in a more global fashion through future community wide efforts.

## Overview

The PCADC today is a 385,000 sq.ft. maximum and medium security facility located west of Downtown Tucson close to courts and services with a total bed-capacity of 2,030. Its original design dates to the 1970s.

### ***Pima County Adult Detention Center Complex***



The complex comprises three housing structures.

### ***PCADC Design vs. Operational Capacity by Facility***

	Year Opened	Original Design Capacity	Current Design Capacity	Current Operational Capacity
Tower	1984	468	910	774
West	1988	267	594	505
East	2004	526	526	447
Total		1261	2030	1726

*For purposes of this report, jail "Design Capacity" is defined as the maximum number of beds available in a facility. "Operational Capacity" is 85% of the Design Capacity. Usually when inmate populations exceed Operational Capacity, overcrowding and improper segregation is the result. This is the percentage applied to the Commission's analysis to project proper capacity for the number of inmates projected in future years.*

## History of the Pima County Adult Detention Center

Per Arizona State Statute, the PCADC is administered by the Pima County Sheriff's Department ("PCSD").

The history of the current jail begins in 1979, when Pima County voters approved a bond initiative to satisfy a federal consent decree ordering the construction of a new jail to correct sub-standard living conditions and overcrowding in the old jail (*Erickson v. Boykin*, et al., CIV 78-008 TUC MAR).

In 1988, the first expansion (West) was constructed. The county relocated inmates to the West Unit from an old work furlough and release facility on Silverbell Road and closed that facility.

The last expansion project (East) was approved in 1997 and completed in 2004. The project included additional needed dormitory-style housing units, a new consolidated public entry with video visitation

capabilities, new facilities for intake, healthcare, mental health housing, inmate transportation, records unit and kitchen.

Over time, the various expansion projects have resulted in a sprawling corrections campus which creates inefficiencies for inmate movement, custody, and other operations.

Throughout the nearly 40 years of operation, 769 additional beds were added to the initial design capacity of the Tower and West units to accommodate growing inmate populations. Today, the facility is over capacity in critical areas.

The County also owns a now vacant building, the “Mission” facility, that was formerly operated as a minimum-security work furlough/work release jail facility. The facility was closed approximately two and a half years ago. It is located adjacent to the main jail campus. When last operated, the facility had a capacity of 492 beds. The building is presumed to be available for future jail occupancy if needed. Additional hardening, renovation and reconfiguration might be expected if the programming needs for its future include anything more than minimum security dormitory style housing. The facility minimally requires refurnishing and security systems installation.

The original 1970’s era design of the Tower is dated and does not fully support the recommended model of inmate management – Direct Supervision. Direct supervision involves locating Corrections officers inside the individual housing units where they spend their time interacting with and managing the inmates. The Corrections officer’s job is to know about and be in control of activity, not just observing it. When opened, the Pima County Adult Detention Center was considered a model facility.

### Assessment of Conditions

Sheriff Nanos has expressed that the Pima County Adult Detention Complex’s operational capability has degraded and in his opinion the jail is beyond repair. The Commissioners received information and observed firsthand examples of maintenance and repair issues, leaks, cracked walls, peeling wall facades, floor settling, pipes and plumbing issues, water leaks and flooding.

The Commissioners observed an orderly facility suffering from age and abuse. Major repairs seem to be reactive, not preventative. Deteriorating conditions have resulted in a need for building rehabilitation which will include repair or replacement of all the building’s basic systems and elements of construction, including replacement of security furnishings, plumbing fixtures and cast iron pipes, and other improvements to restore the building to a condition that will extend its useful life for a minimum of another 20 years. This will require closure of entire buildings during construction. Consequently, inmate populations will have to be relocated to facilitate construction activities. The county does not have surplus jail space adequate to meet this need.

Commissioners also observed the critical need for space and additional beds in the detox, medical and mental health units, including the need for programming space for inmates and support services. Programming spaces have been lost as spaces have been converted to housing.

Annual maintenance of the jail facilities has been inconsistent. Under Sheriff Nanos, expenditures for repair and maintenance have been increasing. Under the prior Sheriff’s administration expenditures averaged \$500K per year from FY18-20. Under Sheriff Nanos, in FY21 the department spent \$957K and approximately \$3.07M in FY22 which is a sizeable increase from the previous administration’s



expenditures. This demonstrates a renewed focus on jail facility repair and maintenance. The budget for FY24 is approximately \$1.04M, which seems insufficient to meet annual needs and probably constrains managers when prioritizing repair and maintenance projects.

In the past six years, about \$6.8 million has been spent on repair and maintenance, not including capital projects. There is no recurring dedicated source of funding for capital improvements of the jail facilities.

### Facility Challenges and Deficiencies

The evolution of the PCADC has occurred in a patchwork of construction and expansions that individually addressed present or short-term needs. There has never been a concerted effort to correct design inefficiencies of the older buildings, or to refurbish those facilities to expand their useful lifespan. Designs that were considered modern at the time of construction have become outdated and no longer meet changing inmate demographics and evolving programming needs and medical care requirements.

The number of higher custody inmate patients is increasing and requiring more health care services due to chronic disease, emerging infections, and substance abuse. The current facility has too many barriers to getting patients to the central medical and dental clinic, which limits the ability for nursing, medical providers and dental providers from maximizing their time for inmate care. Barriers include excessive distance between housing units and the medical unit, need for staff supervision to move patients to the medical unit, and the impact of sight and sound separation requirements for juvenile patients who are treated in the same spaces as adult patients.

The mental health unit is often at capacity. The current facilities do not align with the type of facilities recommended by medical health care professionals. The current facility does not have space for more exam rooms, private contacts, or therapy space in an area close to housing units.

Upon booking, there is an automatic detoxification hold of five days for observation. Patients in detox protocol need constant observation so problems can be identified before a crisis ensues. As currently designed, these protocols limit maximum use of all beds in designated housing unit(s).

Care providers in the detox unit observe that the percentage of patients undergoing withdrawal is much higher than 5-10 years ago because of the fentanyl crisis. The withdrawal period is also longer. This, and the fact that only lower-level beds can be used for inmate safety, is causing serious overcapacity issues. In two years, the facility went from an average of 30 inmates in detox to 60 and at peak periods can experience up to 100.

Juvenile populations also pose issues. Arizona Revised Statutes require any youth, between ages 15 and 18, who commits murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, forcible sexual assault, armed robbery, aggravated driving or any other violent offense to be tried in adult criminal court. These inmates are treated as adults by the courts, but special requirements for juvenile detainees also apply to their treatment in the adult jail setting. This includes meeting education and dietary requirements, and sight and sound separation from adult inmates. Movement of juvenile inmates is operationally disruptive because it means avoiding contact with adult inmates in hallways or service areas. This can require lockdowns or a pause in activities involving adult inmates.

## Operations & Jail Capacity

Several factors can impact operations in a jail. According to the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), the effectiveness of jail operations is impacted by different issues including inadequate staffing levels, physical environment, budget constraints, and inadequate level of services and programs. A driving factor that directly impacts these is the capacity supported by the jail and overcrowding.

The Commission examined jail capacity, particularly as it relates to its ability to meet current needs and for planning to meet future needs. Predicting future needs can be both complicated and controversial as it raises questions about whether future growth of inmate populations can be reduced through focus on government programs and services outside the criminal justice system to reduce criminal behavior. This is where the different sides of the conversation diverge depending on the question asked. Are more beds needed to meet operational needs? Can factors driving the inmate population be changed to result in the need for fewer beds?

We can agree that a jail's capacity impacts operations when consistently operating at or over operational capacity. This can result in overcrowded conditions leading to tension among inmates, difficulty in ensuring the safety and security of inmates and staff, limited resources to provide adequate services, Corrections staff experiencing higher levels of stress and burnout, limited space for programs aimed at reducing recidivism and substance abuse, legal and prisoner rights challenges and significant budget constraints.

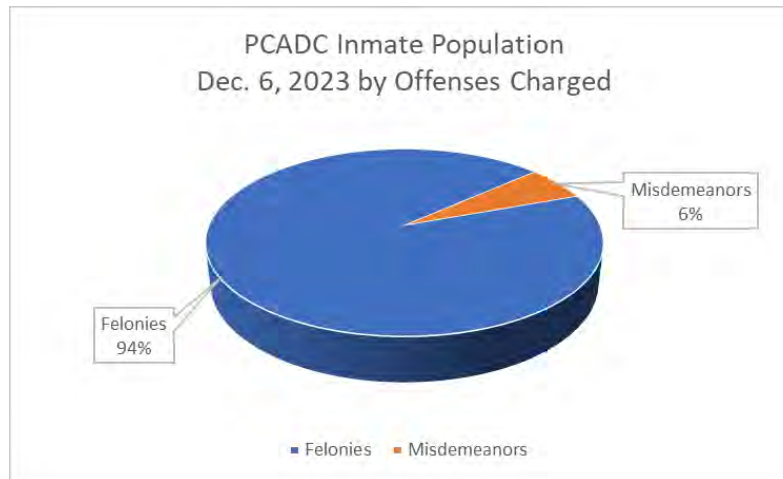
Jail populations are very complex to forecast because they are affected by many different external factors. The Sheriff is mandated to provide for individuals brought into custody with no say in who or how many. The severity of an individual's charges and other factors impact lengths of stay and bed usage.

## Historical Inmate Populations

Historical populations from 2000 forward to include part of 2023 were examined. The data was analyzed and used to forecast inmate populations from 2024 through 2044.

Below is a snapshot of the inmate population on December 6, 2023, illustrating that inmates with pending charges are mostly inmates charged with felonies – 94% which indicates a shift from past trends when a sizeable percentage of inmates were charged with or convicted of misdemeanor crimes. This factor can explain why the average daily population is increasing while daily bookings and releases are approximately equal. The Commission believes that further analysis of this dynamic may help to illuminate areas where additional population reduction efforts can be focused if data is available.

### Pre-Trial Inmate Population by Offenses Charged – December 6, 2023



Commonly, jail population reduction efforts focus on a high volume of individuals charged with low-level misdemeanor crimes, as was the case in Pima County. However, those with low-level charges almost always do not consume many jail beds because of their short length of stay. Inmates charged with more serious crimes consume more jail beds. Their cases often involve higher bonds and more lengthy case processing times which increases the length of stay. From January 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023, 55% of those booked into the PCADC were released within 48 hours.

The Commission Operations Working Group analyzed annual average daily population data for the years 2000 to 2023 to forecast future bed needs. The table below shows these numbers broken out by male, female and juvenile populations, along with yearly percent changes.

**PCADC Historical Average Daily Inmate Populations 2000-2022**

Year	PCADC ACTUAL POPULATIONS 2000-2022							
	Males	% Change	Females	% Change	Juveniles	% Change	Total Population	% Change
2000	1132		168		30		1330	
2001	1260	11.31%	192	14.29%	29	-3.33%	1481	
2002	1250	-0.79%	185	-3.65%	27	-6.90%	1462	
2003	1316	5.28%	199	7.57%	26	-3.70%	1541	
2004	1501	14.06%	215	8.04%	32	23.08%	1748	
2005	1599	6.53%	245	13.95%	30	-6.25%	1874	
2006	1607	0.50%	251	2.45%	35	16.67%	1893	
2007	1609	0.12%	282	12.35%	32	-8.57%	1923	
2008	1652	2.67%	269	-4.61%	36	12.50%	1957	
2009	1573	-4.78%	246	-8.55%	43	19.44%	1862	
2010	1400	-11.00%	209	-15.04%	27	-37.21%	1636	
2011	1418	1.29%	243	16.27%	26	-3.70%	1687	
2012	1600	12.83%	309	27.16%	22	-15.38%	1931	
2013	1710	6.88%	310	0.32%	17	-22.73%	2037	
2014	1652	-3.39%	336	8.39%	18	5.88%	2006	
2015	1547	-6.36%	275	-18.15%	15	-16.67%	1837	
2016	1561	0.90%	299	8.73%	14	-6.67%	1874	
2017	1565	0.26%	289	-3.34%	18	28.57%	1872	
2018	1587	1.41%	243	-15.92%	18	0.00%	1848	
2019	1548	-2.46%	296	21.81%	25	38.89%	1869	41%
2020	1337	-13.63%	200	-32.43%	33	32.00%	1570	
2021	1383	3.44%	190	-5.00%	30	-9.09%	1603	
2022	1515	9.54%	236	24.21%	21	-30.00%	1772	
2023	1576	4.03%	213	-9.75%	23	9.52%	1812	
Avg increase		1.76%		3.60%		0.70%		
Covid	High	Low	McArthur					

In addition to calculating needs based on actual numbers of inmates and bookings, jails must account for the percentage of bed space that is unusable at any given time due to inmate segregation and classification requirements (Operational Capacity limitations). Additional bed space will be needed to provide the flexibility needed to properly segregate these populations by gender, risk level, mental health, physical health, and disciplinary issues. The Commission has forecasted future inmate population and increased that number by 15% to determine the future Design Capacity requirement to state the number of beds needed in the future.

### Inmate Population Forecast

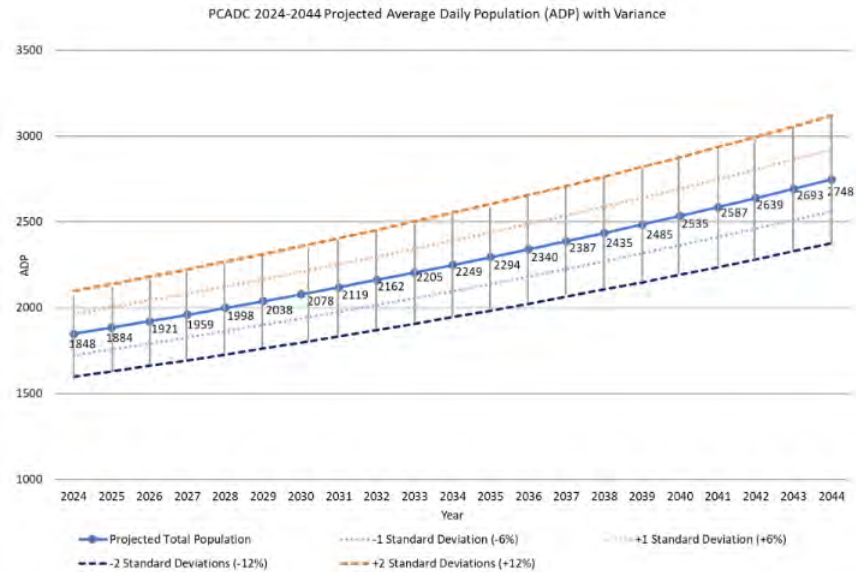
The Commission analyzed annual average daily population data for the years 2000 to 2022 to forecast future bed needs. The limitation of this data is that it does not identify peak daily population periods from which to extrapolate the number of beds needed to support peak inmate population. The National Institute for Corrections (NIC) recommends averaging the three peak daily populations from each month to make projections. The Commissioners analysis does not result in an estimate of the number of beds needed during peak periods of activity, so the results should be considered conservative.

The Commission did a 20-year projection for the years 2024 through 2044. The projection of populations for these years were based on the Time-Series Model and historic PCADC jail population trends. The Commission used the average change of 1.76% per year for males, .7% for juveniles and 3.6% for females for the years 2000 to 2019. For these projections, data from the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 were excluded. The pandemic and emergency policies in place during the pandemic skew the data in ways that make them poor predictors for future projections. 2023 was also excluded because data for the full



year was unavailable at time of analysis. As shown in the figure below, it is estimated that by the year 2044, the PCADC could have a population of approximately 2,748 inmates.

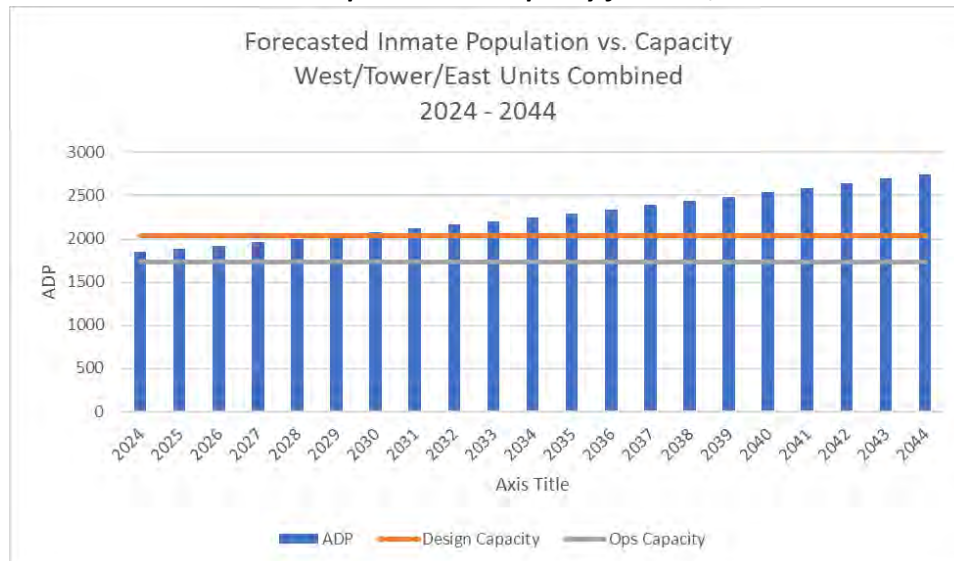
### PCADC Inmate Population Projections 2024-2044



Based on these projections, the PCADC complex would need an additional 1,132 beds to provide the Design Capacity to meet the projected growing needs of the population over the next 20 years.

The figure below shows the forecasted jail population from 2024 to 2044 with a line showing the PCADC's current Design and Operating Capacities.

### PCADC Forecasted Inmate Population vs. Capacity for West, Tower and East Units



The PCADC has a total of 2,030 beds. With an average daily population of 1,799 in 2023, they were already operating at 89% of Design Capacity. At this capacity, the PCADC already has overflow in many areas where populations exceed the bed space available impacting operations.

The Commission has concluded that historical trends give every indication that the inmate population will continue to grow over time, assuming no changes to the operating environment. The MacArthur grant programs had a positive effect, even if not statistically significant. During the implementation period, inmate populations initially declined and then were maintained at the lower level. Post pandemic, inmate populations have begun to rise again, despite the ongoing efforts of the Justice Services programs. This may be explained by changing inmate demographics. Historical trends have evolved. Now, 94% of pre-trial inmates are charged with felony offenses which involve more lengthy case processing and higher bonds than misdemeanor offenses. As a result, we suspect that more jail beds are being consumed.

We estimate that the jail population will exceed design capacity by 2029. The jail will be in crisis long before that. It is clear that timely action(s) to compensate are prudent. These actions may include adding capacity to the jail and/or implementing policies or programs influencing external factors affecting jail population.

In this report we have predicted a need for 3,162 beds to meet needs through 2044 assuming no changes to the operating environment. The options we propose for jail improvements are based on this forecast.

### Data Limitations

As with all similar projections, there are limitations with the data analysis. There is no one right way of calculating jail population growth since the projection model depends on the specific context and data availability. The Commission recognizes that a systems approach analysis that would also include all key factors of the criminal justice system would be ideal for predicting future jail population growth, but the reality is that not all necessary data is readily available, collected or tracked consistently.

One of the limitations of the Time Series Projection Model used by the Operations Working Group is the assumption of linear growth. The projection here assumes linear growth over the next 20 years, which oversimplifies the dynamics involved, which may lead to over or under projecting. Another limitation of the projection model is the lack of incorporation of changing external factors that influence jail populations, such as criminal justice policies, law enforcement strategies, or other similar conditions.

The Pima County Justice Services and Analytics and Data Governance Departments (PCJS) reviewed the forecast produced by the Operations Working Group and agreed that the analysis was based on best practices set forth by the National Institute of Corrections and conducted in line with the limitations stated in this report.

To complement the jail forecast developed by the Commission, Justice Services staff performed an additional analysis using the same data from 2000-2019.

The analysis, which included an indicator for the Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC), also known as the MacArthur grant, calculated the average percent change in the jail population for males and females (excluded juveniles) before the SJC began and when it was implemented:

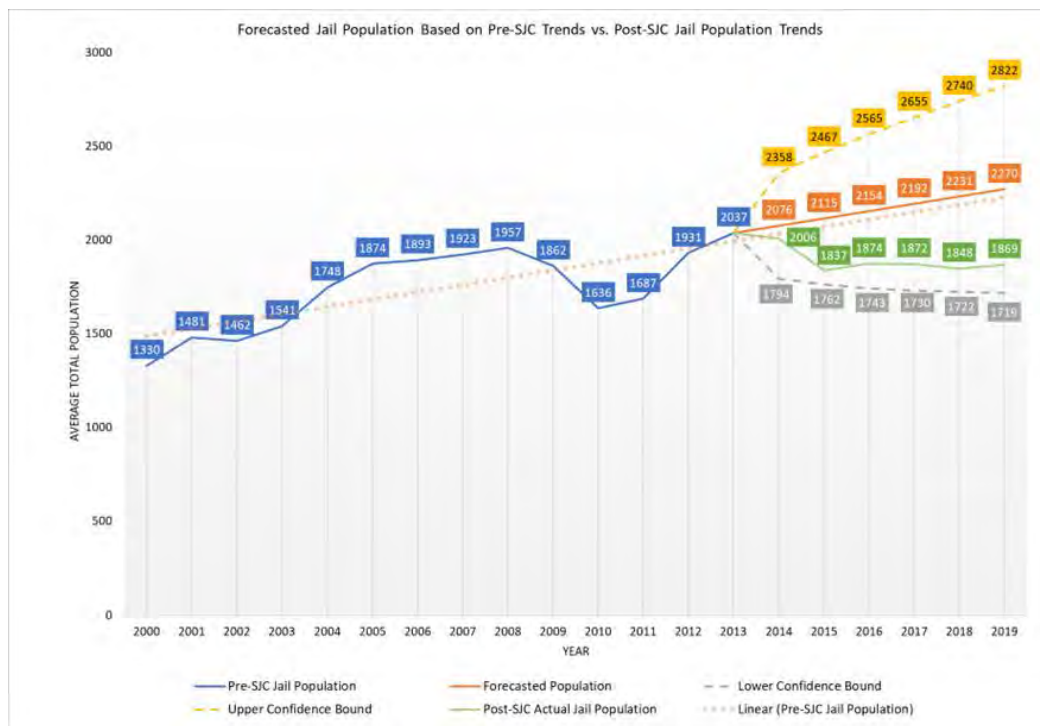
**PCADC Average Yearly Population Growth Before and After MacArthur Grant**

Average Yearly Jail Population Growth		
	Pre-MacArthur (2000-2013)	MacArthur (2014-2019)
Male	3.45%	-1.61%
Female	5.43%	0.25%
Total Population	3.58%	-1.36%

Justice Services staff concluded that while there is no statistical significance between the average percent changes before and during the SJC, the strategies implemented managed to reduce and keep the total population from increasing between 2014 and 2019.

An additional analysis was conducted to compare what the jail population growth could have been if the SJC strategies were not implemented with the actual results of the strategies. This can be seen in the figure below:

**Effect of MacArthur Programs on PCADC Average Jail Population**



The dotted orange line represents the pattern of growth calculated based on the pre-SJC jail population. The yellow dashed line represents the highest limit the population could have reached without SJC implementation, based on the calculated pattern of growth, while the grey dashed line represents the lowest limit the population could have reached without SJC implementation. The green line represents the actual jail population during the SJC.

This clearly demonstrates the difficulty in projecting jail population growth. The Commission's projection falls between the highest and lowest parameters measured by Justice Services staff above.

The Commission recognizes that jail crowding is also driven by the larger criminal justice system. Jail population numbers are impacted by many external causal factors, such as cite and release policies,

pretrial bond review procedures, court processing times, diversion and deferred sentence options. The NIC suggests a systems approach in jail capacity planning and that future jail population projections are ideally based on the capacity needs as determined after an assessment of the jail and local justice system in its entirety. While it is not the Commission's scope to review all possible causal factors and recommend changes in these areas or how to measure them, the Commission strongly supports a more comprehensive discussion that involves the larger justice system and its stakeholders in a subsequent phase as the County continues to evaluate the PCADC and its needs.

### Jail Improvement Alternatives & Cost Analysis

The Commission considered four building improvement options for remediating the conditions of the jail facilities and providing a total of 3,162 beds to meet projected need through 2044. The Commission's objective is to right size the facility to meet future requirements as the County continues to support jail population reduction initiatives and deflection programs.

Cost estimating for projects at early stages, meaning there are no preliminary designs to use for area construction calculations and material/building systems analysis, is challenging and must rely on benchmarking with comparative projects to provide a basis to apply to the project.

For correctional facilities, a cost per bed is often used to simplify the calculation with limited initial information about the project. Multiple project specific factors must be evaluated in relation to the representative project's cost per square foot or per bed to make them applicable. These can include construction cost escalation, location cost adjustments, specific challenges of the site location and overall size, type of corrections facility and services provided, operational challenges during a renovation and expansion, type of housing being provided and others.

Data from nine correctional facilities was used to determine both the cost per square foot and cost per bed for this analysis. These facilities and their information were provided by general contractors, design consultants and government agencies. The nine facilities reviewed were a mix of county jails and state prisons that were completed between 2010 and 2019. The facilities reflect a bed capacity range of 352 beds to 2,376.

The research data was reviewed, and construction costs adjusted to align with 2023 construction costs in the southern Arizona market.

The Facilities Working Group developed the following criteria for considering options:

- Must minimize disruptions to facility operations, facility access, safety and security.
- Must meet the needs of the community for a minimum of 20 years.
- Must address the critical needs observed for inmates, staff and the facility.
- Any renovation or rehabilitation must extend the life of the buildings for a minimum of 20 years.
- Must provide a solution for temporary relocation of inmate populations displaced by construction activities.
- Must be able to phase construction in a manner that minimizes operational impact, but also permits concurrent activities to renovate and construct new facilities to shorten construction duration and minimize cost.



Of the four improvement options considered, two were found to be feasible and meeting more of the criteria listed above. One option is preferred. These options and their estimated cost are summarized below.

***Option C – New Construction & Renovation w/Escalated Price Estimate***

**Option C: Rehabilitate/renovate main campus facilities and construct new housing unit for additional capacity**

**Scope**

- Construct new 1132 bed housing unit
- Temporarily reopen Mission Facility
  - Security improvements
  - Renovation
  - Furniture, fixtures & equipment
- Rehabilitate Tower & West Units
- Add attached yards to Tower
- Add decentralized medical unit to West Unit
- Renovation of East Unit and support and staff support areas
- New parking structure
- Relocation of Sheriff's Training Center or incorporation into new construction

**Risks**

- Better options for concurrent construction phases but, will cause major operational disruption.
- Site limitations
  - May present archeological issues to remediate.
  - May have to relocate sewer and water lines.
  - May have to cap landfill to construct parking structure.
- Displaced pre-trial inmates will be housed in the Mission Facility. Access to medical and mental health treatment, professional visitation, and transportation services will have to be provided. Food and laundry services will have to be provided remotely.

**Conclusions**

- 20-year needs can be met but, it will result in maximum use of the property. No future expansion will be possible.

**FEASIBLE**

Escalated Price Estimate for Construction  
Beginning in 5 Years

**\$623 Million**

Option C – New Construction & Renovation, is the least expensive but results in an inefficient solution. Construction activities in operating facilities would be extremely disruptive to jail operations but may be feasible if phased properly.

- Option can only work if the Mission Facility is available to temporarily house displaced inmates from the West Unit as the phased construction activities are occurring.
- Additional medium/high security beds will be necessary to accommodate higher classification inmates displaced from the Tower during construction and to meet future capacity requirements.
- The cost estimate does not account for the possibility of having to relocate or otherwise incorporate the Sheriff's Training Center into a new facility.
- The cost estimate is inclusive of an almost \$118M premium for construction in an occupied facility and for a parking structure, neither of which will contribute to actual jail facility improvements raising questions about return on investment.
- The option assumes retention of all existing bed space, although we know the Tower and West Units house more inmates than they were originally designed to support. Ideally, the populations would be reduced for the operational benefit, but that would necessitate having to

increase the size of any new structure to include the additional beds depopulated from the other buildings. This is not accounted for in the cost estimate.

- There is little that can be done to enhance or improve the operational design of the Tower to bring it more in line with the direct supervision concept. Renovation will simply result in an outdated design that will continue to get further and further behind contemporary jail standards of the time well into the future.
- Reopening the Mission facility will require careful consideration of the proposed use of the building to determine the renovation requirements which may include additional hardening of the building for security, addition of recreation yards, and other reconfiguration to meet the safety and security requirements for the specific inmates it may house. This facility is the only one immediately available to the County to meet short-term housing needs as average daily populations increase. Planners should be mindful not to over plan facility requirements for renovations that will serve only short-term needs. If costs to renovate and operate the Mission Facility, including additional personnel, inmate transportation, and on-site medical care become cost prohibitive, this option becomes less feasible. These costs are not included in the cost estimate.
- This option will make maximum use of the existing site, perhaps limiting its future functional usefulness and total return on investment.

#### ***Option D – New Construction w/Escalated Price Estimate***

Option D: New Construction		
Scope	Risks	Conclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct a new 3162 bed corrections facilities campus on neighboring County owned property to take advantage of its proximity to Courts and support services and ease of access for law enforcement.</li> <li>• Master plan future expansion of the campus to assure its ability to meet long range custody needs of the County.</li> <li>• Possible reuse of the Mission Facility to support wrap around services appropriately co-located with the correctional facilities.</li> <li>• Relocation of Pima County DOT offices, sign shop and warehouses and lay down yards that currently occupy the construction site.</li> <li>• Reuse/demolition of existing facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locating suitable properties for relocation of Pima County DOT offices, sign shop, warehouses and lay down yards.</li> <li>• Site limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May present archeological issues to remediate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>NIMBY'ism</u></li> <li>• Constructing within the viewshed of the Registered National Historic Site on Tumamoc Hill.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presents the least operationally disruptive solution.</li> <li>• Opportunity to construct corrections facilities to current standards and design efficiencies.</li> <li>• Best option for long-term benefit of capital investment.</li> </ul> <p><b>FEASIBLE</b></p>
		<div>Escalated Price Estimate for Construction Beginning in 5 Years</div> <div><b>\$858 Million</b></div>

Option D – New Construction of a completely new jail is the least operationally disruptive solution and would provide opportunities to design out inefficiencies and to build a modern facility specifically designed to meet the needs of today and the future.

- The cost estimate assumes building on a greenfield site. It does not include any costs for relocating other County facilities if built on the adjacent lots.
- It is the most expensive option but has the potential of operational cost savings and programmatic benefits that could be achieved through design and master planning of new facilities rather than simply repairing or rehabilitating within the existing constraints of the current layout.
- If done properly, a modern design can better align with current inmate management philosophies – such as direct supervision, resulting in a safer facility for inmates and staff and provide environments suitable for treatment and observation of inmates suffering from chronic or acute medical conditions, substance use disorders or mental illness.
- Design features, such as clear lines of sight and visibility in housing and observation units, more suicide prevention fixtures and accessible recreation yards, can effectively reduce the amount of Corrections staffing needed to operate the jail and improve safety.
- Opportunity to design building systems and infrastructure to modern standards that could create substantial ongoing operational maintenance cost savings.
- If co-located near the Mission Facility, might provide opportunities for reuse of that facility to support other jail related wrap around services in the future.

In determining whether to repair or rebuild facilities, the County should consider whether ongoing operation and maintenance savings that could be achieved by designing and consolidating facilities would justify the higher cost of building new as opposed to just repairing the existing facility. Pima County should seek a maximum return on investment with long term benefits to the community.

### Overview of Funding Options

The table below describes potential revenue options for capital projects.

In Pima County, capital improvement projects have historically been funded through the sale of voter-approved General Obligation (GO) bonds. The process of developing and approving GO bonds initiatives has involved significant community engagement, input and approval. The process and the accountability to the Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee helped to engender trust that approved projects would get delivered. More recently, the County has transitioned to using the General Fund Capital Improvement Fund Pay-As-You-Go ("PAYGO") program.

The applicability of the funding options listed below would be driven by the cost of the various improvement options being considered for the jail facility. The Commission estimates jail improvements to result in average annual debt service payments ranging from approximately \$42M - \$61M over a 25-year period.

### *Revenue Options for Counties*

<b>Revenue Options for Counties</b>				
<b>Revenue Options</b>	<b>Process</b>	<b>Implementation</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Current Estimated Annual Revenue (2023)</b>
General Sales Tax	Unanimous BOS approval	Taxable retail sales County-wide – paid by residents and visitors	½-cent Sales Tax	\$109 million
Jail District Excise Tax	Voter approval	Taxable retail sales County-wide – paid by residents and visitors <sup>1</sup>	¼- cent Sales tax	\$54 million
Jail District Ad Valorem Tax	Voter approval	Primary property tax paid by residents <sup>1</sup>	20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation	\$20 million
General Fund Primary Property Tax	Majority BOS approval	Primary property tax paid by residents <sup>2</sup> .		Determined by the BOS through the annual budget process
General Obligation Bonds	Voter approval	Secondary property tax paid by residents <sup>3</sup> .		Determined by a bond committee and the BOS
Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO)	Majority BOS approval	Primary property tax paid by residents <sup>2</sup> .		Determined by the BOS through the annual budget process

<sup>1</sup> Funds restricted to Jail District & jail purposes. Requires County to continue its existing “maintenance of effort” cost to support the jail facility.

<sup>2</sup> Funds for multiple purposes & capital projects

<sup>3</sup> Funds for capital projects

Four funding options are available to recommend to the Board individually or in combination.

- General Sales Tax - Sales tax revenue can be used for a myriad of purposes. Approval of up to a half-cent general sales tax requires a unanimous vote by the Board. The tax would be paid by residents, non- residents and visitors for purchases of goods and the amount generated would fluctuate with the economy.
- Jail District Excise Tax - By statute, counties have the authority to establish a county jail district for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating, maintaining, and financing county jail facilities. This authority is contingent upon voter approval of a Jail District Excise tax. The Jail District statutes also require the County to continue its existing “maintenance of effort” to support the jail facility. If the required maintenance of effort plus the revenues generated by the applicable Jail District tax are insufficient to fund the acquisition, construction, operations, maintenance and financing of the approved Jail District, additional supplemental funding sources would be needed.



- GO Bonds – To implement this funding option, the Board would need to approve a resolution ordering a special General Obligation bond election to be held to finance specific capital projects. If approved by the voters, the Board would issue debt and levy a secondary (i.e., debt service) property tax to finance the improvements over a specified period. Elections to approve GO bonds must be conducted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November per Arizona Revised Statutes §16.204.B.1.d.
- PAYGO (Primary Property Tax) is a program of the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) that is funded through a primary property tax set aside from a percent of cumulative decrease in the secondary tax rate for debt service and the increase in the primary property tax base from the previous Fiscal Year as approved by the Board. The Program’s objective is to provide funding for General Fund capital projects and initiatives, fund road repair through Fiscal Year 2029/30, and lower the combined County property tax rate. As currently authorized, PAYGO is subject to a cap of \$50 million, however a majority of the Board could choose to amend the current policy and adjust the General Fund Primary Property Tax accordingly.

Of note to the Commission was that all counties in Arizona, except for Pima, Maricopa and Mohave counties, have a half-cent general sales tax. In Arizona, ten counties have approved jail taxes. More recently, Cochise County received voter approval in May 2023 to collect a one-half cent Jail District Excise tax for a new jail facility.

Aside from construction, operating and maintenance costs, Jail District Tax revenues can also be used for programming and services. It can be used for additional Corrections staff and new programs, such as programming for education and life skills, implementing an integrated criminal justice information system, expanding pretrial release, enhancing substance abuse evaluation and other programs designed to reduce recidivism and jail costs.

A Jail District Tax would provide a recurring source of revenue to address a need for a dedicated funding stream to provide for ongoing programs, staffing, maintenance, and capital improvements to prevent the County from falling into a comparable situation of jail disrepair in the future.

## Conclusions

The Commission was charged with three specific tasks. The results of our limited scope of work should be considered a first step and foundation for a more comprehensive review of the county jail needs.

Commissioners have had spirited debate mirroring public comments. We reached unanimous agreement about many important findings. We struggle to make unanimous recommendations about future jail capacity. We agree something must be done to relieve the strain of current conditions to prevent a crisis but have differing ideas for arriving at solutions. We were not tasked with researching or making recommendations for jail diversion or population reduction methods, but it has become evident that the public expects creative methods for reducing the jail population to be considered as part of any future solutions.

The Commission can definitively answer some key questions and make recommendations for moving forward. We confidently make the following assertions:

- Insufficient evidence was presented to characterize the current situation as a “crisis” as Sheriff Nanos has described it.
- Jail facilities have exceeded their useful life in many areas after 40 years of operation. Building improvements or replacement are necessary.
- There are many design deficiencies that limit the full benefits of the direct supervision method of inmate management. Most of these deficiencies cannot be corrected with simple renovations.
- The design of the healthcare, mental health and detoxification units are obsolete. They need to be expanded and reimagined.
- The sprawling nature of the jail complex creates a need for excessive inmate movement which is highly inefficient and negatively impacts operations.
- A recurring, dedicated source of funding for jail maintenance and capital improvements is needed.
- As currently configured, the jail houses as many as 769 more inmates than it was originally designed for. This has negatively impacted operations and living conditions.
- Inmate demographics have evolved. A snapshot of the inmate population on December 6, 2023, highlighted that 94% were detained for felony offenses. The average daily population is increasing.
- The average daily inmate population is above the operating capacity of the facilities resulting in overcrowding in specific areas, notably the detoxification unit, healthcare unit, and mental health unit.
- Inmate populations may exceed maximum design capacity by 2029 if there are no changes to add capacity or change the operating environment.
- To renovate/rehabilitate existing facilities inmate populations must be temporarily displaced. Pima County does not have adequate facilities to accommodate.
- Jail population numbers are impacted by many external causal factors that need to be further studied.
- The best practice of inmate supervision is Direct Supervision.
- Some amount of new construction will be necessary to support a growing population and/or displacement of inmates to allow for rehabilitation of current facilities.

## Recommendations

1. Jail facility improvements are necessary regardless of jail population. Inmate populations are expected to rise in the current operating environment. The condition of the facilities and increasing jail population dictate that the County be diligent in pressing forward to address these issues. Planning, design, construction and/or rehabilitation of security structures is complex and as seen in past projects can take up to ten years to complete. Maintenance, overcrowding and operational issues will worsen if planning for solutions is delayed or abandoned. Efforts to move forward with improvements in a timely manner are recommended.
2. The Commission recommends that the County proceed with efforts to contract a consultant to provide expert professional services to: 1) evaluate building conditions, 2) define specific options for remediating problems identified, 3) develop cost estimates for each remediation option, 4) make assessments of operational impact of each remediation option, 5) master plan how the

current jail campus and adjoining properties might be developed to meet future jail needs considering site limitations and operational efficiencies, and 6) make recommendations for moving forward with facility improvements.

3. Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the criminal justice system and case processing policies to identify impacts to the jail, particularly related to bed use, to identify measures that if implemented would result in a reduction of inmate population.
4. Initiate a process to program, design, fund and construct jail improvements.
5. Appoint a new standing Committee of local criminal justice practitioners and other stakeholders responsible for researching proven methods of reducing jail populations and proposing changes to public policy, legislation, criminal justice services, or community based services such as behavioral health, substance abuse, housing and job assistance programs.
6. Make any solution a multifaceted approach that includes both improvements to the jail and programs that work to minimize jail populations.
7. Avoid taxation without representation. The Pima County community has demonstrated numerous times in the past its capacity to thoughtfully review GO bond proposals put forward to improve County facilities. Where genuine needs have been demonstrated, voters have been supportive. The volume of public input received indicates a desire and expectation of the community to be engaged in this matter.
8. Board levied taxes should be an option of last resort. The Commission feels the County would be best served by engaging interested parties during the planning process to gain support for improvements to the jail facilities and for programs to reduce the jail population.

The findings presented in this report provide an initial foundation for further discussion. We acknowledge and agree that a comprehensive look at our current justice system and its impact to the jail system is necessary; however, we as a community must still address existing issues at the PCADC to prevent a crisis state. Waiting for impactful lasting changes, at the legislative and judicial levels, can push jails experiencing critical capacity and operational issues to fall under Federal review and consent decrees as we have seen elsewhere, and we ourselves experienced in the past. It is important to note that any efforts considered today or near term would still be a few years away as additional discussions and feasibility studies would be needed.

# FINAL REPORT

## PIMA COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTER

### BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

#### Introduction

At the December 6, 2022, Pima County Board of Supervisors (the “Board” or “BOS”) public meeting, Sheriff Nanos requested the Supervisors’ assistance in addressing significant issues facing the Pima County Adult Detention Center (“PCADC” or the “Jail”), as outlined in his December 5, 2022, letter to the Board. Among those issues are the deteriorating conditions of the 40-year-old jail facilities. The Sheriff proposed that the Supervisors vote to initiate an immediate half-cent sales tax to provide revenue to pay for staff, build a new correctional facility, as well as relieve other Pima County law enforcement agencies from millions of dollars for inmate housing costs.

In his letter, Sheriff Nanos stated, “While we would all like to see fewer inmates in our jail, the reality of law enforcement and the inclination of the courts and probation do not signal a reduction. On the contrary, I believe we must brace for more of what is already stressing our correctional capability to a breaking point. We have a resilient community, but without our guardianship and good governance, the escalating crime and social problems have the potential to do irreparable harm.”

The Board directed the Pima County Administrator to do a review and provide information on the current condition of the jail and jail capacity. In response, the County Administrator appointed a Blue Ribbon Commission (the “Commission”) to review the condition and needs of the Pima County jail. The Commission is comprised of 10 members representing a cross section of the community including Commissioners having backgrounds in law enforcement, justice system, construction, development, and faith based services.

The Commission was directed by the County Administrator to consider information provided by County staff, community stakeholders and subject matter experts to address three specific tasks:

- Task 1: Assess the current condition of the Pima County Adult Detention facility to determine the need and feasibility for design and capacity improvements and/or construction of a new facility.
- Task 2: Assess best practices and standards and other factors impacting operations given industry changes since the county facility was built.
- Task 3: Assess funding options available to the county for facility improvements and/or construction of a new facility and related services.

After its deliberative process, the Commission is tasked with providing recommendations to the County Administrator.

## Information & Methodology

To address the task at hand, the Commissioners agreed on an information gathering process intended to provide background on several pertinent topics including:

- Standards relating to corrections management, legal operating requirements, building code and life safety, and Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”).
- Operational requirements for staffing efficiency, inmate management and supervision, facility design objectives, site selection, integration of support services.
- Jail capacity needs informed by current bed inventory, limitations of bed use associated with classification and discipline, gender and age of inmates, historical inmate population trends, community population trends and actual bed usage.
- Jail facility conditions to identify building deficiencies and renovations needed and recent investments.
- Operational inefficiencies and recommendations for improvement through renovation or new design and construction.
- Justice Services initiatives to develop an understanding of current jail population reduction initiatives and their impact.
- Facility options to identify and analyze a minimum of three alternatives to meet future jail physical plant needs.
- Cost estimating and financial options available to finance building improvements or new construction.

The Commission gathered information through public meetings, the work effort of the working groups, staff responses to requests for information, jail tours, presentations by various county departments and through the experience and research of individual commissioners. Information gathered and reviewed can be found at [Pima County Adult Detention Center Blue Ribbon Commission | Pima County, AZ](#).

The Commission sought information from various stakeholders to better understand deficiencies, inefficiencies, limitations, conditions and capacity requirements of the PCADC. The Commission requested information from the following departments:

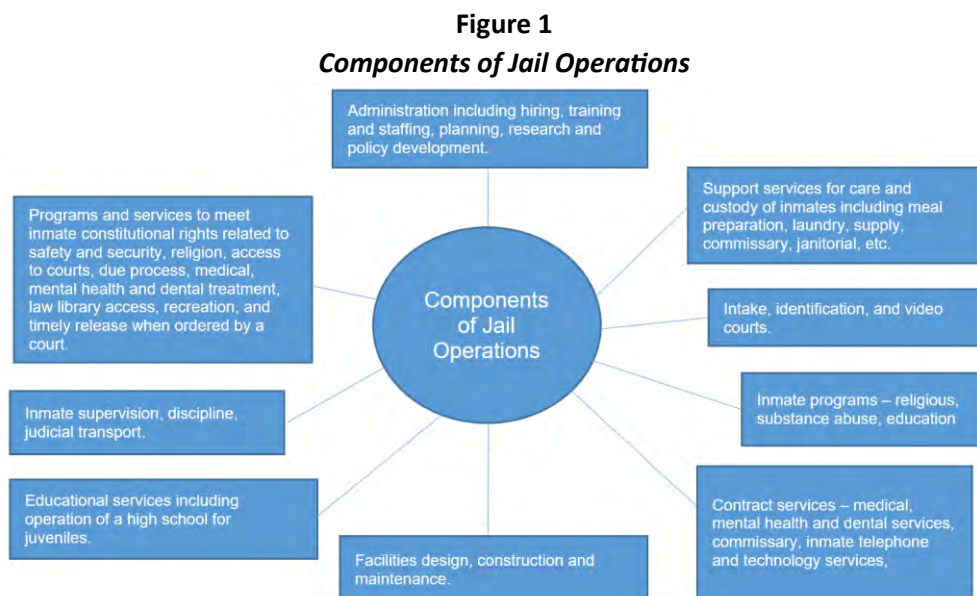
- Sheriff
- County Administrator’s Office
- Justice Services
- Pretrial Services
- Behavioral Health
- Capital Project Design & Construction
- Facilities Management

The Commissions review included input provided by those involved with managing, maintaining, and operating the jail.

While the Commission's scope was limited to evaluating the condition of the jail itself, it became immediately apparent to the Commission that doing so in isolation without consideration of the coexisting societal problems surrounding confinement may not completely resolve the issue and will need to be addressed in a more global fashion through future community wide efforts.

## Pima County Adult Detention Center Overview

By State law, the Sheriff is required to operate the county jail. The Sheriff is required to take custody of all individuals remanded to the jail through legal arrest and those who remain in custody based on judicial order and have no say in who they take or do not take. Jail services provided by the Sheriff and Corrections personnel are greatly influenced by Constitutional, Federal, State and local requirements. Jail operations are multifaceted, including components described in Figure 1.



The PCADC today is a 385,000 square foot maximum and medium security facility located west of Downtown Tucson close to courts and services with a total bed-capacity of 2,030. Its original design dates to the 1970s.

**Figure 2**  
**Pima County Adult Detention Center Complex**





The complex is comprised of three housing structures. The TOWER was approved in 1979 to satisfy Federal consent decree and completed five years later. The single bunked cells had to be double bunked in the ensuing years to meet increasing bed space needs. The WEST Unit was the first expansion of the jail in 1988 enhancing housing options with dormitories. Additional beds have also been added to this facility. The EAST Unit was approved in 1997 and completed in 2004 for a second expansion to keep up with demands placed on the jail facility. Today, the aging facility and changing needs and requirements for those incarcerated have pushed the facility to its operational and design capacity in critical areas.

**Table 1**  
***Pima County Adult Detention Center Design vs. Operational Capacity by Facility***

	Year Opened	Original Design Capacity	Current Design Capacity	Current Operational Capacity
Tower	1984	468	910	774
West	1988	267	594	505
East	2004	526	526	447
Total		1261	2030	1726

*For purposes of this report, jail "Design Capacity" is defined as the maximum number of beds available in a facility. "Operational Capacity" is 85% of the Design Capacity. Usually when inmate populations exceed Operational Capacity, overcrowding and improper segregation is the result. This is the percentage applied to the Commission's analysis to project proper capacity for the number of inmates projected in future years.*

# Task 1: Assess current conditions of the Pima County Adult Detention Facility

## History of the Pima County Adult Detention Center

Per Arizona State Statute, the Pima County Adult Detention Center (PCADC) is administered by the Pima County Sheriff's Department (PCSD).

Capital improvement bond initiatives were approved by voters in 1979, 1997, and 2004 that supported jail construction projects, security enhancements and other needed improvements.

In 1979, Pima County voters approved a bond initiative to satisfy a federal consent decree ordering the construction of a new jail to correct sub-standard living conditions and overcrowding in the old jail (*Erickson v. Boykin*, et al., CIV 78-008 TUC MAR).

In 1988, the first expansion (West Unit) was constructed. The county relocated inmates to the West Unit from an old work furlough facility on Silverbell Road and closed that facility.

The last expansion project (East Unit) was approved in 1997 and completed in 2004. The project included additional needed dormitory-style housing units, a new consolidated public entry with video visitation capabilities, new facilities for intake, healthcare, mental health housing, inmate transportation, and kitchen.

Over time, the various expansion projects have resulted in a sprawling corrections campus which creates inefficiencies for inmate movement, custody, and other operations.

In addition to the facilities currently operated as jails, the County owns a now vacant building known as the MISSION facility that was formerly operated as a minimum-security work furlough/work release jail facility. In the early 1990s the former Sheriff's Administration Building was renovated and expanded for this purpose. The facility was closed approximately two and a half years ago. It is located adjacent to the main jail campus. When last operated, the facility had a capacity of 492 beds. The building is presumed to be available for future jail occupancy if needed. Additional hardening, renovation and reconfiguration might be expected if the programming needs for its future include anything more than minimum security dormitory style housing. The facility minimally requires refurnishing and security systems installation.

## Design Overview

The original 1970's era design for the Tower supported a podular indirect surveillance model of inmate management. These types of jails typically include podular housing units with individual cells surrounding an open dayroom space observed by Corrections officers staffed in remote control rooms. This separation from the inmates leads to Corrections officials not being able to proactively anticipate possible problems and address them. Prior to opening, the Sheriff's Department decided to operate the facility as a direct supervision jail, advancing a futuristic management trend of the time, becoming a national direct supervision model facility. This involves locating Corrections officers inside the individual housing units where they spend their time interacting with and managing the inmates. The Corrections officer's job is to know about and be in control of activity, not just observing it.

Ideally, the management philosophy of the facility is supported by the physical design. This was not fully achieved in the Tower which was designed to support the indirect surveillance model. The control booths on each floor are not used and are obsolete. They represent unused space and are visual barriers detrimental to security. This is one of many examples where necessary changes in use of space, programming and capacity over time have created inefficiencies and constraints and negatively impact operations.

### Assessment of Conditions

Sheriff Nanos has expressed that the Pima County Adult Detention Complex's operational capability has degraded and in his opinion the jail is beyond repair. During a presentation to the Commission, the Sheriff illustrated several examples of maintenance and repair issues, leaks, cracked walls, peeling wall facades, floor settling, pipes and plumbing issues, water leaks and flooding. In some cases, these issues have created circumstances where closing pods and exercise yards was necessary. Additionally, the Sheriff identified issues with the detox and medical units being at capacity, including the mental health unit. Commissioners received additional information about facility conditions from the Sheriff's staff and from the Pima County Project Design & Construction and Facilities Management Departments.

The Commissioners toured the jail facilities so they could observe firsthand the conditions in the facility. We observed an orderly facility suffering from age and abuse resulting in failures of major systems like the cast iron waste plumbing system and examples of deferred maintenance. Some major system repairs or replacement seem to be reactive as opposed to proactive preventative maintenance. Deteriorating conditions have resulted in a need for building rehabilitation.

It is our assessment that building rehabilitation, which we expect will include repair or replacement of all the building's basic systems and elements of construction, including replacement of security furnishings, plumbing fixtures and cast iron pipes, and other improvements to restore the building to a condition that will extend its useful life for a minimum of another 20 years, will require closure of entire buildings during construction. Consequently, this will require the relocation of inmate populations to facilitate construction activities. The county does not have surplus jail space adequate to meet this need.

Commissioners also observed the critical need for space and additional beds in the detox, medical and mental health units, including the need for programming space for inmates and support services. Programming spaces have been lost as spaces have been converted to housing.

The Commission learned that the County approves a general fund budget for annual maintenance of the jail facility as part of the Sheriff's Department operating budget. Under Sheriff Nanos, expenditures for repair and maintenance have been increasing. Under the prior Sheriff's administration, expenditures averaged \$500K per year from FY18-20. Under Sheriff Nanos, in FY21 the department spent \$957K and approximately \$3.07M in FY22 which is a sizeable increase from the previous administration's expenditures. This demonstrates a renewed focus on jail facility repair and maintenance. The budget for FY24 is approximately \$1.04M, which seems insufficient to meet annual needs and probably constrains managers when prioritizing repair and maintenance projects.

In the past six years, about \$6.8 million has been spent on repair and maintenance, not including capital projects. There is no recurring dedicated source of funding for capital improvements of the jail facilities.

According to those responsible for operating and maintaining the jail – Pima County Facilities Management, Project Design and Construction, and Sheriff's Department staff, conditions impacting the facility include:

- Facility design is outdated to meet current needs.
- Restricted access to housing units and cells creates obstacles to building maintenance.
- Plumbing chases were originally not designed or located for easy access. Sometimes wall penetrations become necessary to find access points to repair plumbing and water lines. Many are not accessible at all.
- Nearing 40 years of age, the iron pipes have deteriorated and rusted causing ongoing costs for repair of leaks and breaks. Replacement of all cast iron waste piping is needed.
- Inmate misuse and vandalism of plumbing systems has damaged vertical and horizontal plumbing structures. Misuse includes flushing of bedding, sheets, books, trash, food, clothing, and eating utensils down toilets.
- Due to outdated design, some waste lines require full disassembly to access foreign objects. This sometimes requires lockdown of whole housing units.
- Mechanical, plumbing and roofing systems are in fair to poor condition.
- Furniture, fixtures, and finishes are in poor condition and need replacement with upgrades to improve safety and security.
- Elevators are difficult to maintain because of the age of the equipment. They need to be replaced.
- Near-term improvements to site security, drainage and paving/parking are needed.
- Prebooking and transition services are currently supported in modular buildings.
- Kitchen expansions have incorporated adjacent areas to keep up with growing service needs. Additional remodeling is needed to meet current demand.
- The Commissary (inmate stores warehouse) is operating in an old stand-alone housing unit, not designed for its current purpose.
- Due to staffing shortages, the Records Unit is relocating to the Booking area from its designated office space. If the relocation becomes long-term, it may impact the space needs of the booking operation.
- As inmate populations increase, support areas such as the kitchen, laundry, supply, and inmate property will have to expand to meet additional service needs.

Recent and ongoing facility improvements include:

- LED lighting retrofits.
- Low voltage/security and communications wiring upgrades to support cameras and door controls.
- HVAC upgrades include replacement of two Air Cooled 80-ton units, new electronic controls on two floors, and two new boilers.
- Pneumatic door control upgrades in the East Unit along with necessary electrical upgrades for the system.
- Plumbing fixtures replaced with new ligature resistant fixtures, and replacement of deteriorated cast iron piping in one of thirteen Tower housing units (8%).

- Structural concerns have been assessed by a third-party structural engineer and recommended repairs were completed.
- Kitchen flooring was replaced after repeated flooding and leaks.

The below photos illustrate some of the conditions observed by the Commissioners or reported by staff. Some of the illustrated conditions have since been repaired, but the images are representative of conditions encountered currently.

## Tower Repair Issues

Upper tier steel railing rusted



Broken concrete



## Deteriorating Surfaces

Water Damage - Ongoing Leak



• Recreation Yard - Deteriorating Walls



## Settling & Surface Cracks

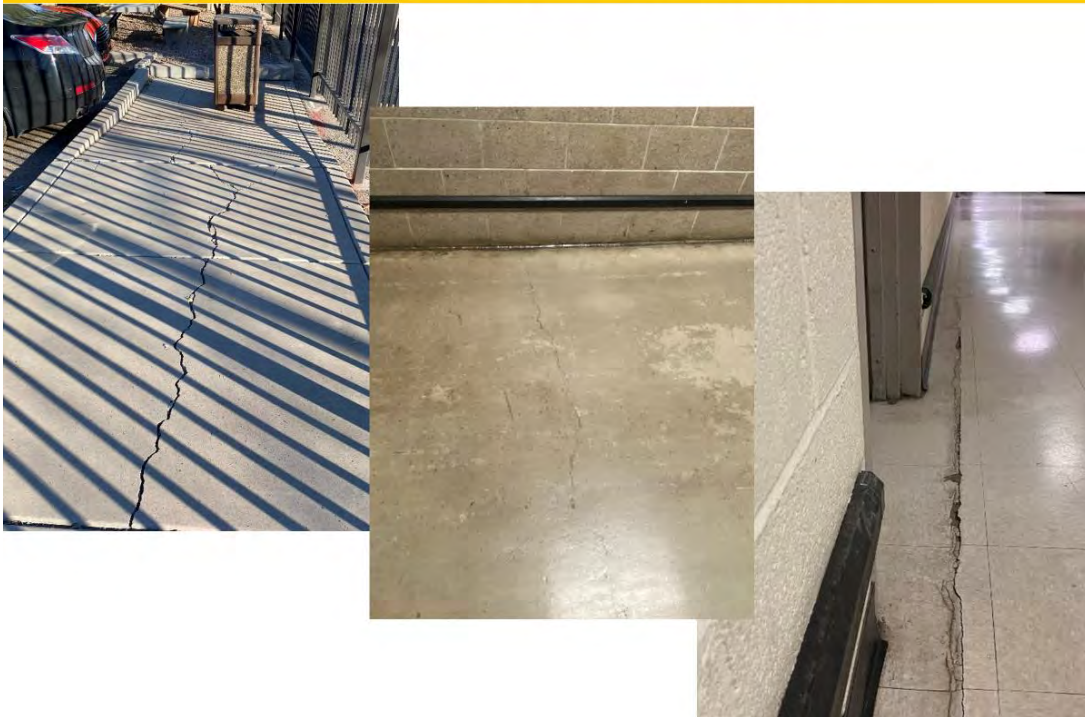




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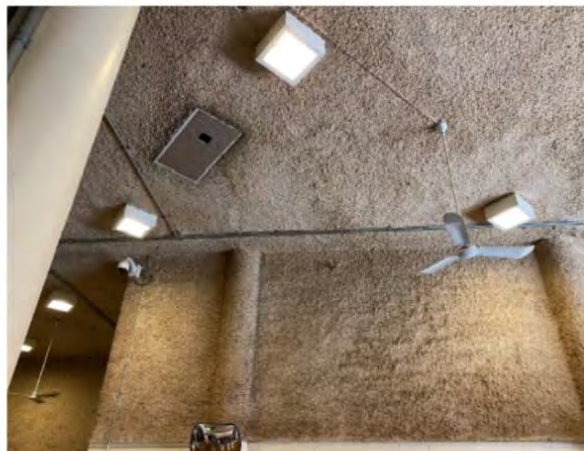


## Deteriorating Walls & Floors in Kitchen



## Housing Unit Ceiling Issues

Filthy Acoustic Material in Housing Units with Decades of Dirt and Skin Particles





## Housing Unit Ceiling Issues

Falling Acoustic Tiles



## Poor Roof Maintenance



## Deteriorating Walls & Floors in East Unit

- Inmate showers



- Recreation Yard Walls



## Water Leak Damage - West Unit

### Exterior Underside of Showers





## Water Issues in West Unit

Damage from 2nd Tier Shower Leaks



Stucco Damage:  
Water Entry Points in Recreation Yard



## West Unit – Water Damage From HVAC/ Roof Issues

HVAC units on the West roof have improper condensate lines causing water pooling



HVAC/Roof issues cause damage to interior ceiling



## Water Damage



## Roof Leaks in West Unit





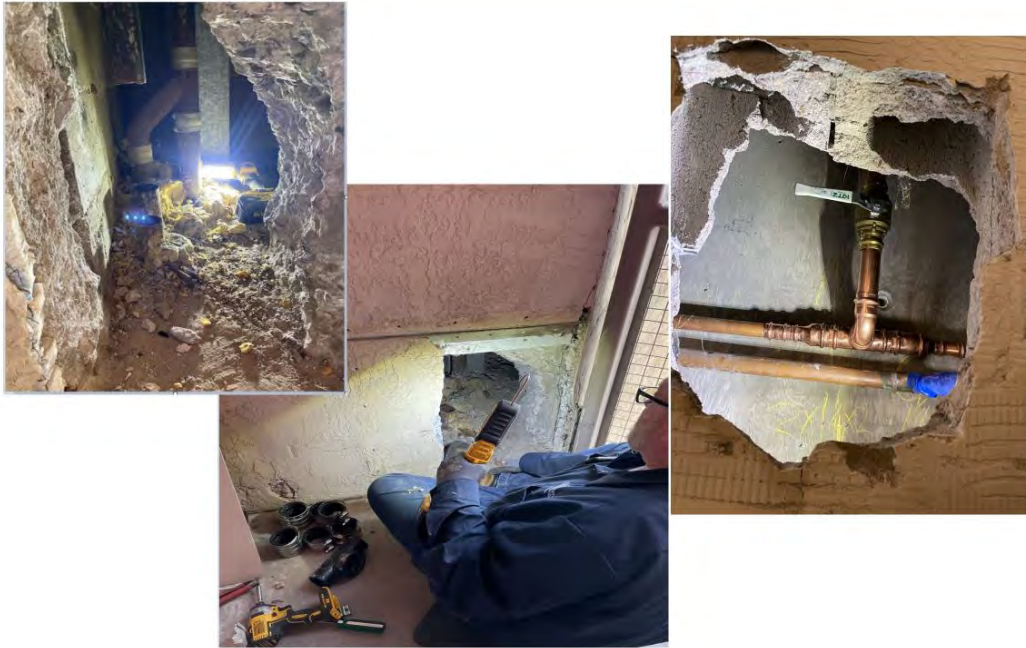
## Fire Suppression System Leak



## Plumbing Issues



## Inaccessible Plumbing

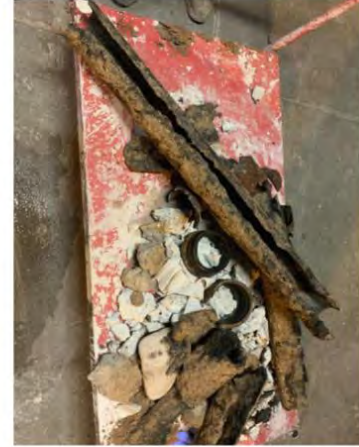


## Inaccessible Plumbing

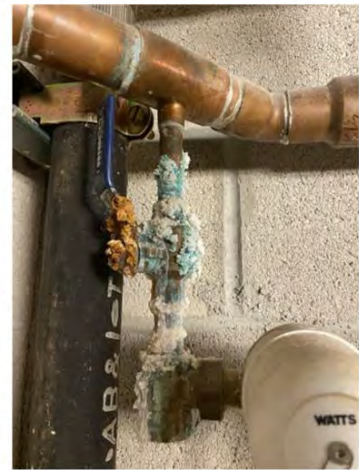




## Failed Pipe



## Corroded, Patched, Inaccessible Plumbing



## Waste Plumbing Abuse



## Examples of Other Repair Needs



## Facility Challenges and Deficiencies

The evolution of the PCADC in the past 40 years has occurred in a patchwork of construction and expansions that individually addressed present or short-term needs. The Tower was constructed to satisfy a consent decree to address deplorable conditions in the previous jail. Just a few short years later, the West Unit was added and by design operated somewhat independently of the Tower, except for general support services. For example, the buildings had separate public entrances and visitation areas. The addition of the East Unit addressed many needs for expanding support areas in addition to increasing bed capacity and consolidating public access points. Each stage of expansion focused on immediate needs. There has never been a concerted effort to correct design inefficiencies of the older buildings, or to refurbish those facilities to expand their useful lifespan. Periods of housing shortages have resulted in the repurposing of programming spaces into housing. Designs that were considered modern at the time of construction have become outdated and no longer meet changing inmate demographics and evolving programming needs and medical care requirements.

## Inmate Medical Facilities

The number of higher custody inmate patients is increasing and requiring more health care services due to chronic disease, emerging infections, and substance abuse. Between the months of January through November 2023, medical staff saw on average 1,032 individuals monthly for chronic medical conditions. There is a high number of medical transports to hospitals, since the medical unit is primarily for observation and often is filled beyond capacity.

Newer jails are moving away from centrally located medical clinics like that at the PCADC and instead are incorporating decentralized care delivery closer to housing units to better serve inmates and decrease patient movement around the facility. The current facility has too many barriers to getting patients to the central medical and dental clinic, which limits the ability for nursing, medical providers and dental providers from maximizing their time for inmate care. Barriers include excessive distance between housing units and the medical unit, need for staff supervision to move patients to the medical unit, and the impact of sight and sound separation requirements for juvenile patients who are treated in the same spaces as adult patients.

## Mental Health Facilities

Unfortunately, jail facilities are more and more being used as a mental health care provider. The PCADC is no exception, with the mental health unit often at capacity. The Sheriff has stated numerous times that people with mental health issues should not be remanded to jail, especially those with acute mental illness, and instead should be cared for in mental health clinic settings. However, the reality is that they continue to receive these inmates and restoration to competency services are provided in house. In CY 2023, the medical provider at PCADC has averaged 393 mental health evaluations monthly, and an average of 631 individuals are on mental health medications.

The current facilities do not align with the type of facilities recommended by medical health care professionals. Mental health care providers would prefer open housing options with rooms for “quiet” space that can also be used for short term housing for patients with acute mental illness or exhibiting extreme behavior. Providers also said more step-down open housing is needed for long term housing of serious mental illness (SMI) patients who become less acute with full understanding that these patients will likely never be stable enough to house in general population. The current facility does not have space for more exam rooms, private contacts, or therapy space in an area close to housing units.



### Detoxification Facilities

Upon booking, there is an automatic detoxification (“detox”) hold of five days for observation. Care providers in the detox unit observe that the percentage of patients undergoing withdrawal is much higher than 5-10 years ago because of the fentanyl crisis. The withdrawal period is also longer. In two years, the facility went from an average of 30 inmates in detox to 60 and at peak periods up to 100. Between January through December 20, 2023, there have been approximately 9,654 unique individuals put on detox protocols, an average of 805 monthly (for either opiates, alcohol, benzodiazepines, or some combination). It is estimated that PCADC will complete the year closer to 10,000 individuals. On average, of those medically screened at booking, 61% are put on detox protocols.

Patients in detox protocol need constant observation so problems can be identified before a crisis ensues. Glass fronted cells are used for observation and safety reasons. This, and the fact that only lower-level beds can be used for inmate safety, is causing serious overcapacity issues. Often, inmates must sleep on boats (floor cots). The detox unit is at capacity but making best use of current conditions and configuration. Detox facilities are ideally located adjacent to the medical observation unit, but they are not.

### Indoor/Outdoor Areas for Inmates

Jail facilities are required to provide a minimum amount of exercise time to inmates. The Tower doesn’t include facilities to meet this requirement efficiently. In the Tower, exercise yards are not attached to the housing units, they are instead located outdoors on the ground floor. As a result, inmates in the Tower, numbering about 800, must be moved from their housing units down to ground level using only four elevators to reach the yards. This is highly inefficient, time consuming, and requires additional staff to supervise these activities and maintain the required segregation of status inmates.

Construction of the West and East Units incorporated outdoor exercise yards within the housing units, which was a more efficient solution and one that affords inmates more opportunities to go outdoors.

Dayroom spaces in the Tower pods were sized to support the original design capacity of 36 inmates per housing unit. Today, operations are limited to half dayroom periods where only half of the inmates are allowed out of their cells at any given time because the number of inmates housed in each unit was increased when the cells were double bunked.

### Other Specialty Populations

The Commission also asked about trends regarding special housing needs. With an aging inmate population, additional care for older, increasingly disabled, and chronically ill inmate populations is needed. Examples include fitting housing units with electrical outlets to support CPAP machines, more open space for people in wheelchairs and crutches, and more housing for people on oxygen will be needed. This is basically described as a skilled nursing level housing unit. Due to the age of the facility, not all areas are Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) compatible. Single-celled areas are no longer useful in this type of setting where it is more difficult for nurses to attend to care needs.

Juveniles in the facility also pose issues. Arizona Revised Statutes require any youth, between ages 15 and 18, who commits murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, forcible sexual assault, armed robbery, aggravated driving or any other violent offense to be tried in adult criminal court. These inmates are treated as adults by the courts, but special requirements for juvenile detainees also apply to their treatment in the jail setting. This includes meeting education and dietary requirements, and sight



and sound separation from adult inmates. Movement of juvenile inmates is operationally disruptive because it means avoiding contact with adult inmates in hallways or service areas. This can require lockdowns or a pause in activities involving adult inmates.

### Jail Capacity

There has been much discussion on jail capacity. Forecasting jail population is necessary to determine jail capacity requirements. Jail populations are very complex to forecast because they are affected by many different factors beyond the control of the Sheriff. The Sheriff is mandated to provide for the inmates who are brought into custody through legal arrest and those who remain in custody based on judicial order.

### Factors Affecting Jail Population

Unlike prisons, jails have a very transient population, constantly booking and releasing individuals throughout the day. Many of the individuals booked will be released within 24 to 72 hours and those held by the courts will remain in custody until the condition of release set by the court has been satisfied. More recently from January 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023, 55% of those booked into the PCADC were released within 48 hours.

Many causal factors affect jail population. While it is not the Commission's purpose to review all possible causal factors and recommend changes in these areas or how to measure them, the Commission feels it is important to identify for future consideration some of the causal factors that may affect future jail bedspace demands. Causal factors include:

- Number of bookings
- Average length of stay and sentence length
- County population changes
- Cite and release policies
- Access to timely pretrial assessment, release options, supervision, monitoring, and tracking
- Court case processing times
- Pretrial bond review procedures, bonding policy
- Failure-to-appear rate and warrant policy
- Availability of prebooking alternatives, (detoxification and crisis centers)
- Diversion and deferred sentence options
- Probation revocation rate and policy, and the availability of alternative sanctions
- Availability of jail alternatives (treatment, work release, etc.) and eligibility criteria for jail alternatives
- Juveniles certified as adults to stand trial
- Legislative and sentencing mandates
- Legislation, policy decisions and social issues, e.g. decriminalization of marijuana, effects of the fentanyl crisis, and availability of effective crisis intervention and mental health services.

Jail crowding is driven by the larger criminal justice system. Many of the factors listed above and others have previously been identified by Pima County, and there are many initiatives currently in place to review and address concerns in these areas.

Commonly, jail population reduction efforts focus on a high volume of inmates charged with low-level misdemeanor crimes. However, these inmates almost always do not consume many jail beds because of

their short length of stay. Inmates charged with more serious crimes consume more jail beds. Their cases often involve higher bonds and more lengthy case processing times which increases the length of stay.

Below is a snapshot of the inmate population on December 6, 2023, illustrating that inmates with pending charges are mostly inmates charged with felonies – 94% which indicates a shift from past trends when a sizeable percentage of inmates were charged with or convicted of misdemeanor crimes. This shift can explain why the average daily population is increasing while daily bookings and releases are approximately equal. The Commission believes that further analysis of this dynamic may help to illuminate areas where additional population reduction efforts can be focused if data is available.

**Table 2**  
**PCADC Inmate Population by Offenses Charged – December 6, 2023**

<b>Leading Charge Class</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>% of Pending Population</b>
Felony	1441	94%
Misdemeanor	64	4%
Other	28	2%
NOT UNDERLYING-OFF FTC*	26	1%
Federal Hold	1	<1%
Civil Offense**	1	<1%
<b>Total Bookings with Pending Charges</b>	<b>1533</b>	

\*\*NOT UNDERLYING-OFF FTC = Failure to Appear at a lower jurisdiction court, but does not affect an individual's criminal record, therefore it is not charged as a misdemeanor and is designated as its own category. Bookings on civil offenses are very rare.

#### Historical Inmate Populations

The Commission Operations Working Group was provided annual average daily population data for the years 2000 to 2023 from which to forecast future jail population. Table 3 shows these numbers broken out by male, female, and juvenile populations, along with yearly percent changes.

**Table 3**  
**PCADC Historical Average Daily Inmate Populations 2000-2022**

Year	PCADC ACTUAL POPULATIONS 2000-2022							
	Males	% Change	Females	% Change	Juveniles	% Change	Total Population	% Change
2000	1132		168		30		1330	
2001	1260	11.31%	192	14.29%	29	-3.33%	1481	
2002	1250	-0.79%	185	-3.65%	27	-6.90%	1462	
2003	1316	5.28%	199	7.57%	26	-3.70%	1541	
2004	1501	14.06%	215	8.04%	32	23.08%	1748	
2005	1599	6.53%	245	13.95%	30	-6.25%	1874	
2006	1607	0.50%	251	2.45%	35	16.67%	1893	
2007	1609	0.12%	282	12.35%	32	-8.57%	1923	
2008	1652	2.67%	269	-4.61%	36	12.50%	1957	
2009	1573	-4.78%	246	-8.55%	43	19.44%	1862	
2010	1400	-11.00%	209	-15.04%	27	-37.21%	1636	
2011	1418	1.29%	243	16.27%	26	-3.70%	1687	
2012	1600	12.83%	309	27.16%	22	-15.38%	1931	
2013	1710	6.88%	310	0.32%	17	-22.73%	2037	
2014	1652	-3.39%	336	8.39%	18	5.88%	2006	
2015	1547	-6.36%	275	-18.15%	15	-16.67%	1837	
2016	1561	0.90%	299	8.73%	14	-6.67%	1874	
2017	1565	0.26%	289	-3.34%	18	28.57%	1872	
2018	1587	1.41%	243	-15.92%	18	0.00%	1848	
2019	1548	-2.46%	296	21.81%	25	38.89%	1869	41%
2020	1337	-13.63%	200	-32.43%	33	32.00%	1570	
2021	1383	3.44%	190	-5.00%	30	-9.09%	1603	
2022	1515	9.54%	236	24.21%	21	-30.00%	1772	
2023	1576	4.03%	213	-9.75%	23	9.52%	1812	
Avg increase		1.76%		3.60%		0.70%		
Covid	High	Low	McArthur					

In summary, over a 19-year period from 2000 through 2019, the overall PCADC inmate population increased by approximately 41%, starting with an average population of 1,330 in year 2000 and an average population of 1,869 in year 2019.

The lowest actual population of 1,330 was recorded in the year 2000 and the highest actual population of 2,037 was recorded in the year 2013.

The average change increase over that 19-year period was 1.76% for male populations, 3.6% for females and .7% for juveniles. Juvenile populations do not follow a specific definable pattern or trend and are usually hard to predict. The juvenile population was at its highest in 2009 with 43 inmates. Based on volume, the male offender population is the primary driver of these changes, and the average total population change overall usually mirrors that of the male population.

Note that in 2014, Pima County was awarded grants from the MacArthur Foundation (“MacArthur”) for the purpose of safely reducing the jail population and addressing disparities in the justice system. The initiative focused on reducing the number of inmates charged with non-violent crimes and misdemeanors.

The Operations Working Group excluded data from the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 for its analysis. The pandemic and emergency policies in place during the pandemic skew the data in ways that make them poor predictors for future projections. Year 2023 was also excluded based on timing (3 months provided). Long-term population projections are more accurately predicted with a full year of data. (For point of reference, the average daily population for the first quarter of 2023 is 1,810.)

### Jail Population & Capacity Forecast

Pima County population growth will have some relational effect on future increases of inmate populations but is not a singularly good indicator for predicting jail population trends and is therefore not used in our analysis.

A limitation of the average daily population data provided for Commission analysis is that it does not identify peak daily population periods from which to extrapolate the number of beds needed to support peak inmate population. The National Institute for Corrections (“NIC”) recommends averaging the three peak daily populations from each month to make projections. Our analysis does not result in an estimate of the number of beds needed during peak periods of activity, so the Commission’s results should be considered conservative.

Currently, the PCADC books about 19,000 individuals into custody per year, an average of 52 inmates per day. PCADC bookings have risen between 8% to 20% on average year to year since 2000. Daily populations can fluctuate as much as 100 inmates over the course of a day.

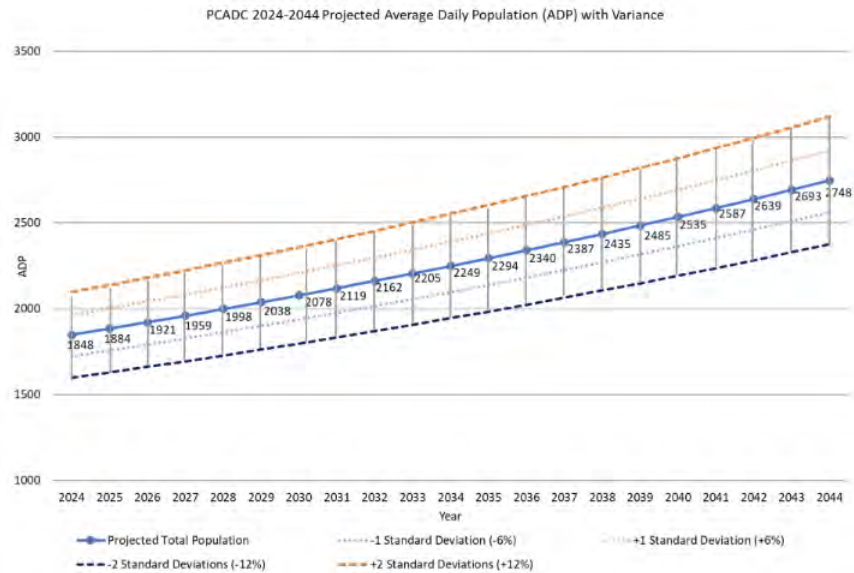
In addition to calculating needs based on actual numbers of inmates and bookings, jails must account for the percentage of bedspace that is unusable at any given time due to segregation and classification needs of the population. The PCADC is a full-service facility, housing male, female and juvenile offenders of all criminal and risk classifications. Additional bedspace will be needed to provide the flexibility needed to properly segregate these populations by gender, risk level, mental health, physical health, and disciplinary issues.

Usually when inmate populations exceed 85% of their actual bedspace, overcrowding and improper segregation is the result. The Commission has forecasted future inmate population and increased that number by 15% to determine the future Design Capacity required to state the number of beds needed in the future.

The Commission has projected jail populations for the years 2024 through 2044 based on the Time-Series Model and historic PCADC jail population trends and used the percentage change in actual inmate populations between the year 2000 to the year 2019. Data from the years 2020 - 2023 were excluded for the above reasons. Projections for the year 2024 are based on the average population for the first three months of 2023.

The Commission forecasted future populations using the average change of 1.76% per year for males, and .7% for juveniles and 3.6% for females each year. As shown in Figure 3, it is estimated that by the year 2044, the PCADC could have a population of approximately 2,749 inmates. Based on classification and segregation needs the PCADC is considered at operational capacity when 85% of the beds are utilized. Based on the 85% design capacity, the PCADC complex would need a total of approximately 3,162 beds available to meet the growing needs of the population over the next 20 years.

**Figure 3**  
**PCADC Inmate Population Projections 2024-2044**



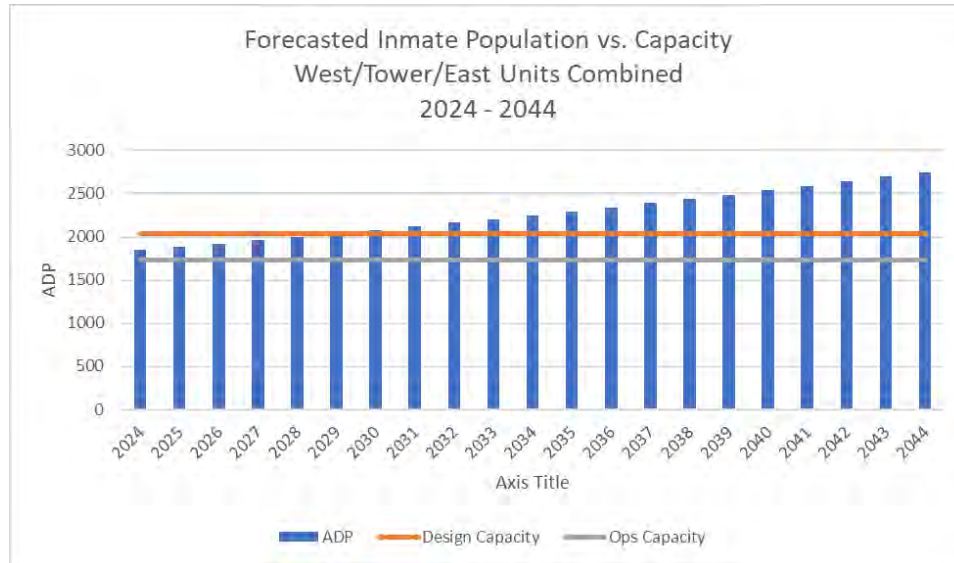
Note: If the growth assumption for the next 19 years would have been based merely on the growth of 41% seen over the period between the years 2000 and 2019, the PCADC population could be approximately 2,635. If the Commission would have utilized the highest population reached by PCADC in 2013 of 2,037 inmates, the estimated 10 population over the next 19 years could have been as high as approximately 2,872 inmates by the year 2032, which would instead require an additional 1,349 beds to be available, which is 6.8% more than the forecast recommended above.

Based on these projections, the PCADC complex would need an additional 1,132 beds to provide the Design Capacity to meet the projected growing needs of the population over the next 20 years.

The PCADC has a total of 2,030 beds. With an average daily population of 1,799 in 2023, they were already operating at 89% of Design Capacity. At this capacity, the PCADC already has overflow in many areas where populations exceed the bed space available impacting operations. If no action is taken, the Commission predicts that the jail population will exceed the current Design Capacity (2030 beds) by 2029 creating significantly overcrowded conditions and safety issues for inmates and staff.

Figure 4 below shows the forecasted jail population from 2024 to 2044 with a line showing the PCADC's current Design and Operating Capacities.

**Figure 4**  
**PCADC Forecasted Inmate Population vs. Capacity for West, Tower and East Units**



#### Data Limitations

As with all similar projections, there are limitations with the data analysis. There is no one right way of calculating jail population growth since the projection model depends on the specific context and data availability. The Commission recognizes that a systems approach analysis that would also include all key factors of the criminal justice system would be ideal for predicting future jail population growth, but the reality is that not all necessary data is readily available, collected or tracked consistently.

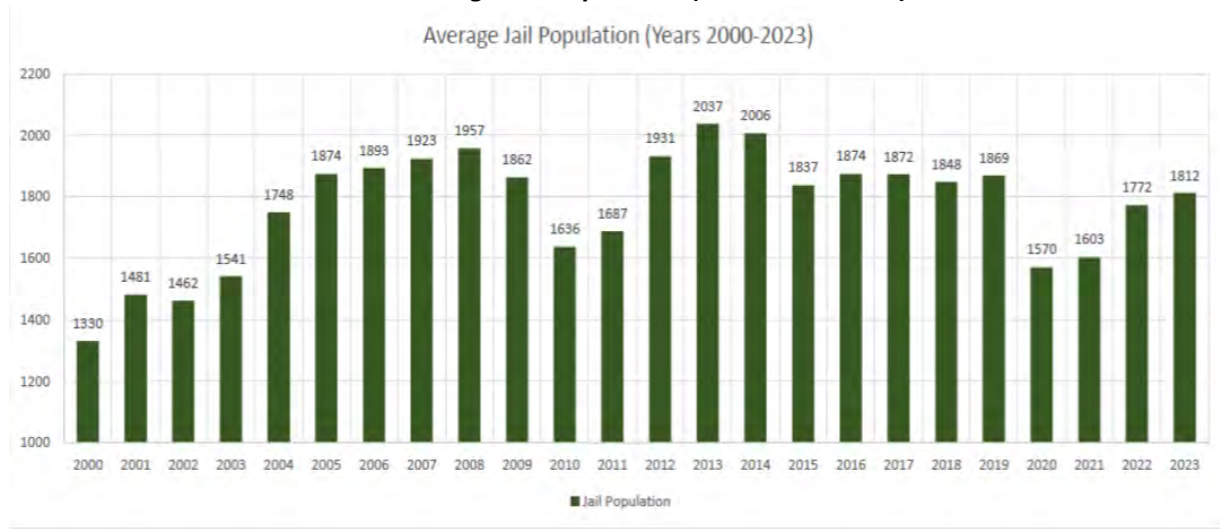
The Time Series Projection Model used by the Operations Working Group noted the limitations associated with it. One of these limitations is the assumption of linear growth. The projection here assumes linear growth over the next 20 years, which oversimplifies the dynamics involved, which may lead to over or under projecting. Another limitation of the projection model is the lack of incorporation of changing external factors that influence jail populations, such as criminal justice policies, law enforcement strategies, or other similar conditions. While the NIC references these limitations, it also recognizes that jurisdictions and agencies may not have all data available to them.

The Pima County Justice Services and Analytics and Data Governance Departments (PCJS) reviewed the forecast produced by the Operations Working Group. PCJS agreed that the analysis was based on best practices set forth by the National Institute of Corrections and conducted in line with the limitations stated in this report. PCJS staff also recognized that the forecast projects a linear increase in the jail population because of the lack of historical data available around booking rates, average length of stay, and other external factors that may influence the jail population (e.g., court case processing times, alternative sentencing data).

PCJS staff indicated that the jail population will likely not continuously increase as shown in this report and will instead fluctuate over time as it has in the past. To complement the jail forecast developed by the Commission, PCJS staff performed an additional analysis using the same data.



**Figure 5**  
**PCSD Average Jail Population (Years 2000-2023)**



The analysis, which included an indicator for the Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC), also known as the MacArthur grant, calculated the average percent change in the jail population for males and females (excluded juveniles) before the SJC began and when it was implemented:

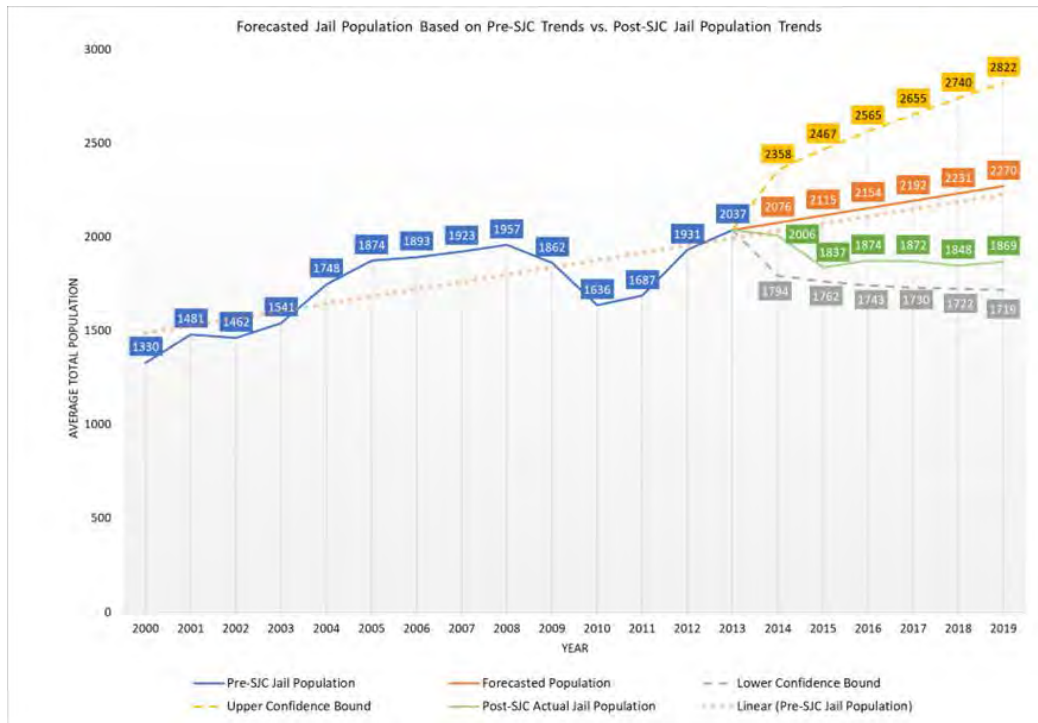
**Table 4**  
**PCADC Average Yearly Population Growth Before and After MacArthur Grant**

Average Yearly Jail Population Growth		
	Pre-MacArthur (2000-2013)	MacArthur (2014-2019)
Male	3.45%	-1.61%
Female	5.43%	0.25%
Total Population	3.58%	-1.36%

PCJS staff concluded that while there is no statistical significance between the average percent changes before and during the SJC, the strategies implemented managed to reduce and keep the total population from increasing between 2014 and 2019.

An additional analysis was conducted to compare what the jail population growth could have been if the SJC strategies were not implemented with the actual results of the strategies. This can be seen in the figure below:

**Figure 6**  
***Effect of MacArthur Programs on PCADC Average Jail Population***



PCJS staff explained that the dotted orange line represents the pattern of growth they calculated based on the pre-SJC jail population. The yellow dashed line represents the highest limit the population could have reached without SJC implementation, based on the calculated pattern of growth, while the grey dashed line represents the lowest limit the population could have reached without SJC implementation. The green line represents the actual jail population during the SJC.

This clearly demonstrates the difficulty in projecting jail population growth. The Commission’s projection falls between the highest and lowest parameters measured by Justice Services staff above.

### Additional Observations

The effect of the MacArthur Foundation funded efforts should not be overlooked, but it also cannot be considered in a vacuum. MacArthur funded programs work to reduce jail population by targeting individuals with non/violent charges like misdemeanors, failures to appear and possession of illegal substances, the proverbial low hanging fruit. Considering that 94% of today’s inmate population is charged with felonies, it is reasonable to assume that the number of bed days consumed by those inmates is increasing.

The Commission recognizes that jail crowding is driven by the larger criminal justice system. Jail population numbers are impacted by many external causal factors, such as cite and release policies, pretrial bond review procedures, court processing times, diversion, and deferred sentence options. The NIC suggests a systems approach in jail capacity planning and that future jail population projections are ideally based on the capacity needs as determined after an assessment of the jail and local justice system process as a whole.

While it is not the Commission's scope to review all possible causal factors and recommend changes in these areas or how to measure them, the Commission strongly supports a more comprehensive discussion that involves the larger justice system and its stakeholders in a subsequent phase as the County continues to evaluate the PCADC and its needs.

### Bed Space Needed by Population Type

Based on the snapshot of data provided by the PCADC for one day in January 2023, we found roughly half of the population based on classification might be suitable in dormitory type communal housing spaces and the other half of the inmate population might have medical or disciplinary segregation housing needs (calling for a single or double cell security design). See Table 5.

**Table 5**  
**PCADC Sampling of Housing Type Needs – January 2023**

<b>TYPES OF HOUSING NEEDED AT PCADC</b>									
							<b>% cell</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>19 years</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Juvi</b>	<b>Total #</b>	<b>Dorm Type</b>	<b>Cell Type</b>	<b>Dorm</b>	<b>Growth 1.76%</b>	<b>Growth 41%</b>
Low	565	132	0	697	697	0		709	983
Medium	163	25	25	213	213	0		217	300
Medium-High	99	7	0	106	106	0		108	149
High	246	9	0	255	0	255		259	360
Maximum	420	26	0	446	0	446		454	629
Ad Seg	161	13	0	174	0	174		177	245
MHU	94	18	0	112	0	112		114	158
Detox	54	56	0	110	55	55	50/50	112	155
Med Obs.	15	5	0	20	10	10	50/50	20	28
					1081	1052			

Ad Seg, MHU, Detox and Med Obs. Are already included in other levels, may be duplicates.

### Site Selection

When selecting a site for jail construction, several factors are considered, including:

- Proximity to courts
- Ease of access for law enforcement
- Proximity to transportation for employees and released inmates
- Access to medical, mental health, and social services entities supporting the inmate population
- Access to legal services
- Access for public visitation
- Emergency services and fire department response times
- Expansion flexibility

The current location is close to ideal, with some limitations, and has been an established presence in the surrounding community.

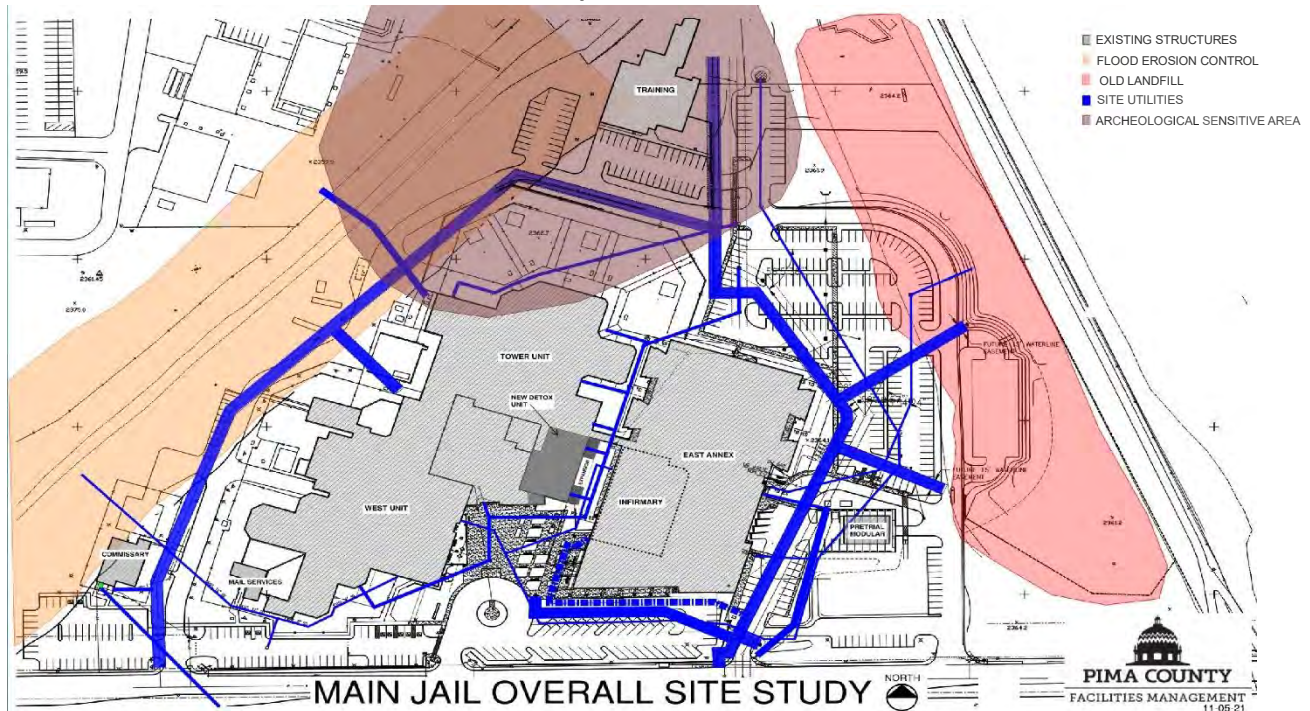
### Limitations of the Current Site

The Pima County Adult Detention Center campus is located on a 26-acre triangular shaped parcel at 1270 W. Silverlake Rd. The parcel is bounded by Silverlake Road on the south border, the Santa Cruz

River on the east border, and the Old West Branch Santa Cruz River on the west border. Figure 4 the undeveloped portions of the parcel have limitations such as an old landfill, an archeological sensitive area, and utility corridor that may require remediation to permit further expansion. Additional expansion may also require relocation of the Sheriff's Training Center, see Figure 7.

Expansion on the site is likely to maximize the use of the parcel, raising questions about the value of return on investment to improve a site with limited usefulness for future growth.

**Figure 7**  
**PCADC Complex Site Limitations**



### Facility Improvement Options

The Facilities Working Group was asked to explore options for remediating the conditions of the jail facilities and meeting future capacity requirements through renovation, new construction, or a combination of both. The Operations Working Group provided analysis identifying a future need of an additional 1,132 beds to meet needs for the next 20 years. As inmate population increases, it becomes necessary to also plan to increase the size of spaces for support operations and related ancillary services.

The Facilities Working Group identified and assessed four alternatives to consider the viability of each option to meet projected needs. Each was assessed through the lens of information provided in this report.

### Feasibility of Options

We determined that feasible alternatives would have to meet the following criteria:

- Must minimize disruptions to facility operations, facility access, safety, and security.

- Must meet the needs of the community for a minimum of 20 years, which we consider to be the approximate time required to pay the debt service for money borrowed for construction.
- Any renovation or rehabilitation must extend the life of the buildings for a minimum of 20 years.
- Must provide a solution for temporary relocation of inmate populations displaced by construction activities.
- Must be able to phase construction in a manner that minimizes operational impact, but also permits concurrent activities to renovate and construct new facilities to shorten construction duration and minimize cost.
- Will ideally ensure that any capital investment will provide a path for future expansion if needed and maximize return on investment.

Figures 8-12 summarize the scope, risks and conclusions of four options (A,B,C, and D) considered, and the Facilities Working Group findings of feasibility.

**Figure 8**

***Option A – Reopening of Mission Facility & Renovation of Main Campus Facilities***

**Option A: Reopen Mission Facility and rehabilitate/renovate main campus facilities**

<b>Scope</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reopen Mission Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security improvements</li> <li>• Renovation</li> <li>• Furniture, fixtures &amp; equipment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rehabilitate Tower &amp; West Units</li> <li>• Add attached yards to Tower</li> <li>• Add decentralized medical unit to West Unit</li> <li>• Renovation of support areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only provides 2522 beds</li> <li>• Fails to design out inefficiencies</li> <li>• Insufficient temporary housing to rehabilitate the Tower and West Units</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fails to meet long term bed requirements</li> <li>• Hinders rehabilitation of aging facilities, likely resulting in shortened building life cycle</li> </ul>
<b>NOT FEASIBLE</b>		



Figure 9

**Option B – Demolition of West Unit Coupled with New Construction & Renovation**

**Option B: Demolish West Unit, construct a new tower in its place and rehabilitate the Tower**

**Scope**

- Demolish West Unit and construct a new 1726 bed facility including:
  - Decentralized medical exam/treatment area
  - Administrative & support offices
  - Trades maintenance shop
- Expand kitchen, laundry, and supply areas
- Rehabilitate the Tower
- Add attached yards to the Tower housing units
- Expand & improve housing options for the Mental Health Unit
- Site security and parking improvements
- Temporary reopening of Mission Facility

**Risks**

- During demolition and construction, actual number of beds will decrease as inmate population continues to increase, causing an immediate and prolonged housing crisis.
- Displaced pre-trial inmates will be housed in the Mission Facility. Access to medical and mental health treatment, professional visitation, and transportation services will have to be provided. Food and laundry services will have to be provided remotely.
- Construction will have to be sequentially phased. Tower rehabilitation will have to be delayed until new construction is complete to have a place to displace inmates from the Tower. Likely result is increased construction timeline and cost.

**Conclusions**

- Fails to provide adequate temporary beds to accommodate construction and growing inmate population.

**NOT FEASIBLE**

Figure 10

**Option C – Combination New Construction & Renovation/Rehabilitation**

**Option C: Rehabilitate/renovate main campus facilities and construct new housing unit for additional capacity**

**Scope**

- Construct new 1132 bed housing unit
- Temporarily reopen Mission Facility
  - Security improvements
  - Renovation
  - Furniture, fixtures & equipment
- Rehabilitate Tower & West Units
- Add attached yards to Tower
- Add decentralized medical unit to West Unit
- Renovation of East Unit and support and staff support areas
- New parking structure
- Relocation of Sheriff's Training Center or incorporation into new construction

**Risks**

- Better options for concurrent construction phases but, will cause major operational disruption.
- Site limitations
  - May present archeological issues to remediate.
  - May have to relocate sewer and water lines.
  - May have to cap landfill to construct parking structure.
- Displaced pre-trial inmates will be housed in the Mission Facility. Access to medical and mental health treatment, professional visitation, and transportation services will have to be provided. Food and laundry services will have to be provided remotely.

**Conclusions**

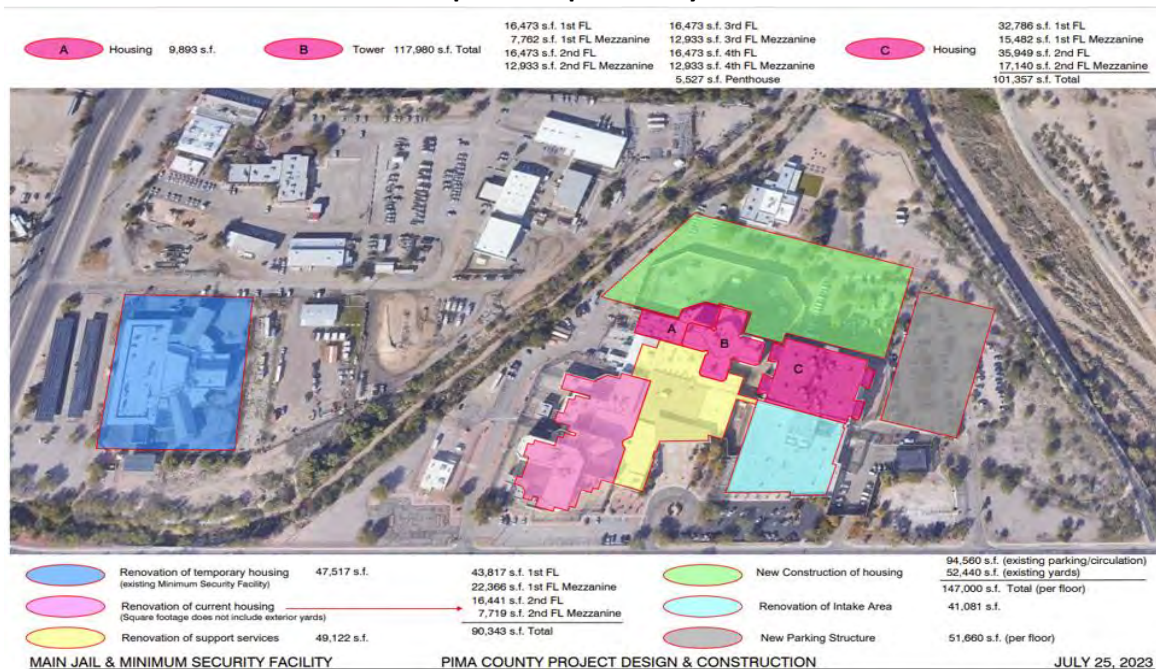
- 20-year needs can be met but, it will result in maximum use of the property. No future expansion will be possible.

**FEASIBLE**



Under Option C, a rehabilitation/renovation option is expected to include repair or replacement of all the building's basic systems and elements of construction, including replacement of security furnishings, plumbing fixtures and cast iron pipes, and other improvements to restore the building to meet needs and extend its useful life for a minimum of another 20 years. Consequently, this will require the temporary relocation of inmates to facilitate construction activities. Figure 11 shows possible areas of improvement or new construction.

**Figure 11**  
**Option C: Space Analysis**



This hybrid scenario of rehabilitation of areas in the current facility and new construction for additional bed space can only work if the Mission facility (highlighted in dark blue above) is available to temporarily house displaced inmates from the West Unit as the phased construction activities are occurring. New construction will be necessary to accommodate higher classification inmates displaced from the Tower and to meet future capacity requirement. Additionally, if the costs to operate the Mission Facility, including additional Corrections personnel, inmate transport, and on-site medical care staff, this option becomes less feasible. This option will obviously need to be phased as disruptions to operations must be minimized.

*Of note, as this report was being finalized, the Commission learned that the Arizona Department of Corrections was making plans to close a prison facility in Marana. The facility was apparently owned and operated by a third-party contractor. The Commission was unable to assess if this facility might have some suitability to meet temporary housing needs of the County. A future assessment may be in order and should consider factors like those that might make the Mission facility unsuitable, i.e. additional personnel, inmate transport, duplication of medical, food service, laundry, and other services, etc.*

**Figure 12**  
**Option D – New Construction**

Option D: New Construction		
Scope	Risks	Conclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a new 3162 bed corrections facilities campus on neighboring County owned property to take advantage of its proximity to Courts and support services and ease of access for law enforcement.</li> <li>Master plan future expansion of the campus to assure its ability to meet long range custody needs of the County.</li> <li>Possible reuse of the Mission Facility to support wrap around services appropriately co-located with the correctional facilities.</li> <li>Relocation of Pima County DOT offices, sign shop and warehouses and lay down yards that currently occupy the construction site.</li> <li>Reuse/demolition of existing facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locating suitable properties for relocation of Pima County DOT offices, sign shop, warehouses and lay down yards.</li> <li>Site limitations               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May present archeological issues to remediate.</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>NIMBY'ism</u>.</li> <li>Constructing within the viewshed of the Registered National Historic Site on Tumamoc Hill.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presents the least operationally disruptive solution.</li> <li>Opportunity to construct corrections facilities to current standards and design efficiencies.</li> <li>Best option for long-term benefit of capital investment.</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>FEASIBLE</b></p>

With new construction, there could be potential operational cost savings and programmatic benefits that could be achieved through design and master planning of new facilities rather than simply repairing or rehabilitating within the existing constraints of the current layout. Design features, such as clear lines of sight and visibility in housing and all observation units, more suicide prevention fixtures and accessible recreation yards, can effectively reduce the amount of Corrections staffing needed to operate the jail. Additionally, building systems and infrastructure would be designed appropriately to modern standards that could also create substantial ongoing operational maintenance cost savings. Rebuilding presents an opportunity to better align jail design with current correctional policies - such as management through direct supervision - than when the facility was originally built.

In determining whether to repair or rebuild facilities, the County should consider whether ongoing operation and maintenance savings that could be achieved by designing and consolidating facilities would justify the higher cost of building new as opposed to just repairing the existing facility. County should seek a maximum return on investment with long term benefits to the community.

Adjacent parcels owned by Pima County are ideally located for possible new construction. These parcels currently support mixed use, including the old Mission Facility, offices of the Department of Transportation, and County warehouses, as shown in Figure 13. Use of these parcels for new construction would have the benefit of potentially co-locating new facilities near the Mission Facility which could then be converted for other purposes to support jail operations and releases. It likely would be necessary to relocate some of the other county uses of the property. Except for the Department of Transportation administrative offices, the nature of those uses would make it relatively easy to do.

**Figure 13**  
***Pima County Adult Detention Center and Neighboring Parcels***



#### Initial Project Cost Analysis

Cost estimating for projects at early stages, meaning there are no preliminary designs to use for area construction calculations and material/building systems analysis, is challenging and must rely on benchmarking with comparative projects to provide a basis to apply to the project. Typically, this is done with a cost per square foot and an estimated square foot size of the proposed facility to establish a baseline cost that can be adjusted to fit the project.

For correctional facilities, a cost per bed is often used to simplify the calculation with limited initial information about the project. Multiple project specific factors must be evaluated in relation to the representative project's cost per square foot or per bed to make them applicable. These can include construction cost escalation, location cost adjustments, specific challenges of the site location and overall size, type of corrections facility and services provided, operational challenges during a renovation and expansion, type of housing being provided and others.

Data from nine correctional facilities was used to determine both the cost per square foot and cost per bed for this analysis. These facilities and their information were provided by general contractors, design consultants and government agencies. The nine facilities reviewed were a mix of county jails and state prisons that were completed between 2010 and 2019. The facilities reflect a bed capacity range of 352 beds to 2,376.

The data was reviewed and construction costs adjusted to align with 2023 construction costs in the southern Arizona market. Cost per bed and costs per square foot were averaged to provide a range of cost that can be applied to the two feasible improvement options noted above. It is important to note that the costs derived are based on construction cost and not total project cost. Total project cost includes "soft costs" and other costs necessary to complete the project such as building permits, architect and engineering fees, testing and inspection fees, utility improvements, project management, contingency costs, equipment and others. The County will want to do this level of review as it considers any improvements to the PCADC.

The estimated projected costs for improvement Option C – onsite expansion and renovation - is \$490 million, and for Option D – new jail construction – is \$680 million in today’s dollars. It is important to note that even if a decision for any jail improvements were to be made in the near term, construction would still be a few years out. It was advised that 5 percent be used for future possible cost escalation estimates, which resulted in 5-year construction estimates of \$623 million for Option C and \$858 million for Option D. Cost projections are inclusive of the soft costs described above estimated at 25% of construction cost and for Option C include a 20% premium markup for construction in an occupied facility.

For Option C, the estimate is inclusive of extensive costs for the mentioned premium for constructing in an occupied facility and for a parking structure, neither of which will contribute to actual jail facility improvements, raising further question about the taxpayer return on investment for renovations.

For Option D, the estimate assumes building on a greenfield site. It does not include any costs for relocating other County facilities if built on the adjacent lots or costs associated with demolition of old facilities.

A detailed analysis of our cost estimates is included in Appendix A.

## Task 2: Assess best practices and standards and other factors impacting operations given industry changes since the County facility was built

### Best Practices and Standards

Methods of Inmate Supervision: Best Practice = Direct Supervision

A description of methods of surveillance and supervision of inmates can be found in the [U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, Jail Design Guide Third Edition, 2011.](#)

Currently, Direct Supervision is considered the best practice and the most desirable form of jail supervision and management style as it provides for the constant presence of a staff member working directly with inmates. This allows a staff member to immediately intercede in situations to proactively redirect undesirable behavior with a goal of reducing adverse consequences.

There are four basic approaches to observing or supervising inmates: direct supervision, intermittent surveillance, remote surveillance, and electronic monitoring. The fundamental difference between them is that the first two require the presence of a staff member and therefore, is more staff intensive. In 100% Direct Supervision models there are no barriers to separate staff from inmates. The staff member directly interacts with the individuals in custody to manage, supervise and control activities and behaviors, both in the housing units and support areas of the facility. This is a proactive approach to inmate management.

The Intermittent Surveillance style of management still incorporates staff members working in and directly with the inmate population, but it is not a constant observation. Based on staffing levels, the custody level of the inmate population, or the time of day (during regular sleeping hours), a more relaxed level of supervision such as Intermittent Surveillance may be justified and warranted. Staff may walk through the areas periodically to observe behavior and activities, such as when the population is normally sleeping, or interaction/activities are lower.

Both remote surveillance (which involves either watching inmates via live camera feeds or from a separate enclosure), and electronic monitoring (which involves watching inmate activity via live or recorded CCTV cameras) styles of inmate supervision are intended to be completely hands-off approaches to inmate management. These approaches separate the staff from the inmate population and allow for observation only. Utilizing solely surveillance and electronic monitoring inside a correctional environment is the least desired approach and provides only reactive responses to problems. These hands-off styles of management are rarely utilized as a sole means of supervision in a jail environment today.

### **Pima County Adult Detention Center Management Style:**

The Pima County Sheriff's Department utilizes all four styles of inmate supervision to manage populations at the jail complex. The facility operates mostly as a direct supervision facility, with officers assigned to work directly inside each of the housing units during high peak active hours.

During non-peak hours, (for example, overnight when housing occupants are sleeping), levels of intermittent supervision may be warranted depending on the classification level of the inmates being supervised or activity level. There are also times due to unplanned staffing shortages and during facility



emergencies, when intermittent supervision methods may be utilized. In those situations, officers make regular unplanned periodic rounds in the affected areas.

In addition to utilizing either constant or intermittent direct supervision, the PCADC also supplements their observation with both high-level remote supervision style and electronic surveillance methods to increase the safety and security of the inmates, facility, and staff members. This is accomplished by staff working in a centralized control room (24/7) who operate and monitor live camera feeds and recordings for all areas of the facility.

Well managed, properly staffed, direct supervision facilities are known to have less inmate on inmate, or inmate on staff assaults, fewer disciplinary issues, less contraband, and less property damage. Direct supervision enables the staff to provide more frequent observation of the inmates so that behaviors and medical emergencies may be addressed as soon as possible.

The Sheriff's Department has stated it will continue to operate its facilities using the primary principles of direct supervision. We support this approach.

#### [National Institute for Jail Operations \(NIJO\)](#)

The PCADC is currently accredited by the National Institute for Jail Operations (NIJO), which provides Legal -Based Jail Guidelines derived by constitutional, federal and state law and operational correctional practices safeguarding life, safety and health of officers and offenders.

They have been accredited through this organization since 2018.

In a most recent audit, the PCADC was evaluated for compliance with 586 guidelines, they scored 99.6% in the Core Standards and 100% in the non-core standards achieving a Level 1 Accreditation by NIJO.

#### [National Commission on Correctional Health Care \(NCCHC\) Accreditation](#)

NCCHC's accreditation program uses a rigorous but collaborative external peer review by a team of correctional health care experts to determine whether the facility being surveyed meets the relevant standards of care. The standards cover all aspects of patient treatment and care, governance and administration, staffing, credentialing and staff training, safety and disease control, and the administration of substance use and Mental Health services, special needs and legal issues.

Pima County has been NCCHC accredited since 2010 and is committed to ensuring both the adult and juvenile correctional systems continue to operate and maintain this high level of accountability in the correctional health care system.

In 2023, the PCADC was awarded the R. Scott Chavez Facility of the Year Award. This award is presented by NCCHC to one facility per year, among the nearly 500 facilities accredited, for its outstanding quality, innovation and dedication in correctional health care.

The Commission applauds the County and the Sheriff's Department for taking proactive measures to assure the facility operations are professionally administered and holding itself to a higher standard of care. We further congratulate the Sheriff's Department for this important accomplishment and recognition in 2023 and support their continued efforts in future accreditations.

## Jail Design Standards

The Operations Working Group reviewed the American Corrections Association (ACA), NIJO, Fire & Life Safety and ADA standards and guidelines to determine a rough framework for design and minimum square footage recommended for new construction based on housing type, security level and special population needs.

The Commission recommends utilizing the various standards during the design phase of any new construction or major building rehabilitation to ensure any new build meets requirements for best practices for square footage and design for staff, housing and recreation areas. The following websites may be helpful for consultation.

- ACA Core Standards (CORE) June 2010 (<http://corrections.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Core-Jail-Standards-as-printed-June-2010.pdf>)
- ACA Performance Based Standards for Adult Correctional facilities (ACI), 2021, [https://user-3imepyw.cld.bz/Perf-Based-Stds-Adult-Corr-Inst-5<sup>th</sup>-ed-March-2021/vi/](https://user-3imepyw.cld.bz/Perf-Based-Stds-Adult-Corr-Inst-5th-ed-March-2021/vi/) (pgs. 51 -71 covers facility design)
- [U.S. Department of Justice: Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990](#)
- [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\): NFPA 101 Life Safety Code](#)

## Wrap Around Services

The Operations Working Group discussed wrap around services that might be considered for implementation in a new or renovated facility. They identified several types of services that might be incorporated throughout the incarceration period, and others that may be better suited at booking or provided upon release from custody. The transient nature of jail inmates and the unknown length of incarceration make some of the services harder to implement if they are extended programs and not one-time events. Also, it should be noted that many of the services listed are already included in the services provided by Pima County. Some services are highly specific and individualized and may be harder to implement for large diverse groups.

### Front End or Services provided at Booking

- Access to Courts, 24/7
- Equal access to Pretrial Services and other prebooking release options or resources
- Access to Probation, no automatic holds
- Medical, Mental Health, Substance Use and Suicide Ideation Evaluations

### Services during Incarceration

- Group and Individual counseling (substance use, alcohol, mental health, etc.)
- Transitional Skills Training (budgeting, housing sources, homeless services)
- Diversion Evaluation Process
- Enrollment with community provider for continuation of medical, mental health and substance use services
- Domestic violence and victim's services during incarceration
- Employment skills, Pima County One Stop, etc.
- Education skills

- Faith community involvement, services and programs
- Coordination with State for Identification requirements

#### Release Services

- Transportation and Housing Assistance
- Connections with social services/community providers
- Re-enrollment in AHCCCS and state systems
- Connections with Substance Use and Recovery models (in patient and out patient)
- Review release conditions, next court dates, court phone numbers, release instructions, probation appointments, etc.

While there are many services recommended for in-custody engagement, it is worth noting that most individuals will not be in custody long enough to meaningfully engage in these programs. Also, just because services are offered in custody, it does not correlate to mandatory participation. Additionally, over resourcing services in custody may inadvertently encourage judges to keep people in custody longer, therefore increasing the number of people held and for longer periods of time, both of which will increase the jail population.

The total number of releases between January 1, 2022 – November 30, 2023 was 36,721. Table 6 shows the average lengths of stay up to 90 days for individuals booked into PCADC in that period:

**Table 6**  
**Average Length of Stay – January 1 – November 30 2023**

Length of Stay	Count	% of Jan 1, 2022 - Nov 30, 2023 Releases
Less Than 24 Hours	17,573	48%
More Than 24 Hours, Less Than 48 Hours	2,433	7%
<b>Less Than 2 Days Total</b>	<b>20,006</b>	<b>55%</b>

Length of Stay	Count	% of Total Jan 1, 2022 - Nov 30, 2023 Releases
Less Than 2 Days	20,006	55%
2-30 Days	9,196	25%
31-60 Days	2,228	6%
61-90 Days	1,319	4%
<b>Total Jan 1, 2022 - Nov 30, 2023 Releases with a Length of Stay Less Than or Equal to 90 Days</b>	<b>32,749</b>	<b>89%</b>

- 55% of individuals booked into PCADC in that period were released within 48 hours, with 48% of those released within 24 hours.
- 10% of individuals booked were released within 2-3 months
- 11% of individuals booked were held for over 90 days

Justice Services opined that there is no evidence that forced interventions are more effective. However, incentivizing participation is highly, positively, correlated to improved participation, retention, and better outcomes. Working with judges to modify conditions of release, such as allowing for earlier jail release in exchange for their participation in out-of-custody services, could be a future goal, the exception being

domestic violence, where services in custody before release would be advisable due to the elevated risk of victims. Justice Services also advocates for enhanced pre-release planning for medical, mental health, and substance services enrollment.

“Justice Navigators” can help with post release strategies to assist individuals with compliance with court appearances and the associated anxiety. Strategies may include reviewing court dates and release conditions and consequences for failure to abide by them. Phone calls and text reminders can help a person plan to get to court. The most common reason people do not go to court is they forget or do not know where to go. Court is intimidating. Being able to simplify and demystify the process, navigate complicated systems, and have additional support goes a long way.

Respondents to the community survey have commented that resources should be redirected to housing, treatment, and other community services. It is at least as important to discuss and implement strategies that will get people to appear for court, successfully adjudicate their case, and complete whatever sanction is rendered, whether or not they take advantage of other services offered. Treatment and housing aren’t a magic wand that negates current involvement in the criminal justice system.

## Task 3: Assess funding options available to the county for facility improvement options proposed and related services

### Overview of Funding Options

The Commission has relied on the County Administrator's Office and the Finance and Risk Management Department to provide an analysis of available revenue sources and their potential to provide the level of revenue needed to support jail improvement options, as well as related services or programming.

Table 7 contains a general overview of potential revenue options for capital projects.

**Table 7**  
**Revenue Options for Counties**

Revenue Options for Counties				
Revenue Options	Process	Implementation	Rate	Current Estimated Annual Revenue (2023)
General Sales Tax	Unanimous BOS approval	Taxable retail sales County-wide – paid by residents and visitors	½-cent Sales Tax	\$109 million
Jail District Excise Tax	Voter approval	Taxable retail sales County-wide – paid by residents and visitors <sup>1</sup>	¼- cent Sales tax	\$54 million
Jail District Ad Valorem Tax	Voter approval	Primary property tax paid by residents <sup>1</sup>	20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation	\$20 million
General Fund Primary Property Tax	Majority BOS approval	Primary property tax paid by residents <sup>2</sup> .		Determined by the BOS through the annual budget process
General Obligation Bonds	Voter approval	Secondary property tax paid by residents <sup>3</sup> .		Determined by a bond committee and the BOS
Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO)	Majority BOS approval	Primary property tax paid by residents <sup>2</sup> .		Determined by the BOS through the annual budget process

<sup>1</sup> Funds restricted to Jail District & jail purposes. Requires County to continue its existing "maintenance of effort" cost to support the jail facility.

<sup>2</sup> Funds for multiple purposes & capital projects

<sup>3</sup> Funds for capital projects

In Pima County, capital improvement projects have historically been funded through the sale of voter-approved General Obligation (GO) bonds. The process of developing and approving GO bonds initiatives has involved significant community engagement, input and approval. This process and the accountability to the Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee has helped to engender trust that approved projects will get



delivered. GO bonds have been used for construction of libraries, court facilities, parks, law enforcement facilities, the Pima Animal Care Center, and other capital improvement projects. More recently, the County has transitioned to using the General Fund Capital Improvement Fund Pay-As-You-Go (“PAYGO”) program.

The Commission’s Finance Working Group reviewed the various funding options, which included their associated caps in funding, tax rate levels and other related limitations. Four funding options are available to recommend for consideration individually or in combination:

- General Sales Tax - Sales tax revenue can be used for a myriad of purposes. Approval of up to a half-cent general sales tax requires a unanimous vote by the Board. If the Board approved a half-cent sales tax for Pima County, the revenue generated is currently estimated to be around \$109 million per year. The tax would be paid by residents, non-residents and visitors for purchases of goods and the amount generated would fluctuate with the economy.
- Jail District Excise Tax - By statute, counties have the authority to establish a county jail district for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, operating, maintaining, and financing county jail facilities. This authority is contingent upon voter approval of a Jail District Excise tax. If approved by the voters, these funds would be restricted to the Jail District. The Jail District statutes also require the County to continue its existing “maintenance of effort” to support the jail facility. If the required maintenance of effort plus the revenues generated by the applicable Jail District tax are insufficient to fund the acquisition, construction, operations, maintenance and financing of the approved Jail District, additional supplemental funding sources would be needed. The excise tax (sales tax) would be paid by residents and non-residents and visitors for the purchase of goods and would also fluctuate with the economy. The Jail District Excise tax would be capped at a ¼ cent sales tax and is estimated would generate \$54 million of revenue annually.
- GO Bonds – As stated above, the County has historically funded capital projects through voter-approved GO bonds. To implement this funding option, the Board would need to approve a resolution ordering and calling a special General Obligation bond election to be held to finance specific capital projects. If approved by the voters, the Board would issue debt and levy a secondary (i.e., debt service) property tax to finance the improvements over a specified period. Currently, a one-cent increase in the debt service property tax rate equates to approximately a \$1.0 million increase in secondary property tax revenue. The tax would be paid by residents through property tax collections. Elections to approve GO bonds must be conducted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November per Arizona Revised Statutes §16.204.B.1.d.
- PAYGO (Primary Property Tax) is a program of the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) that is funded through a primary property tax set aside from a percent of cumulative decrease in the secondary tax rate for debt service and the increase in the primary property tax base from the previous Fiscal Year as approved by the Board. The Program’s objective is to provide funding for General Fund capital projects and initiatives, fund road repair through Fiscal Year 2029/30, and lower the combined County property tax rate. As currently authorized, PAYGO is subject to a cap of \$50 million, however a majority of the Board could choose to amend the current policy and adjust the General Fund Primary Property Tax accordingly.

The applicability of the funding options listed above would be driven by the cost of the various improvement options being considered for the jail facility. Table 8 illustrates levels of revenue needed to make average annual debt service payments expected to support a range of capital project costs. The Commission estimates jail improvements to result in annual debt service payments ranging from approximately \$42M - \$61M over a 25 year period.

**Table 8**  
***Revenues Needed to Support Ranges of Annual Debt Service Payments***

<b>Scenario</b>	<b>Estimated Total Project Cost using \$50 M to \$100 M Increments</b>	<b>Debt Term</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Estimated Average Annual Debt Service Payment</b>
1	\$100 M	15 Years	5 %	\$ 8 M
2	200 M	15 Years	5 %	16 M
3	300 M	15 Years	5 %	25 M
4	400 M	15 Years	5 %	33 M
5	500 M	15 Years	5 %	42 M
6	400 M	20 Years	5 %	28 M
7	500 M	20 Years	5 %	36 M
8	600 M	20 Years	5 %	43 M
9	650 M	25 Years	5 %	42 M
10	750 M	25 Years	5 %	49 M
11	850 M	25 Years	5 %	55 M
12	950 M	25 Years	5 %	61 M

Of note to the Commission was that all counties in Arizona, except for Pima, Maricopa and Mohave counties, have a half-cent general sales tax. However, Maricopa does have a jail facility excise tax, as well as a road and health care district taxes to offset General Fund costs. Locally, all municipalities within Pima County impose their own sales tax.

Aside from construction, operating and maintenance costs, Jail District Tax revenues can also be used for programming and services. It can be used for additional Corrections staff and new programs, such as programming for education and life skills, implementing an integrated criminal justice information system, expanding pretrial release, enhancing substance abuse evaluation and other programs designed to reduce recidivism and jail costs. In Arizona, ten counties have approved jail taxes, with Cochise County receiving voter approval in May 2023 to collect a one-half cent Jail District Excise tax for a new jail facility.

A Jail District Tax would provide a recurring source of revenue to address a need for a dedicated funding stream to provide for ongoing programs, staffing, maintenance, and capital improvements to prevent the County from falling into a comparable situation of jail disrepair in the future.

While a Jail District Excise Tax is not projected to be sufficient in and of itself to pay for the initial capital improvement expense and the debt service that would be associated with that, the Commission can envision how it might be combined with other options to achieve the goal. For example, GO bonds could be approved and used for the initial capital improvements, with a Jail District Excise tax considered to supplement the current Maintenance of Effort (current level of operating costs), to fund future operating and programming costs, including those related to reducing jail population.

## Public Outreach

### Open Meetings

The Commission conducted public meetings. Attendees were directly engaged in Working Group breakout sessions at a meeting on July 27, 2023. On August 10, 2023, the Commission convened a meeting to take public comment, but had to adjourn the meeting shortly after it started because members of the public disrupted the proceedings, preventing public input. The Commission later rescheduled the meeting and the public was invited to provide comments via a Webex webinar on August 21<sup>st</sup> – 8 public speakers were heard.

### Webpage

A Commission webpage was established for the public to be able to view its meeting schedule and access all materials provided to Commissioners. The Commission invited the public to submit comments on the Commission's work and concerns. Between March and August 2023, the public had the opportunity to submit comments via a public comment form on the webpage, by telephone, and mail. Commissioners received 31 written public comments through this process.

The majority of comments received opposed adding jail capacity given the cost and concerns over the number of deaths at the jail. While review of deaths in the jail is outside of this Commission's purview, the Commission believes that building a newer facility utilizing current best practice in higher observation design and risk reduction furnishings may improve supervision and reduce negative outcomes in the future.

The overarching issues specified in written comments are summarized in three categories:

#### Inmate Safety

- Number of deaths occurring in the jail.
- Need for clear policies to ensure the health and welfare of all detainees.
- Most people detained are awaiting trial and have not been convicted of a crime – the safety of all incarcerated should be the main concern.

#### Social Services

- Spend the millions needed for a new facility on much-needed prevention and treatment instead.
- Invest money toward community, social services, and treatment for the most vulnerable.
- Invest in local education, parenting initiatives and infrastructure for childcare and teens – reduce law enforcement encounters early.
- The jail's mission should be to facilitate rehabilitation and reintegration into society.
- No new jail until systemic problems of cash bail, lack of deflection programs, lack of accessible drug treatment programs and shortage of affordable housing and rent control are resolved.

#### Detention Facility

- Exhaust all avenues of renovation and fixes before spending money on a new facility.
- A new or upgraded facility should be built and operated to maximize the ability to provide services to inmates.

- There should be a stand-alone secure detox facility with better means to observe sick detainees' conditions to prevent overdose deaths and suicide.
- Any new facility should be clean, well-lit, have reliable functioning electrical, plumbing, air-conditioning, and heating systems for both inmates and staff well-being.
- Do not build a jail that just assumes the jail population is going to just grow and grow. Instead commit as a community, stakeholders and partners to reduce the jail population.

The Board of Supervisors received a report from the No New Jail Coalition, "A People's Report on the Pima County Jail: Why the Jail is Killing Our Community and What We Can Do About It," Fall 2023. The authors described deaths that have occurred in the PCADC and proposed investments in social services and programs as an alternative to jails. However, their report also agrees, "Currently, incarcerated people at PCADC are living in deplorable conditions which include an in-custody death rate over 4 times the national average, reported overcrowding in various population of the jail, rampant illicit drug use and overdose rates without access to safe use supplies, low staff recruiting and retention resulting in regular lockdowns, poor maintenance of the facilities, horrendously inadequate medical and mental health care, and poor budgeting resulting in food and medical supply insecurity."

### Public Survey

An unscientific public survey was publicized and opened December 27, 2023 through January 13, 2024. The public survey aimed to gauge community respondents' knowledge and viewpoints on the current state of our Adult Detention Center and the growing needs related to our incarcerated population. The veracity of responses cannot be verified.

The survey was broken out into five sections with 17 questions – Demographics of respondents, Detention Center Conditions, Detention Center Mandated Programs and Services, Detention Center funding and a free text opportunity for respondents to openly comment about the PCADC.

The survey results show that 1,987 surveys were started, with a total of 1,626 (82%) fully completed, meaning each page of the survey was accessed by the respondents. The number of responses to each question varies as there were incomplete survey submittals, and/or the option to answer multiple answers to one question ('select all that apply'). Relatedly, four survey questions offered the option to choose 'Other' for respondent input.

At the completion of the survey, respondents were offered an additional opportunity to provide open text feedback, of which 956 responses were collected.

### Brief Analysis

For this analysis, all responses were considered, including those from incomplete surveys, so that all public feedback is represented. Appendix B contains summary data and all free form text comments submitted. What follows here is the staff's best efforts to characterize the range of comments received.

### Knowledge of PCADC

The majority of respondents get their information from Local Media Sources, followed by information from some level of personal / social network (e.g., family, friend, neighbor, person affiliated with the jail etc.), and third most prevalent was work-based knowledge – either directly working in the facility (Pima



County Sheriff's Department current or former staff, Pima County staff or jail-contracted staff), law enforcement, judicial agencies, or social work – largely working with client groups that are (or have been) incarcerated.

### Primary Goal of the Pima County Adult Detention Center

There were 1,764 respondents to this question with 3,762 total responses selected. Of the unique responses (note, respondents could select multiple), 'Rehabilitation' of inmates represented 58% of total responses, followed by 'Reintegration into the Community' with 57%. This question offered a 'select all that apply' option with additional open text opportunities which also supported rehabilitation, reentry, community safety, and other supports.

Notably, of the respondent group that selected two or three options - Rehabilitation and Reintegration (selected together) represented 58% for the group with two selections, and 44% of respondents that selected three available selections selected 'Deterrence, Rehabilitation and Reintegration'.

### PCADC Conditions and Potential Support for Renovation / New Construction

Regarding the current facility conditions, 64% of respondents said that conditions are NOT adequate for current or future needs. Response options enabled respondents to select 'all that apply' for the available selection choices. The two most selected options by the respondents were 'unsafe and unsanitary conditions' and 'deteriorating and failing infrastructure' representing 72% and 70%, respectively. Responses also indicated that the facility wasn't large enough and the design doesn't meet the County's current or future needs.

Respondents in both the quantitative and qualitative analyses felt that there were very specific facility and programmatic deficiencies in medical, mental health and detox services. Similarly, the adjustments and reduction of previously existing program capacity (including, but not limited to education and training, outdoor activities, visitation, and meal services) needed to be improved upon – both in the facility capacity, but also operational programming.

The majority of respondents indicated that some level of facility adjustment needs to be made to PCADC – either brand new jail, renovation of existing facility, combination of both, or specific improvements to housing or service spaces in the center. Of the unique respondents (1,670 that responded to the question of supporting jail construction), only 18% stated they do not support any new construction or improvements, followed by 7% who would support depending on cost. The rest of respondents (almost 75% between all other options) selected an option that addresses a facility modification, with almost 19% suggesting a completely new facility.

While the majority of respondents supported some level of jail modification, 42.5% said they will not support any taxation to pay for any facility modification or new facility, whereas 22.5% stated that they would like to see a facility bond election, and 15.9% selected a regional jail excise tax.

### Findings

Survey findings align with capacity and housing analyses completed for 2023 trends. Notably, there has been special attention (in the survey selection options, and qualitative survey feedback submitted) that the facility is at (or over) capacity, specifically highlighting facility deficiencies, overall space deficiencies

for housing, and staffing deficiencies with clear focus toward inadequate space and services for mental health, medical and detox services.

Notably, operational best practice for staffing, safety and housing is to function within an operational capacity of 85% of design capacity in housing units. PCADC had multiple units at or over design capacity for calendar year 2023 (January through November) – specifically in the areas noted as a priority in the survey responses.

In calendar year 2023 (Jan – November) the mental health unit averaged 112% capacity (holding on average 5 more individuals than it has capacity). The tower units – specifically 2A and 2B had 7 of the 11 months over design capacity (average 104% and 105%, respectively over the period), with all remaining months being over 95%. In addition to the mental health unit – 5 of the 8 pods in the East Wing averaged over 110% capacity, monthly. Additionally, the overflow unit has averaged 83% monthly – further demonstrating the lack of space capacity.

### Medical, Mental Health, Detox

As previously stated, January through November 2023, the mental health housing unit averaged over 110% capacity monthly, over the period. Medical data suggests that an average of 1,033 individuals (monthly) in PCADC had a chronic medical condition. Additionally, on average, of those medically screened at booking, 61% are put on detox protocols.

Between January through mid-December (December 20th), there were approximately 9,654 unique individuals (estimated to be over 10,000 with close of year data) put on detox protocols, an average of 805, monthly (for either opiates, alcohol, benzodiazepines, or some combination). Detox protocols for opiates make up the majority of the detox engagement, with an average of 650, monthly (81%) of total detox counts. For reference, in 2016, the monthly average for opioid protocols was 211, monthly representing a 208% increase.

Data (quantitative and qualitative survey data) clearly supports respondents statements pertaining to adequate medical, mental health and detox protocols. Housing units dedicated to these services / special populations are currently (and routinely) at or over 100%. These populations require additional medical attention, therapeutic interventions and are at higher risk than the general population booked into the facility.

### Other Themes from Survey Respondents

In addition to inadequate spaces for special populations with medical or mental health acuity, major recurring themes that emerged out of the survey were as follows:

- Operational Deficiencies at PCADC – either management, staffing, training (lack of) and culture;
- Alternatives to incarceration and the criminal justice system / process; and
- Rehabilitation, coordinated reentry planning, community resources (social, medical, mental health and housing).

There were also comments that alluded to the facility being inadequate and inhumane conditions.

The following represents a random cross section of the free form comments submitted representing the multiple themes.

"The jail overuse is driven by multiple system factors, law enforcement practices, court system processes and issues (e.g., lack of public defenders, delayed court hearings and rescheduling court hearings) our poor behavioral health system, and lack of affordable housing. The jail needs improvements for detainee safety, but their health and safety is also determined by the quality and retention of good staff. High attrition of correctional officers and other support staff contributes to unhealthy and unsafe conditions at the jail. Invest or re-invest in our county justice reform efforts. What happened to this work? The County has left this behind. We need investments in housing, our public and behavioral health services, and other community supports. Jail pop forecasting is difficult; there are too many variables to account for. COVID happened & jail #'s went down. A cautious but humane approach should be taken and not build a new jail."

"My primary thoughts: (1) renovated facilities are needed (2) an emphasis should be placed on facilities and staff for wrap-around services that support the goal of reducing recidivism (3) the jail population projections for the next 20 years do not presume any substantive adoption in the evidence-supported practices used in other states to reduce jail (and prison) populations. It is a grave disservice to concentrate mostly on facilities. Addressing root causes and systemic contributors to criminal behavior, as well as reducing pre-trial detention, implementing bail reform, workforce skills, and diversion programs have all been known to reduce population. The report also gave short shrift to the impact of the MacArthur Grant. If the population of the jail grew a yearly average of 3.58% from 2000-2013 and was reduced by -1.36% between 2014- 2019, this was statistically significant in that there was a 5% improvement."

"This commission's work is inadequate and slapdash. A volunteer group of professionals with no real guidance or authority and ineffective and unknowledgeable staff support combined with Sheriff Nanos' refusal to cooperate with the Commission, make the report more of a WAG than informed professional advice. The County Administrator should throw this report in the trash and try again with a national consultant who will use engineers, architects and detention center construction experts who would do a thorough, top to bottom assessment of the facility. Moreover, an actual scientific survey of County voters and taxpayers is needed to adequately judge the public's appetite for funding new detention facilities. This review on the cheap is exactly that. Try again with real experts who have real authority. If the Sheriff won't cooperate, tell him good luck with his consent decree, which is where this is heading."

"There comes a time where it is not cost-effective to repair and repurpose outdated structures. The projection for the 2024 economy is that it will be "normal" (See Axios newsletter dated 12/26/23). This appears to be a time to make the necessary investment in corrections infrastructure. I would like to see an equal amount of money invested in addressing the causes that lead to people seeking crime as a lifestyle. Such as programs for at-risk individuals, treatment for mental health and addiction issues. Let's address the root causes of these problems."

"These issues are complicated and represent trade offs since we can't do everything. May I suggest that the public sentiments collected by this survey be put aside because

they are piecemeal perceptions from a non statistically represented sample (and in fact it's not even a sample at all but just a haphazard collection from folks who care to reply). Relying in any way on this "survey" is unwise. Please allow the professional community to assess our needs, explore design options, and consider cost and financing trade-offs in moving forward. The issues are too complicated and the long-term implications too important for any other approach. Thank you."

"Our knowledge of the effects of incarceration, even for brief periods, on the individual, the family and the community has increased greatly in the last several years. Updating or replacing current facilities to allow more rehabilitation inside the jail and to address physical and mental health issues should result in less recidivism. In addition, we must find ways to allow those who are in jail pre-adjudication (especially those who are there only because they can't afford bail) to remain connected with the community including jobs and families. Perhaps this is done through more work furlough programs. In addition, we must be able to separate adequately those who may be a danger to themselves or others from other populations. This is an opportunity to create a jail that supplements outside programs designed to reduce recidivism, crime in our community and the jail population itself. We must not waste this chance."

"It seems that spending 75% of the cost of a new facility to "rehab" a 40 year old facility would be a financially irresponsible decision on the Board's part. Taking into account the increasing county population, and evolving technologies, methodologies, and philosophies related to prisoner management basic reasoning should indicate that at the completion of an upgrade project, we would still have a 40 year old facility with "band aid" fixes/solutions. A "new" facility with inclusive forward looking anticipated room for growth to accommodate evolving changes in ideologies seems the most fiscally responsible approach to solve the problem."

"All indicators say a new facility is both required and probably desired. Discussions, considerations, and decisions need to be made relative to the requirements for a jail!! Distractions, scale downs, compromises based on other societal needs and desires (defund law enforcement, reduce jail populations by simply turning people out, no incarceration for "lowlevel" crimes, and a litany of other "social justice" causes) are not appropriate to decisions about a suitable jail facility. If (and it is) one of the key elements in providing for the safety of the citizens of the county is a jail, then we need a jail. Figure out the best way to pay for it and get on with it."

"Well, I think it's quite clear that Pima county needs a new facility to be built. Otherwise we wouldn't be here taking this survey right now. Stories in the news have made it quite clear that the facility is out of date and not able to handle our inmate population. So it would probably be best to bulldoze the old facility and construct a new one. One that is modern and able to handle probably double the capacity of our current one. Because quite obviously society isn't getting better due to our elected officials prioritizing individual choice over what's best for society, and we need to keep incarcerating people to stop them from harming others, property and themselves. But clearly treatment needs to be a part of that. Just throwing a person into jail and expecting them to fix

themselves doesn't work. Throwing them into jail and giving them options to make them themselves better is the way to go."

"I was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona, in my 63 years here crime has definitely increased in both severity/felony convictions, and Total number of convictions over the years. My opinion is that a regional sales tax, countywide, should be used to pay for renovation of the old facility for misdemeanor and nonviolent felonies, and the addition of a new facility for the convicted violent felons, that could be built in a less urban area. The clock is ticking, and a decision should be made sooner rather than later! Upgrading the old facility and building a new one will help to keep the community safer for the next 30 years."

"This facility is perhaps the single most critical piece of infrastructure in the county. It is critical that we protect society by detaining those who represent a safety hazard to the public, and we should not put ourselves in a position of letting dangerous inmates free because we do not have space to safely detain them. It is also extremely important that the inmates have a modern, safe facility to protect their well-being. Finally, I would insist that the jail facility provide for the safety and comfort for those members of the sheriff's department that staff the facility. I feel this project should receive the highest-priority of all potential projects in Pima County and I would support additional taxes to fund it."

"It is a demonstrable fact that every jail fills to its capacity; adding beds/facilities only ensures more detainees, especially when there are no other community resources to address social, addiction, and /mental health issues, many of which our jail should not be expected to handle in the first place. Pima County needs a greater reliance on community corrections, and unnecessary incarceration (i.e., due to lack of bail money or lack of other community resources) should be minimized if not eliminated. There are many arrestees that need to be incarcerated; my experience has been that far too many PCJ detainees did not present that necessity. I realize that PCJ staff are not in a position to dictate who remains in custody, but building a 'bigger, better' jail facility only makes it easier for other parts of the local community to shuffle these problems onto the Sheriff's department."

"The problems at the existing facility and the likely unavoidable increase in jail populations will cause changes to take place. The first question is whether the changes will occur through an open planning process or through court intervention. I think the initiative undertaken through the Blue Ribbon Commission is the only responsible way to initiate the desired changes. The commission had done a good job of laying out the contours of the problems and an appropriate range of response options. I strongly favor the construction of a new facility. In my experience renovations are replete with unexpected problems, and often result in sub optimal outcomes. In addition, renovations usually wind up costing a lot more than initially imagined."



"A large number of the inmate population is there due to mental illness and drug dependency. The Crisis Center at the Kino South campus was developed to address some of those issues. It was not built to handle the level of demand that currently exists. Why not consider expansion of that facility to take the mental health and drug related inmate load off of the current jail as people with those issues do not normally need the higher level of incarceration/security. The current jail needs to be replaced, not "fixed." It may be more affordable to construct more appropriate, and less expensive, facilities where that expertise exists at the Crisis Center and reconsider the cost of a true "Jail" for those who have committed serious crimes. The current jail is not acceptable at any level and needs to be replaced with a facility that can handle the anticipated growth of true felons and serious misdemeanors as the community continues to grow over the next few decades."

"Unfortunately there are and will be individuals who are dangerous to the public and who commit serious crimes causing injury or death to innocent people. It is a primary responsibility of county government to protect county residents. Consequently, an adequate jail is essential to protect the public. We are seeing recidivistic crimes increasing and incarceration is one means to reduce recidivism. Secondary and tertiary goals should be rehabilitation and reintroduction to society but protecting the public must remain the primary purpose of the jail. The Board must put public safety as the primary goal of any new facility. Thank you."

"My understanding from a recent article in the Star is that the federal government recently decided to stop placing immigrant detainees in a privately operated facility in the Tucson area. Opportunities to use other existing detention facilities in the county should be explored along with building a new facility or remodeling the existing jail. Think outside the box as much as possible."

"I am not an expert and read through the report - appreciation for the many people who worked on this. Clearly there is a need, it will be expensive, and not doing anything isn't an option. We pay now or later. While I had to choose a funding mechanism, I really am not able to make an informed decision (I wish there had been a "don't know/unsure" option). I trust our leadership to make the best decision to move these needed changes forward. It also speaks to the need for prevention, which should focus on poverty reduction, eviction prevention, mental health services and substance recovery programs, targeted workforce programs and youth development programs. The Prosperity Initiative has many guiding policy positions that should be considered. While the report didn't discuss staffing issues in detail, I would think this is also an area that needs attention, particularly adequate wages and benefits."

"Before reading the report I questioned the need for a new jail. I now see the need, but I also would like to see continuing efforts to reduce the jail population as was done during the pandemic. I doubt that jailing people for simple drug possession deters many, if any, drug users. What type of restorative justice programs are offered? What changes can be made to reduce inmate deaths even before a new facility is built? The commission may

say this was not their mandate, but I would be more likely to vote 'yes' for money for a new jail if these programs were put in place before asking me to vote for a new jail."

"I read through the report of the Commission. I was also the structural engineer for design and construction of the existing Pima County Main Jail. As I expected based on my knowledge of the existing building structure, the report did not identify any serious structural problems with the existing main jail building. But I was convinced that a new facility is needed due to the fact that our community only addresses the adequacy of the jail once in a generation. Comprehensive repairs and expansion of the existing jail would significantly improve the facilities, but the facility would still be left with major FUNCTIONAL OBSOLESCENCE problems. Since we only address the adequacy of the jail once in a generation and both the repair and replacement options are very expensive, let's do it right, build a good replacement facility, and provide the next generation of law enforcement officers, prisoners and prisoners' families with the best facility we can provide them."

"From the knowledge I have speaking with a Blue Ribbon Committee member, who has deep knowledge about Pima County social, legal, criminal and cultural conditions, I believe that a new facility should be constructed. The facility to be built following modern standards to provide safe, temporary care for adults who pose a threat to the community or themselves. A comprehensive set of programs inside and outside of the main facility would make the most sense. I disagree with those who advocate for no jail facilities. The repeal of most of the MHSA in 1981 did a great disservice to American communities and I believe has led to the huge mental health/homeless problem in our cities. The same would be true if detention centers were similarly not funded. I and my family would absolutely support a tax to fund a new facility. The welfare of all Pima county citizens depends upon investing in infrastructure, education and incorporating evidence based research into the planning processes."

"You are so focused on continuing the status quo and then building more and bigger jails, which will always have the same problems and always be vortexes of dehumanization, because you refuse to focus your efforts and our tax dollars on supporting public services for communities, for children, for caregivers, for elders. Mental healthcare, insurance for all, affordable housing, funding for schools so teachers are paid what they are worth and don't have to buy their own supplies, parks and recreation centers that aren't neglected and left in disrepair, good roads with accessible walking and biking conduits, funding for the arts and creativity. All the money is there, we have paid you already with OUR taxes, and if our money were invested in communities, in ourselves, instead of a violent policing system that does nothing to really keep us safe, we could work toward a world without jails. Thank you for asking; are you even going to listen? I'm not the only one telling you this."

"Instead of a new jail, we need changes that reduce the number of people detained without jeopardizing community safety. This includes changing arrest, risk assessment, bail bond, and prosecution policies and procedures, as well as implementing alternatives to incarceration and treatment. We need to stop detaining people because they are poor

(can't make bond) or unhoused (perceived as at risk for not showing up to court); jail should be for those who are assessed to be a true risk to public safety. During the height of the COVID pandemic, the population decreased because of changes made to how our justice system operates. We can do it again. It will require compromises and risk taking, but all progress and success is built on taking chances and some failure along the way. The people of Pima County deserve leaders who are willing to take risks for the sake of progress. We deserve an investment in the long term wellbeing, health, and safety of our community, and a new jail is not it."

"I am but one man with one opinion but it is obvious that the question isn't whether a new jail is needed, the question is whether there is the will to identify and support funding for such a facility. Building a new jail is the right, and frankly humane, thing to do for the employees that work there and the inmates that occupy it. It is also worth noting that deciding to do nothing or some inadequate half-measure is a decision unto itself and comes with its own set of costs. While I only find myself at the jail every so often I'm in court regularly and there seems to be a strong correlation between the jail inadequacies and a delay in getting cases processed. I don't do defense work but I know there are perpetual issues with defense attorneys being able to meaningfully communicating with their clients due to video visitation tech issues or in-person visitations being stymied by lockdowns that are likely due at least in part to inadequate facilities. Time to move into the 21st century."

"The physical plant is less the issue than the actual delivery of care and services. More is needed to address the mental health and substance abuse needs of the individuals held. Lack of services and care is a major issue as evidenced by the number of deaths. Clients are routinely released without their medications and often in the middle of the night. While in custody, it often takes weeks for clients to be seen by psychiatry or to be able to get glasses, hearing aids, other necessary devices. Many of the treatment need issues could be resolved if we did not suspend AHCCCS upon entry into the jail. We need more and better treatment providers to help our clients. The jail and community would be better served by developing a comprehensive center where clients could go to get IDs, AHCCCS turned back on, help with transportation, medical care upon release to insure they have their medications, clothing, meds."

"The County needs to invest in the community. Unfortunately, in the current state of laws, systems, and practices we need a form of a detention center. However, it would greatly improve if it more seen as a place to do intake, address health (physical and mental), stabilize individuals who need to be stabilized, and depending on the nature of the crime, assigned a reentry navigator. It reduces how many people need to be detained but there is a focus on meeting basic needs and safety while improving community safety. If a person must be detained due to the severity of a crime, having access to that same support is critical. We must see reentry services as the piece to a puzzle of how systems of criminal justice keep failing."

"It is unconscionable that Pima County is seriously considering investing \$858 million in a new jail, rather than investing in community services, programs, and supports to

reduce the jail population. The fact that this proposal hinges on the expectation that the jail population will only continue to grow in the coming years is evidence enough that the Blue Ribbon Commission's entire purpose was to find a way to justify a foregone conclusion that the County must build a new jail or expand the current one. Pima County jail is killing our community members and reinforcing dangerous cycles of violence and mental illness by continuing to cage those from extremely vulnerable populations. A shiny, new jail will NOT solve the culture of negligence and mismanagement that is inherent to Pima County Jail, and it is not by any means an adequate solution to the social issues our county faces. Pima County needs to invest in community-based solutions, not more incarceration."

"Close it down. Most of those incarcerated there have not been convicted of a crime. Almost none have had an actual trial. Cash bail is a racket the poor cannot afford. The criminal justice system is itself criminal and inflicts more harm by far than any that it may prevent."

"Jails are inherently inhumane. The potential \$858 million dollar investment into carceral space is a disgusting use of money that could go towards strengthening community based services, schools, fighting climate change, etc. The jail is killing our community members through a culture of negligence and mismanagement. Incarceration does nothing more than perpetuate the cycle of poverty and illness. There is no way to "improve" a jail because social issues cannot be solved through incarceration. The only thing jails do is worsen a community and put its members at risk of harm. There are much better ways this money can be spent that support the community and encourage it to thrive rather than punishing it."

"Jail is inhumane and deadly. The pima county jail is one of the deadliest in the country. Since 2020 at least 59 people have died inside the jail or immediately upon their release. This potential \$858 million dollar investment into carceral space is a grotesque and frankly embarrassing use of money that could go to bolstering community-based services. The jail is killing our community members due to a culture of negligence and mismanagement, and because incarceration drives cycles of illness and poverty. None of these things are improved, and are only worsened by incarceration. You cannot solve social issues through incarceration. I strongly oppose this proposal for a new detention center."

## Conclusions & Recommendations

The Commission was charged with three specific tasks. The results of our limited scope of work should be considered a first step and foundation for a more comprehensive review of the county jail needs.

Commissioners have had spirited debate mirroring public comments. We reached unanimous agreement about many important findings. We struggle to make unanimous recommendations about future jail capacity. We agree something must be done to relieve the strain of current conditions to prevent a crisis but have differing ideas for arriving at solutions. We were not tasked with researching or making recommendations for jail diversion or population reduction methods, but it has become evident that the public expects creative methods for reducing the jail population to be considered as part of any future solutions.

The Commission can definitively answer some key questions and make recommendations for moving forward. We confidently make the following assertions:

- Insufficient evidence was presented to characterize the current situation as a “crisis” as Sheriff Nanos has described it.
- Jail facilities have exceeded their useful life in many areas after 40 years of operation. Building improvements or replacement are necessary.
- There are many design deficiencies that limit the full benefits of the direct supervision method of inmate management. Most of these deficiencies cannot be corrected with simple renovations.
- The design of the healthcare, mental health and detoxification units are obsolete. They need to be expanded and reimagined.
- The sprawling nature of the jail complex creates a need for excessive inmate movement which is highly inefficient and negatively impacts operations.
- A recurring, dedicated source of funding for jail maintenance and capital improvements is needed.
- As currently configured, the jail houses as many as 769 more inmates than it was originally designed for. This has negatively impacted operations and living conditions.
- Inmate demographics have evolved. A snapshot of the inmate population on December 6, 2023, highlighted that 94% of pre-trial inmates were detained for felony offenses. The average daily population is increasing.
- The average daily inmate population is above the operating capacity of the facilities resulting in overcrowding in specific areas, notably the detoxification unit, healthcare unit, and mental health unit.
- Inmate populations may exceed maximum design capacity by 2029 if there are no changes to add capacity or change the operating environment.
- To renovate/rehabilitate existing facilities inmate populations must be temporarily displaced. Pima County does not have adequate facilities to accommodate.
- Jail population numbers are impacted by many external causal factors that need to be further studied.
- The best practice of inmate supervision is Direct Supervision.
- Some amount of new construction will be necessary to support a growing population and/or displacement of inmates to allow for rehabilitation of current facilities.



## Capacity Discussion

Perhaps more than any other, the topic of capacity has been discussed most. Two diverging positions emerge depending on the question asked. Are more beds needed to meet operational needs? Can factors driving the inmate population be changed to result in the need for fewer beds?

The Commission concluded that historical trends give every indication that the inmate population will continue to grow over time, assuming no changes to the operating environment. The MacArthur grant programs had a positive effect. During the implementation period, inmate populations initially declined and then were maintained at that lower level. Post pandemic, inmate populations have begun to rise again, despite the ongoing efforts of the Justice Services programs. This may be explained by changing inmate demographics. Historical trends have evolved. Now, 94% of pre-trial inmates are charged with felony offenses which involve more lengthy case processing and higher bonds than misdemeanor offenses. As a result, we suspect that more jail beds are being consumed.

We estimate that the jail population will exceed design capacity by 2029. The jail will be in crisis long before that. Actions to address jail population may include adding capacity to the jail and/or implementing policies or programs influencing external factors affecting jail population such as availability of medical, drug treatment and mental health services, social services such as housing assistance; and/or, legislative and criminal justice policy and procedural changes. We know that planning for and consideration involving any possible new jail construction does not happen overnight. It is clear that the Board's request to the County Administrator to do an initial assessment of the jail is timely and prudent.

In this report we have predicted a need for 3,162 beds to meet needs through 2044 assuming no changes to the operating environment. The options we propose for jail improvements are based on this forecast.

## Jail Improvement Alternatives

The Commission considered four facility improvement options. We considered high level scope of work for each option and the associated risks. We considered many factors to determine if the options met the criteria below. Two options were deemed feasible. One is preferred.

Criteria for feasible alternatives:

- Must minimize disruptions to facility operations, facility access, safety and security.
- Must meet the needs of the community for a minimum of 20 years, which we consider to be the approximate time required to pay the debt service for money borrowed for construction.
- Any renovation or rehabilitation must extend the life of the buildings for a minimum of 20 years.
- Must provide a solution for temporary relocation of inmate populations displaced by construction activities.
- Must be able to phase construction in a manner that minimizes operational impact, but also permits concurrent activities to renovate and construct new facilities to shorten construction duration and minimize cost.
- Will ideally ensure that any capital investment will provide a path for future expansion if needed and maximize return on investment.

The two feasible options and their estimated cost are summarized in figures 14 and 15.

**Figure 14**  
***Option C – New Construction & Renovation w/Escalated Price Estimate***

Option C: Rehabilitate/renovate main campus facilities and construct new housing unit for additional capacity		
Scope	Risks	Conclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct new 1132 bed housing unit</li> <li>Temporarily reopen Mission Facility               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security improvements</li> <li>Renovation</li> <li>Furniture, fixtures &amp; equipment</li> </ul> </li> <li>Rehabilitate Tower &amp; West Units</li> <li>Add attached yards to Tower</li> <li>Add decentralized medical unit to West Unit</li> <li>Renovation of East Unit and support and staff support areas</li> <li>New parking structure</li> <li>Relocation of Sheriff's Training Center or incorporation into new construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better options for concurrent construction phases but, will cause major operational disruption.</li> <li>Site limitations               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May present archeological issues to remediate.</li> <li>May have to relocate sewer and water lines.</li> <li>May have to cap landfill to construct parking structure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Displaced pre-trial inmates will be housed in the Mission Facility. Access to medical and mental health treatment, professional visitation, and transportation services will have to be provided. Food and laundry services will have to be provided remotely.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20-year needs can be met but, it will result in maximum use of the property. No future expansion will be possible.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEASIBLE</b></p>
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Escalated Price Estimate for Construction Beginning in 5 Years</p> <p><b>\$623 Million</b></p> </div>

Option C – New Construction & Renovation, is the least expensive but results in an inefficient solution. Construction activities in operating facilities would be extremely disruptive to jail operations but may be feasible if phased properly.

- Option can only work if the Mission Facility is available to temporarily house displaced inmates from the West Unit as the phased construction activities are occurring.
- Additional medium/high security beds will be necessary to accommodate higher classification inmates displaced from the Tower during construction and to meet future capacity requirements.
- The cost estimate does not account for the possibility of having to relocate or otherwise incorporate the Sheriff's Training Center into a new facility.
- The cost estimate is inclusive of an almost \$118M premium for construction in an occupied facility and for a parking structure, neither of which will contribute to actual jail facility improvements raising questions about return on investment.
- The option assumes retention of all existing bed space, although we know the Tower and West Units house more inmates than they were originally designed to support. Ideally, the populations would be reduced for the operational benefit, but that would necessitate having to

increase the size of any new structure to include the additional beds depopulated from the other buildings. This is not accounted for in the cost estimate.

- There is little that can be done to enhance or improve the operational design of the Tower to bring it more in line with the direct supervision concept. Renovation will simply result in an outdated design that will continue to get further and further behind contemporary jail standards of the time well into the future.
- Reopening the Mission facility will require careful consideration of the proposed use of the building to determine the renovation requirements which may include additional hardening of the building for security, addition of recreation yards, and other reconfiguration to meet the safety and security requirements for the specific inmates it may house. This facility is the only one immediately available to the County to meet short-term housing needs as average daily populations increase. Planners should be mindful not to over plan facility requirements for renovations that will serve only short-term needs. If costs to renovate and operate the Mission Facility, including additional personnel, inmate transportation, and on-site medical care become cost prohibitive, this option becomes less feasible. These costs are not included in the cost estimate.
- This option will make maximum use of the existing site, perhaps limiting its future functional usefulness and total return on investment.

**Figure 15**

***Option D – New Construction w/Escalated Price Estimate***

Option D: New Construction		
Scope	Risks	Conclusions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construct a new 3162 bed corrections facilities campus on neighboring County owned property to take advantage of its proximity to Courts and support services and ease of access for law enforcement.</li> <li>• Master plan future expansion of the campus to assure its ability to meet long range custody needs of the County.</li> <li>• Possible reuse of the Mission Facility to support wrap around services appropriately co-located with the correctional facilities.</li> <li>• Relocation of Pima County DOT offices, sign shop and warehouses and lay down yards that currently occupy the construction site.</li> <li>• Reuse/demolition of existing facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locating suitable properties for relocation of Pima County DOT offices, sign shop, warehouses and lay down yards.</li> <li>• Site limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May present archeological issues to remediate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>NIMBY'ism</u></li> <li>• Constructing within the viewshed of the Registered National Historic Site on Tumamoc Hill.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presents the least operationally disruptive solution.</li> <li>• Opportunity to construct corrections facilities to current standards and design efficiencies.</li> <li>• Best option for long-term benefit of capital investment.</li> </ul>
		<p><b>FEASIBLE</b></p> <div> <p>Escalated Price Estimate for Construction Beginning in 5 Years</p> <p><b>\$858 Million</b></p> </div>

Option D – New Construction of a completely new jail is the least operationally disruptive solution and would provide opportunities to design out inefficiencies and to build a modern facility specifically designed to meet the needs of today and the future.

- The cost estimate assumes building on a greenfield site. It does not include any costs for relocating other County facilities if built on the adjacent lots.
- It is the most expensive option but has the potential of operational cost savings and programmatic benefits that could be achieved through design and master planning of new facilities rather than simply repairing or rehabilitating within the existing constraints of the current layout.
- If done properly, a modern design can better align with current inmate management philosophies – such as direct supervision, resulting in a safer facility for inmates and staff and provide environments suitable for treatment and observation of inmates suffering from chronic or acute medical conditions, substance use disorders or mental illness.
- Design features, such as clear lines of sight and visibility in housing and observation units, more suicide prevention fixtures and accessible recreation yards, can effectively reduce the amount of Corrections staffing needed to operate the jail and improve safety.
- Opportunity to design building systems and infrastructure to modern standards that could create substantial ongoing operational maintenance cost savings.
- If co-located near the Mission Facility, might provide opportunities for reuse of that facility to support other jail related wrap around services in the future.

In determining whether to repair or rebuild facilities, the County should consider whether ongoing operation and maintenance savings that could be achieved by designing and consolidating facilities would justify the higher cost of building new as opposed to just repairing the existing facility. Pima County should seek a maximum return on investment with long term benefits to the community.

## Recommendations

1. Jail facility improvements are necessary. Inmate populations are expected to rise in the current operating environment. The condition of the facilities and increasing jail population dictate that the County be diligent in pressing forward to address these issues. Planning, design, construction and/or rehabilitation of security structures is complex and as seen in past projects can take up to ten years to complete. Maintenance, overcrowding and operational issues will worsen if planning for solutions is delayed or abandoned. Efforts to move forward with improvements in a timely manner are recommended.
2. The Commission recommends that the County proceed with efforts to contract a consultant to provide expert professional services to: 1) evaluate building conditions, 2) define specific options for remediating problems identified, 3) develop cost estimates for each remediation option, 4) make assessments of operational impact of each remediation option, 5) master plan how the current jail campus and adjoining properties might be developed to meet future jail needs considering site limitations and operational efficiencies, and 6) make recommendations for moving forward with facility improvements.
3. Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the criminal justice system and case processing policies to identify impacts to the jail, particularly related to bed use, to identify measures that if implemented would result in a reduction of inmate population.
4. Initiate a process to program, design, fund and construct jail improvements.

5. Appoint a new standing Committee of local criminal justice practitioners and other stakeholders responsible for researching proven methods of reducing jail populations and proposing changes to public policy, legislation, criminal justice services, or community based services such as behavioral health, substance abuse, housing and job assistance programs.
6. Make any solution a multifaceted approach that includes both improvements to the jail and programs that work to minimize jail populations.
7. Avoid taxation without representation. The Pima County community has demonstrated numerous times in the past its capacity to thoughtfully review GO bond proposals put forward to improve County facilities. Where genuine needs have been demonstrated, voters have been supportive. The volume of public input received indicates a desire and expectation of the community to be engaged in this matter.
8. Board levied taxes should be an option of last resort. The Commission feels the County would be best served by engaging interested parties during the planning process to gain support for improvements to the jail facilities and for programs to reduce the jail population.

The findings presented in this report provide an initial foundation for further discussion. We acknowledge and agree that a comprehensive look at our current justice system and its impact to the jail system is necessary; however, we as a community must still address existing issues at the PCADC to prevent a crisis state. Waiting for impactful lasting changes, at the legislative and judicial levels, can push jails experiencing critical capacity and operational issues to fall under Federal review and consent decrees as we have seen elsewhere, and we ourselves experienced in the past. It is important to note that any efforts considered today or near term would still be a few years away as additional discussions and feasibility studies would be needed.



# Appendix A



# Appendix B

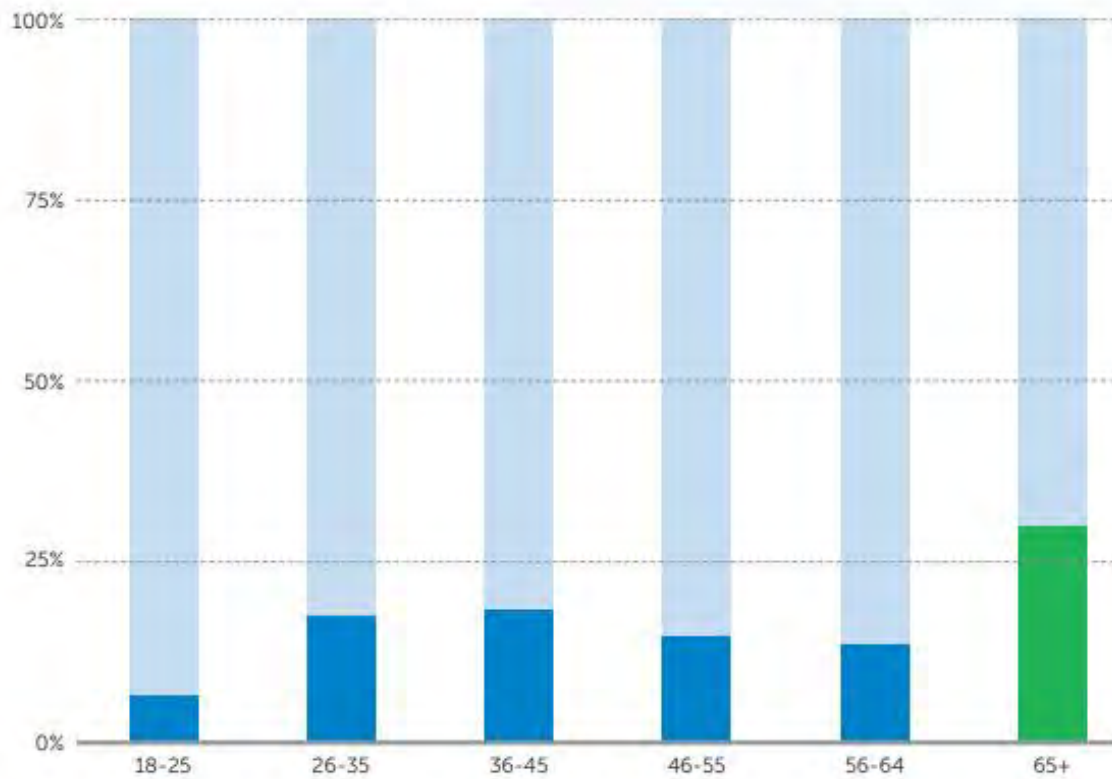
# **Blue Ribbon Commission**

## **Initial Findings Report Survey**





**What is your age?** Select one.

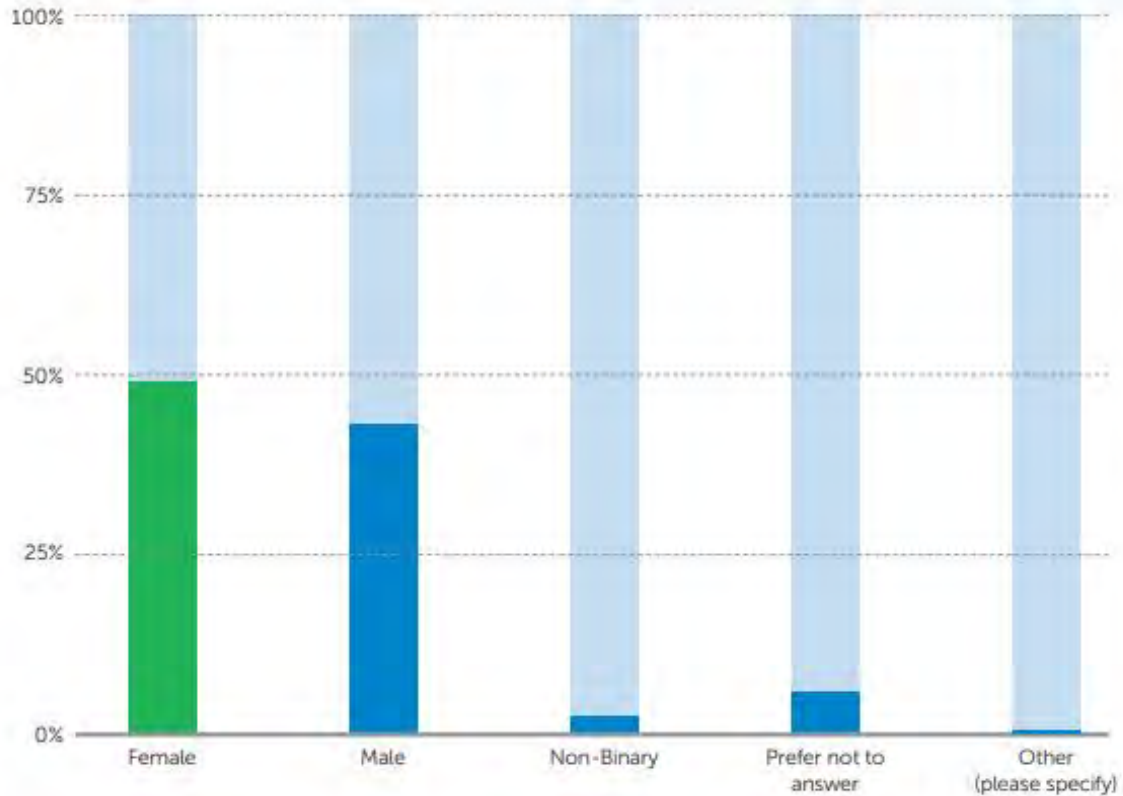


ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
18-25	6.03%	111
26-35	17.77%	327
36-45	17.83%	328
46-55	14.78%	272
56-64	13.70%	252
65+	29.89%	550
<b>Total</b>		<b>1840</b>





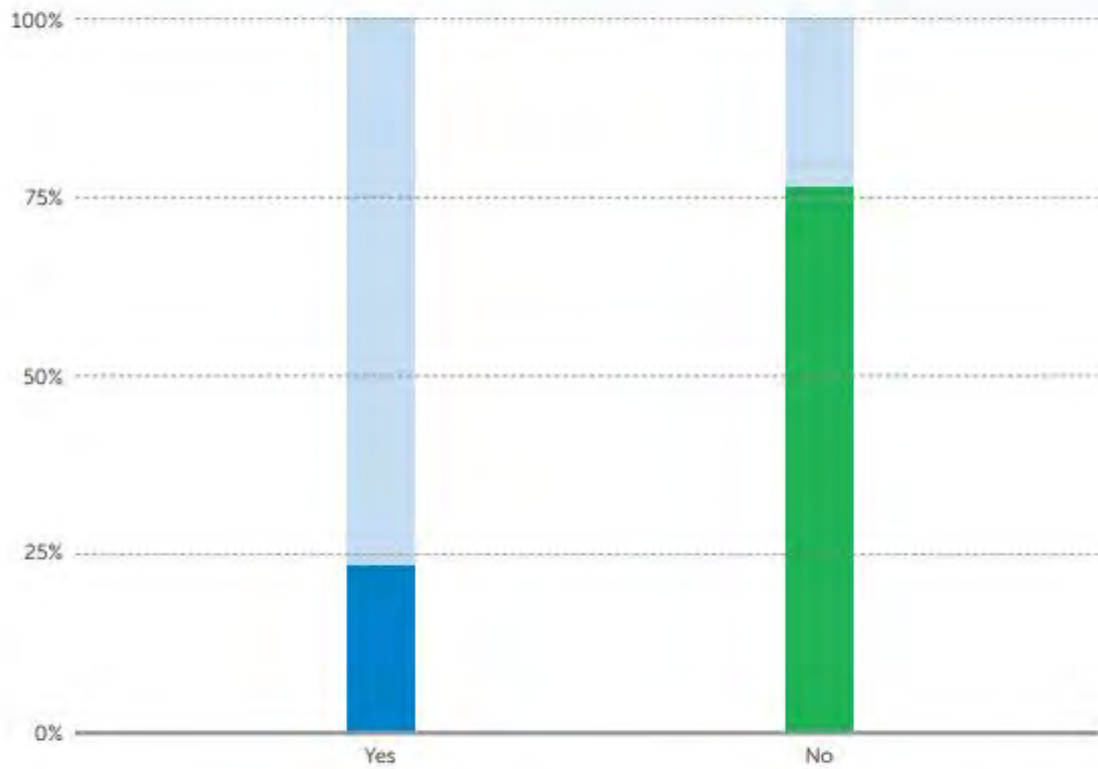
**What is your gender?** Select one.



ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Female	48.53%	893
Male	42.77%	787
Non-Binary	2.72%	50
Prefer not to answer	5.82%	107
Other (please specify)	0.16%	3
Showing 3 Responses		
1 No		1
2 Irrelevant to the survey		1
3 There are only two genders		1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1840</b>



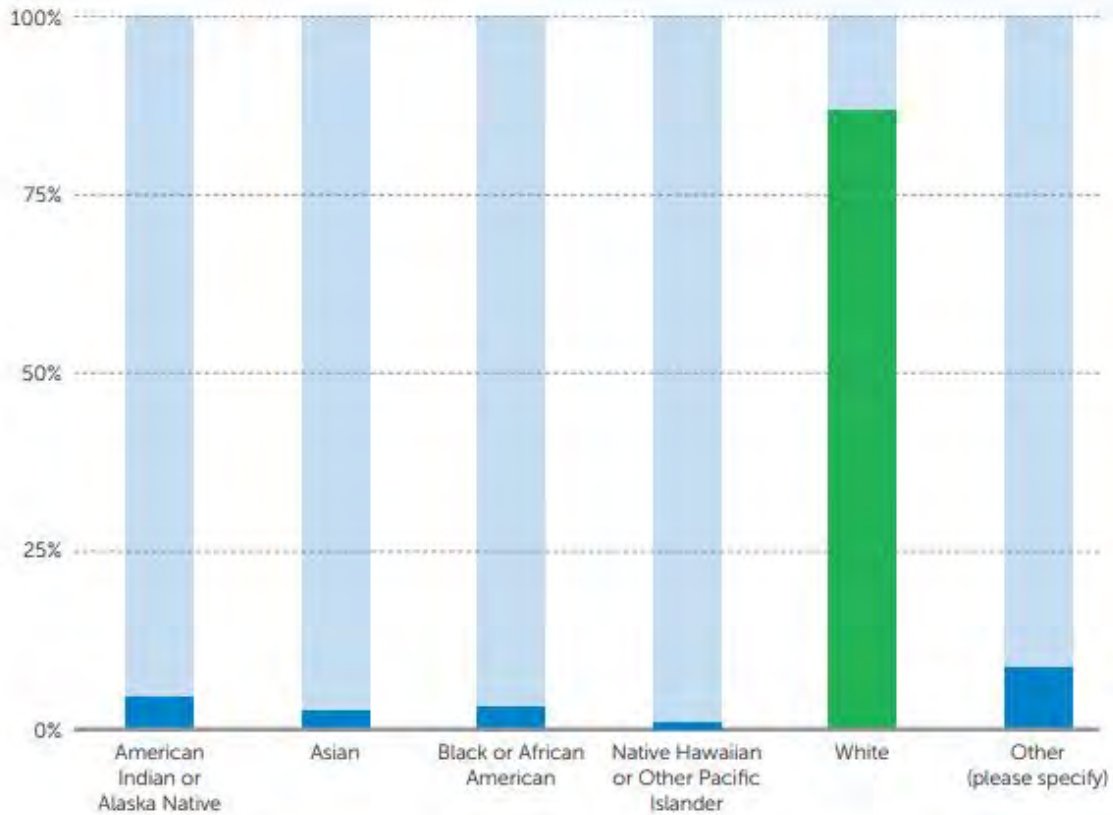
### Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin?



ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Yes	23.42%	431
No	76.58%	1409
Total		1840



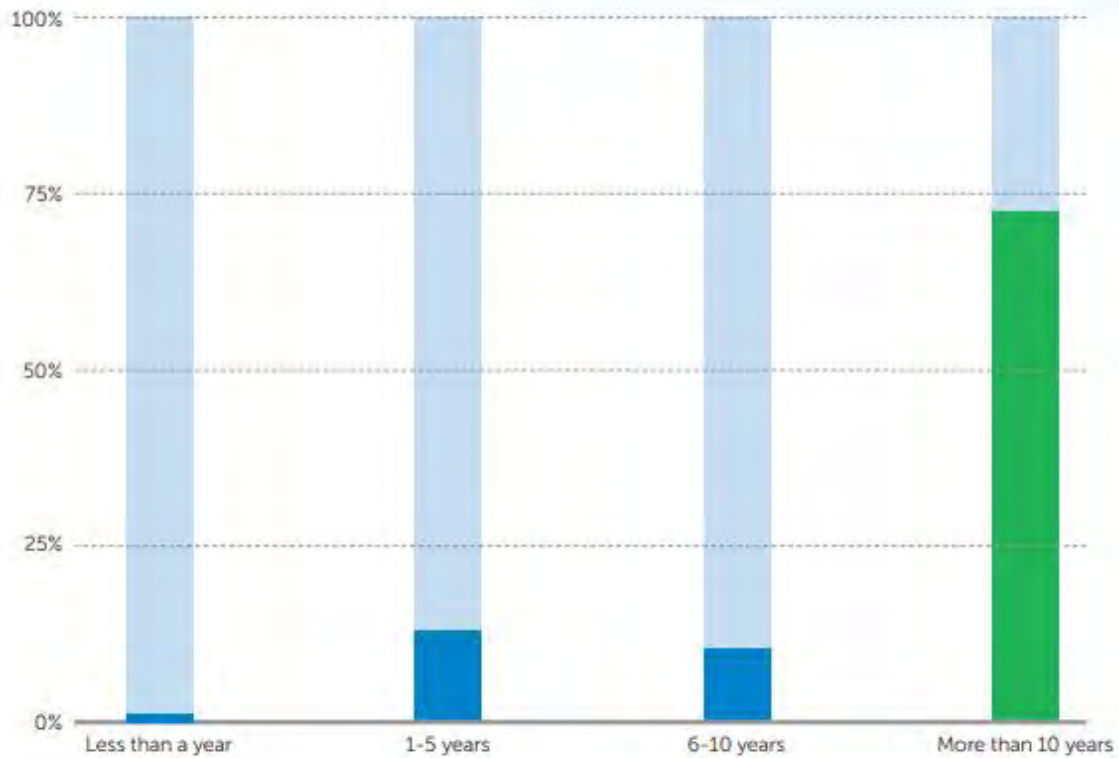
**How would you describe yourself?** Select any that apply.



ANSWER OPTION	%	% TOTAL	# OF RESPONSES
American Indian or Alaska Native	4.29%	4.08%	79
Asian	2.23%	2.12%	41
Black or African American	3.04%	2.89%	56
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.71%	0.67%	13
White	86.47%	82.14%	1591
Other (please specify)	8.53%	8.11%	157
<b>Total</b>			<b>1937</b>



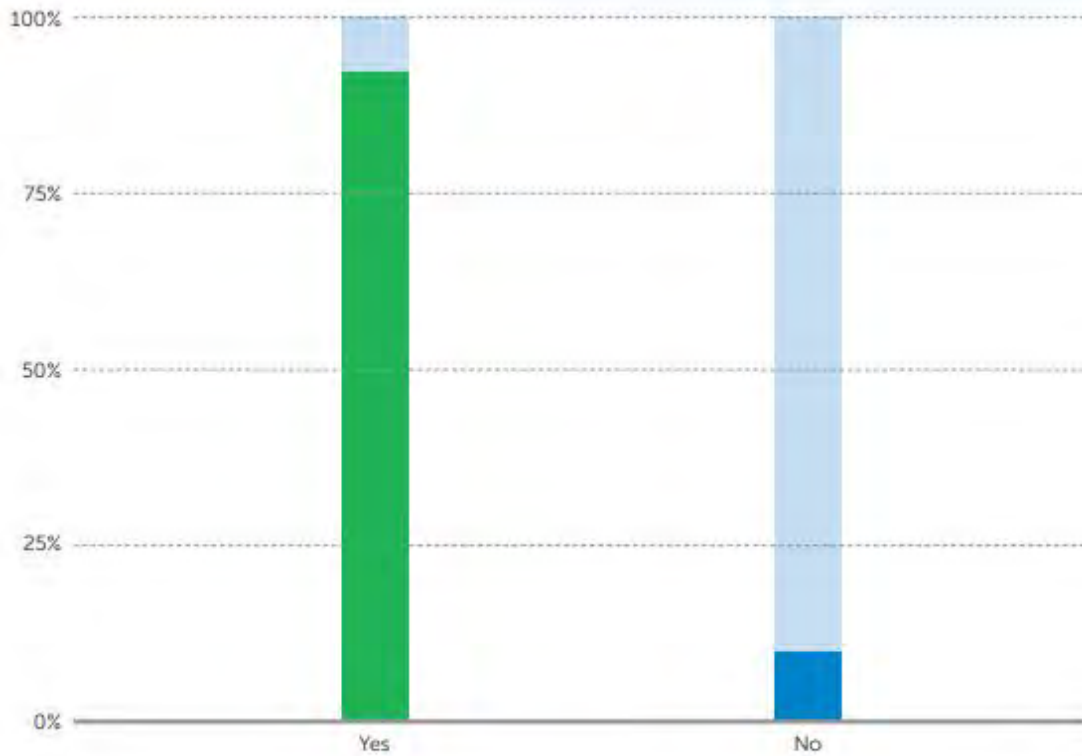
**How long have you lived in Pima County?** Select one.



ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Less than a year	1.85%	34
1-5 years	13.75%	253
6-10 years	11.2%	206
More than 10 years	73.21%	1347
Total		1840



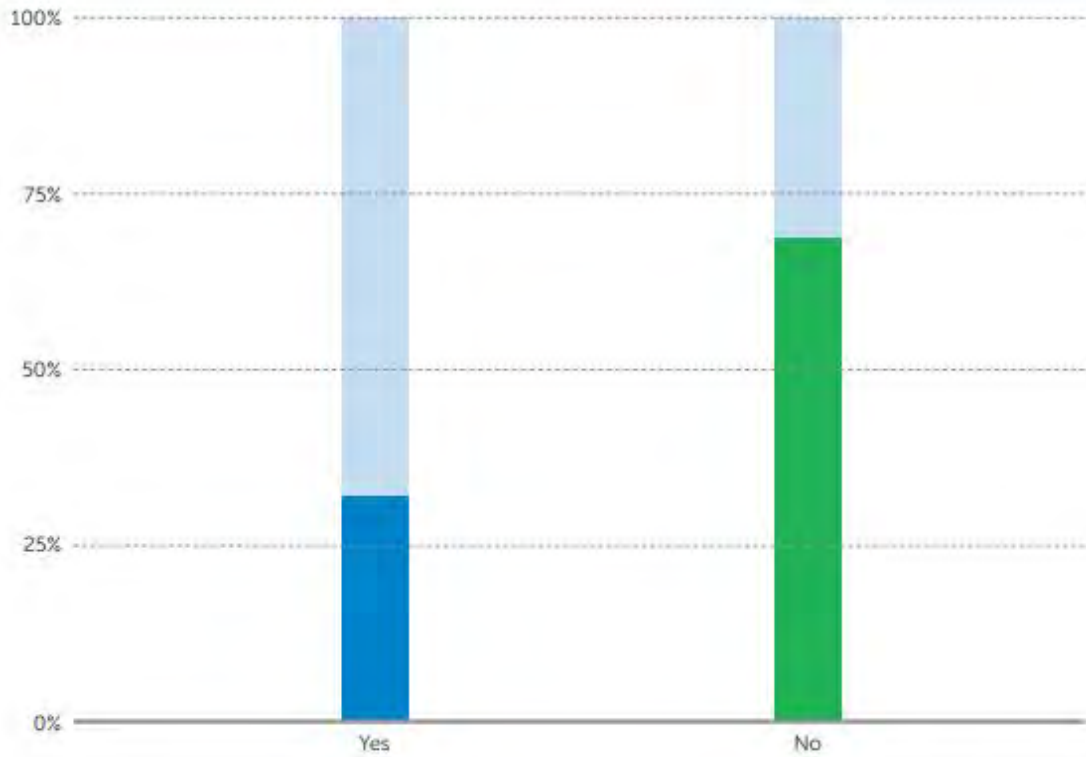
## Are you a registered voter in Pima County?



ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Yes	92.23%	1697
No	7.77%	143
Total		1840



**Has a family member ever been incarcerated for one or more days in the Pima County Adult Detention Center?**

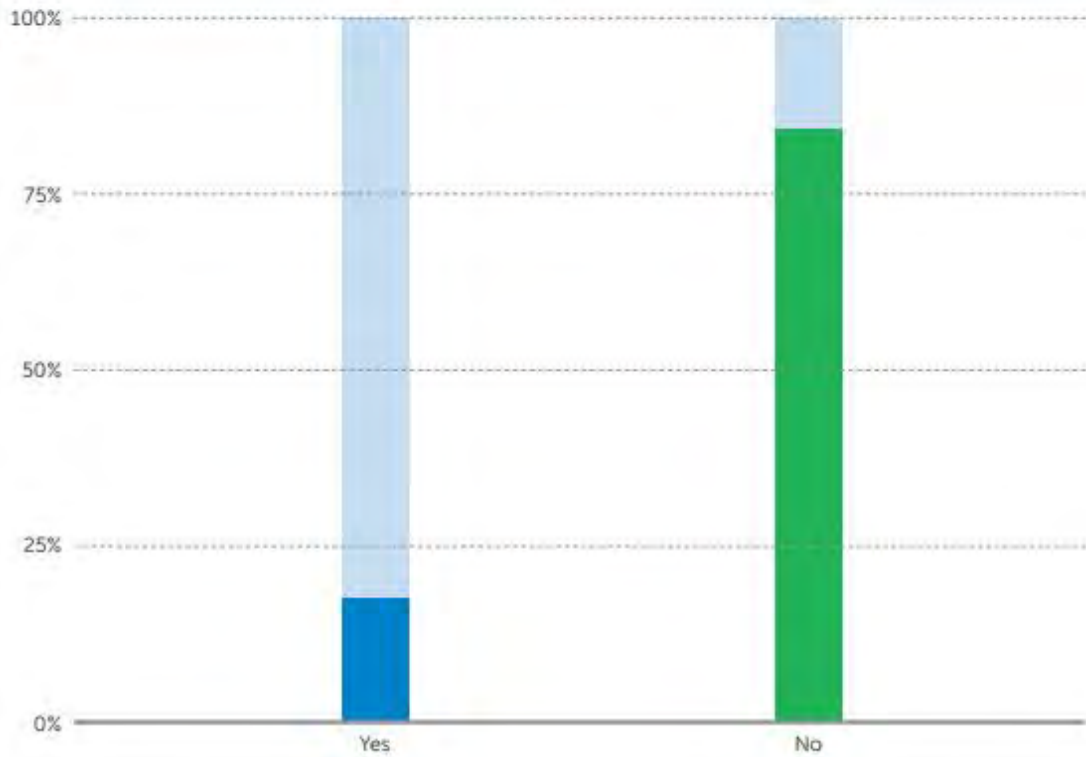


ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Yes	29.13%	536
No	70.87%	1304
Total		1840





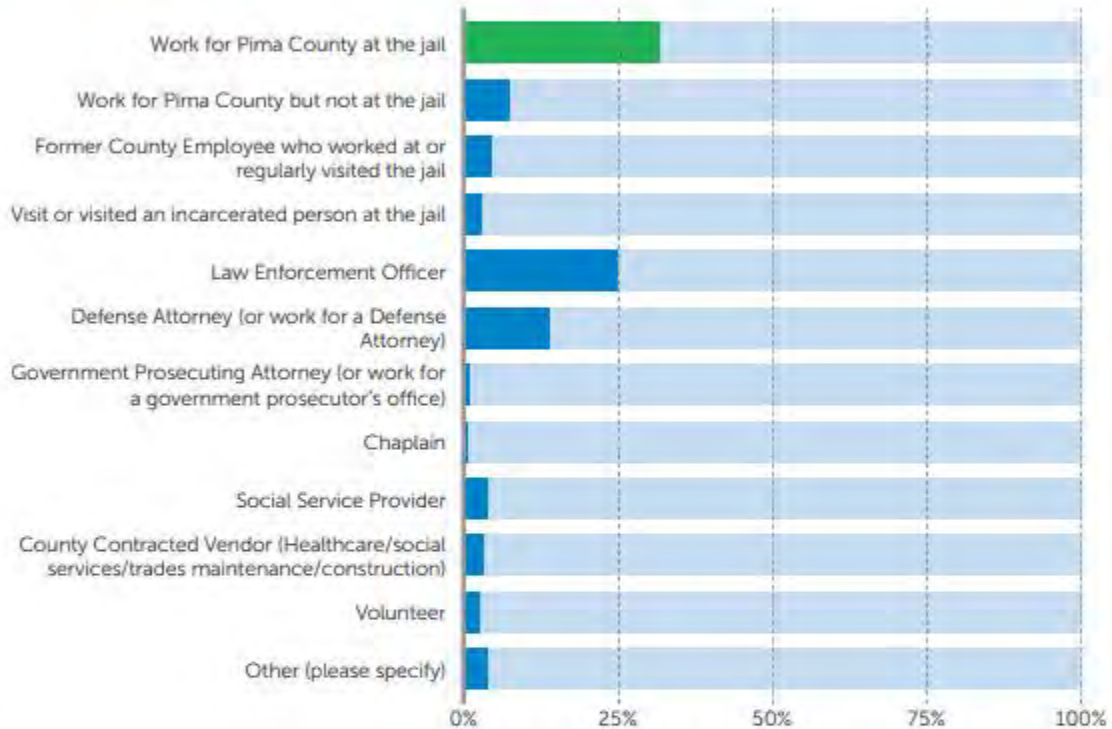
**Does your work or avocation cause you to have daily or frequent visits to the Pima County Adult Detention Center?**



ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Yes	16.96%	312
No	83.04%	1528
Total		1840



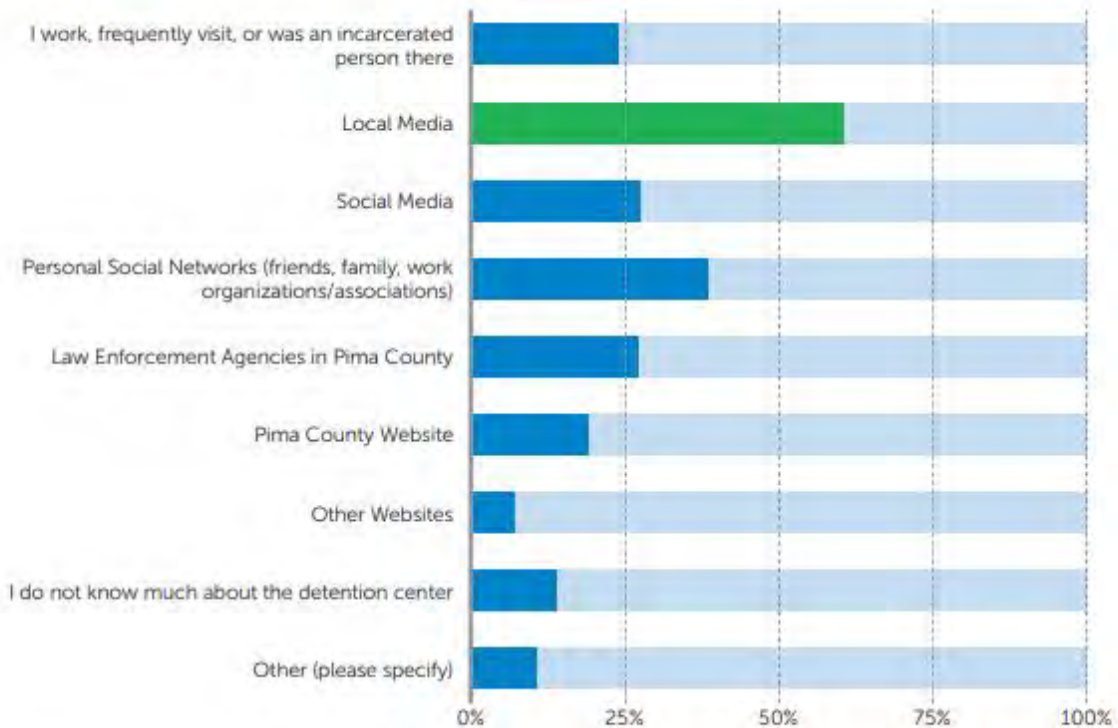
**Choose from the below that best describes your reason for frequent visits to the Pima County Adult Detention Center. Select one.**



ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Work for Pima County at the jail	32.04%	99
Work for Pima County but not at the jail	7.77%	24
Former County Employee who worked at or regularly visited the jail	4.53%	14
Visit or visited an incarcerated person at the jail	2.59%	8
Law Enforcement Officer	24.92%	77
Defense Attorney (or work for a Defense Attorney)	13.92%	43
Government Prosecuting Attorney (or work for a government prosecutor's office)	0.97%	3
Chaplain	0.32%	1
Social Service Provider	3.56%	11
County Contracted Vendor (Healthcare/social services/trades maintenance/construction)	3.24%	10
Volunteer	2.27%	7
Other (please specify)	3.88%	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>309</b>



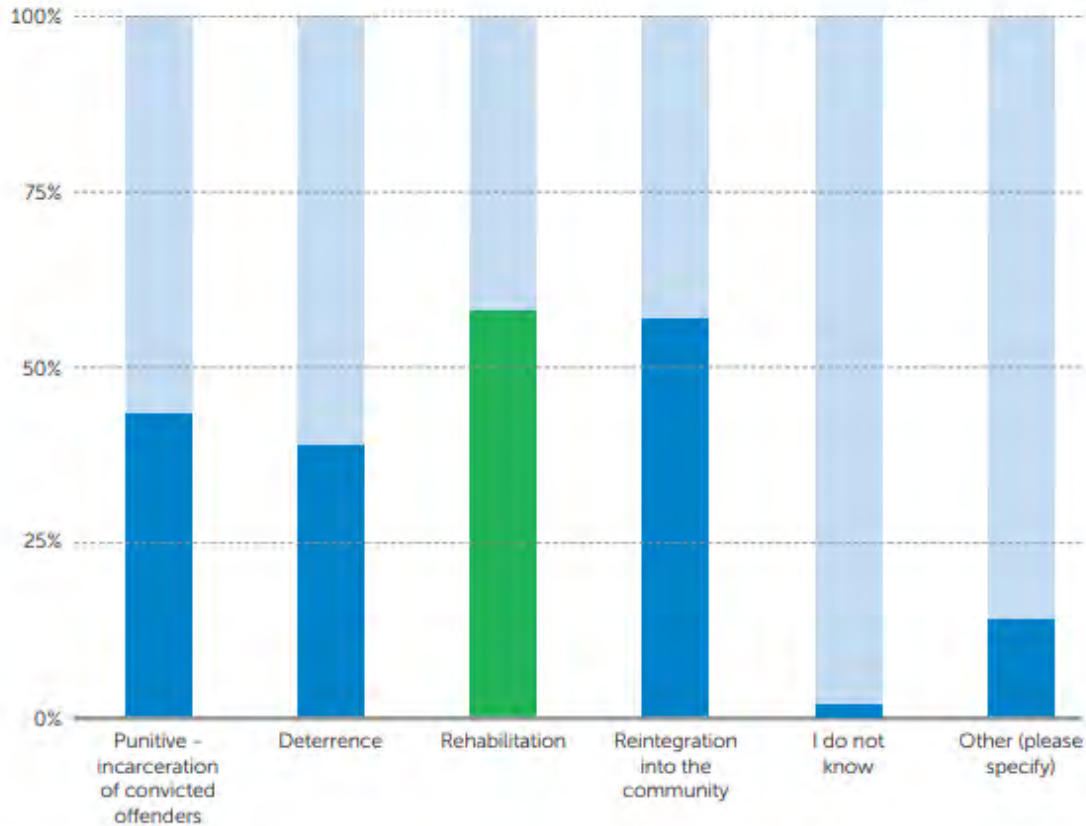
## From where do you get your knowledge about conditions of and in the Pima County Adult Detention Center? Select all that apply.



ANSWER OPTION	%	% TOTAL	# OF RESPONSES
I work, frequently visit, or was an incarcerated person there	21.43%	10.46%	378
Local Media	53.8%	26.26%	949
Social Media	24.43%	11.93%	431
Personal Social Networks (friends, family, work organizations/associations)	34.35%	16.77%	606
Law Enforcement Agencies in Pima County	24.15%	11.79%	426
Pima County Website	17.52%	8.55%	309
Other Websites	6.41%	3.13%	113
I do not know much about the detention center	12.81%	6.25%	226
Other (please specify)	9.98%	4.87%	176
<b>Total</b>			<b>3614</b>



**In your opinion, what should be the primary goal of the Pima County Adult Detention Center?** Select all that apply.

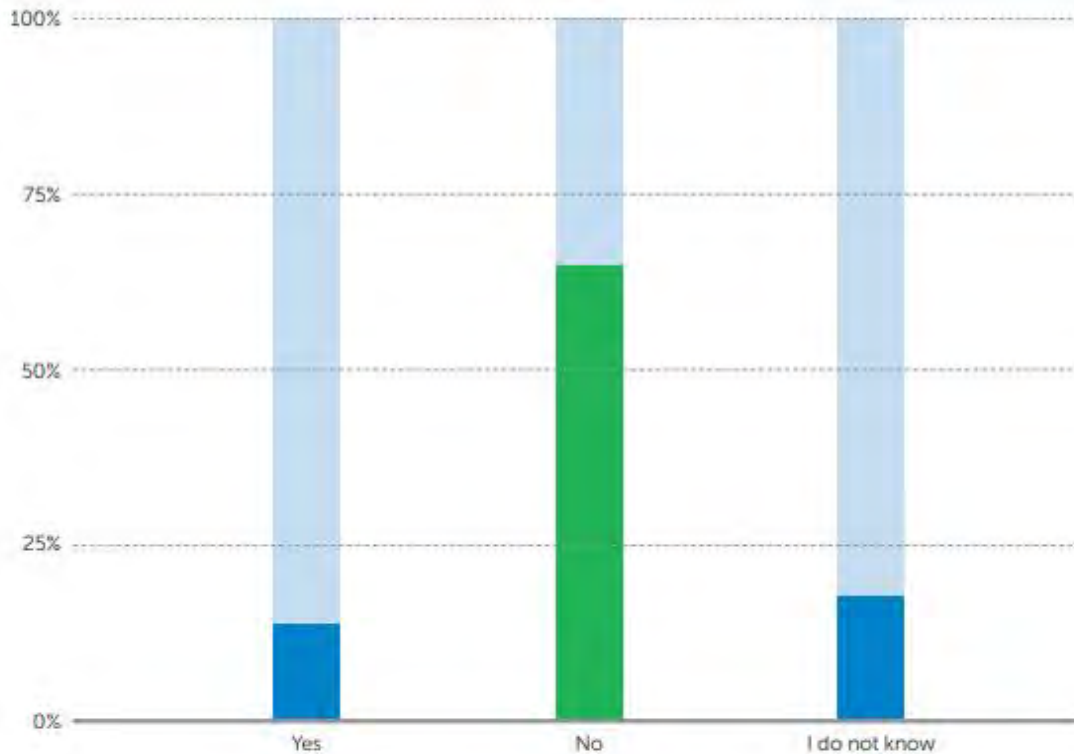


ANSWER OPTION	%	% TOTAL	# OF RESPONSES
Punitive - incarceration of convicted offenders	43.08%	20.2%	760
Deterrence	38.95%	18.26%	687
Rehabilitation	58.05%	27.22%	1024
Reintegration into the community	56.52%	26.5%	997
I do not know	2.55%	1.2%	45
Other (please specify)	14.12%	6.62%	249
<b>Total</b>			<b>3762</b>





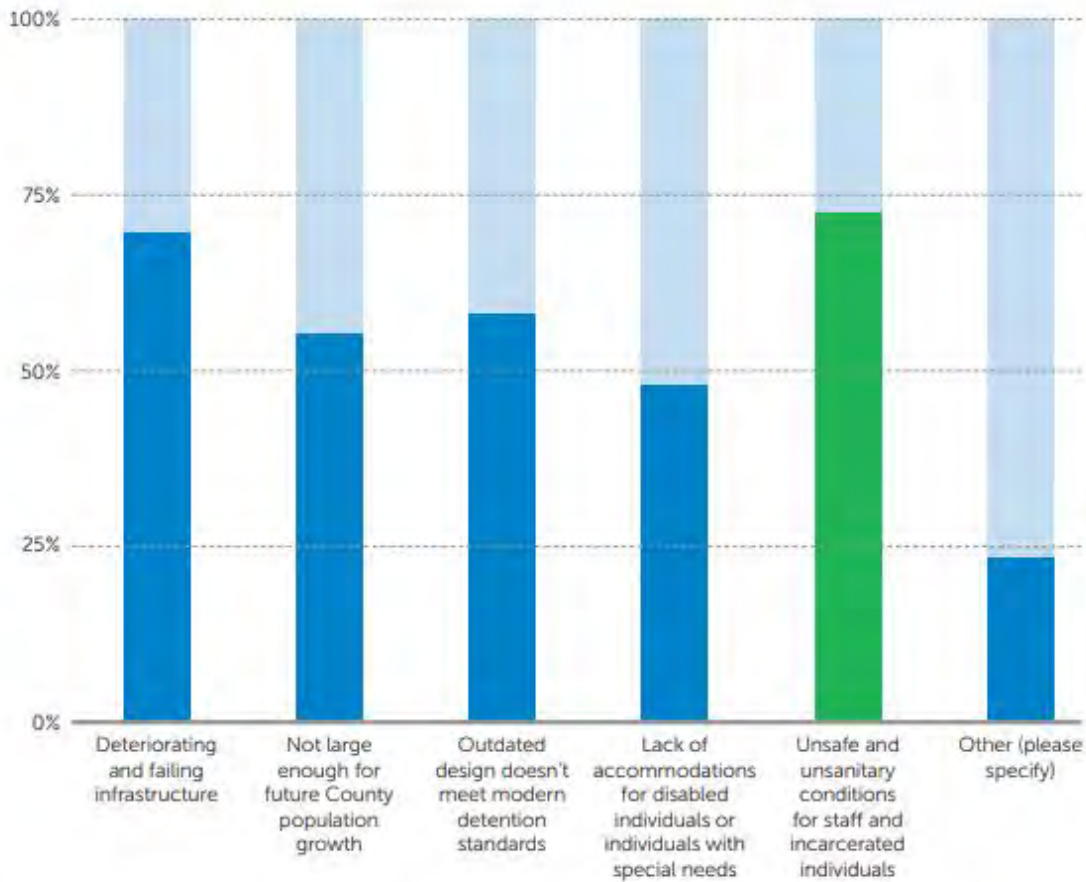
Based on what you know about the Pima County Adult Detention Center, is its condition adequate for current and future needs?



ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Yes	15.99%	282
No	64.23%	1133
I do not know	19.78%	349
Total		1764



## Why do you think the Pima County Adult Detention Center is inadequate? Select all that apply.

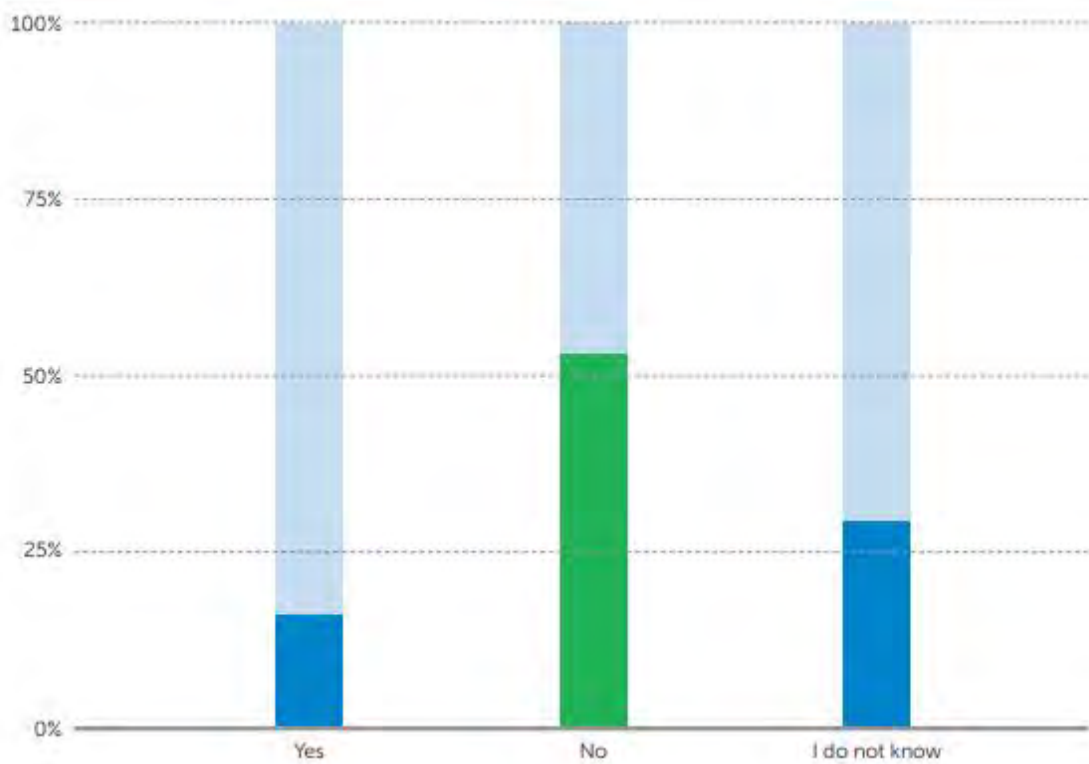


ANSWER OPTION	%	% TOTAL	# OF RESPONSES
Deteriorating and failing infrastructure	70%	21.36%	784
Not large enough for future County population growth	55.89%	17.06%	626
Outdated design doesn't meet modern detention standards	57.32%	17.49%	642
Lack of accommodations for disabled individuals or individuals with special needs	49.29%	15.04%	552
Unsafe and unsanitary conditions for staff and incarcerated individuals	72.23%	22.04%	809
Other (please specify)	22.95%	7%	257
<b>Total</b>			<b>3670</b>





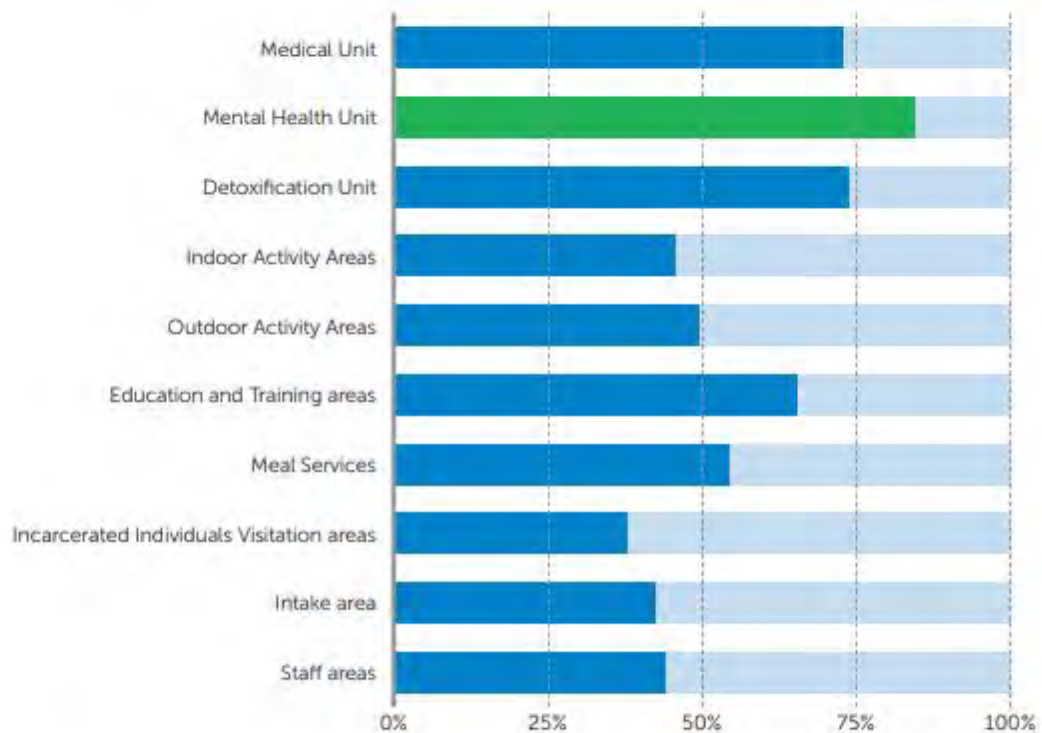
**Does the Pima County Adult Detention Center have adequate facilities for the provision of mandated programs and services to incarcerated individuals?** Examples of programs and services would be: healthcare, mental healthcare, exercise, alcohol and drug treatment, counseling and education.



ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Yes	16.28%	282
No	53.23%	922
I do not know	30.48%	528
Total		1732



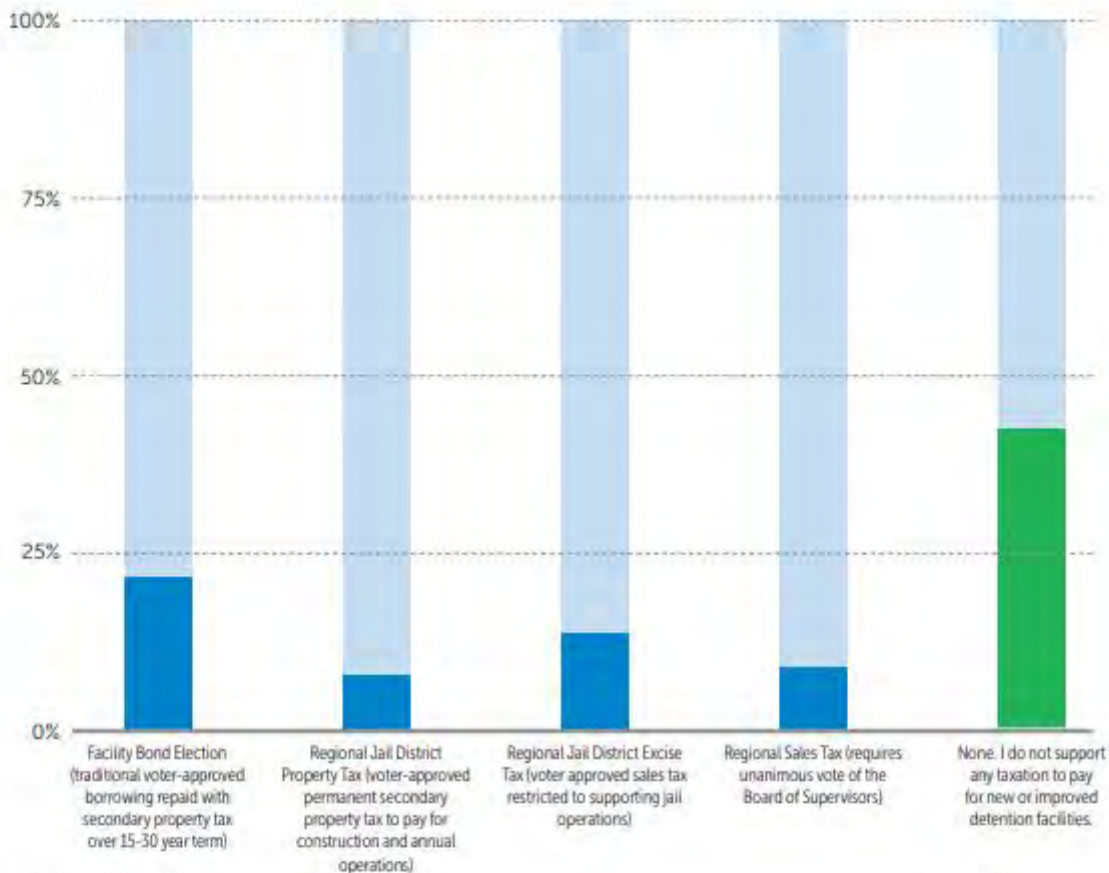
**Which facilities need to be improved or expanded?** Select all that apply.



ANSWER OPTION	%	% TOTAL	# OF RESPONSES
Medical Unit	72.87%	12.83%	666
Mental Health Unit	84.25%	14.84%	770
Detoxification Unit	73.52%	12.95%	672
Indoor Activity Areas	45.19%	7.96%	413
Outdoor Activity Areas	49.02%	8.63%	448
Education and Training areas	65.32%	11.51%	597
Meal Services	53.83%	9.48%	492
Incarcerated Individuals Visitation areas	37.64%	6.63%	344
Intake area	42.12%	7.42%	385
Staff areas	43.98%	7.75%	402
<b>Total</b>			<b>5189</b>



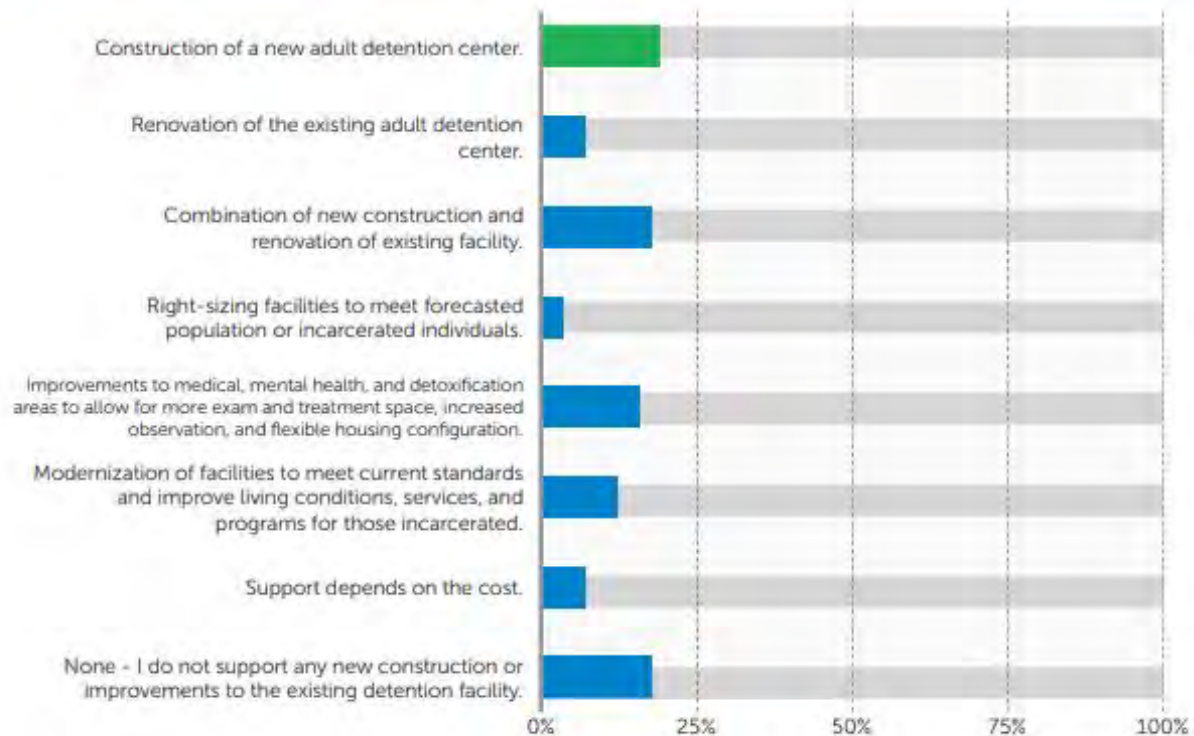
**If the County Board of Supervisors decides new adult detention facilities are needed, of which method of funding would you be most supportive? Select one.**



ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Facility Bond Election (traditional voter-approved borrowing repaid with secondary property tax over 15-30 year term)	22.51	376
Regional Jail District Property Tax (voter-approved permanent secondary property tax to pay for construction and annual operations)	8.74	146
Regional Jail District Excise Tax (voter approved sales tax restricted to supporting jail operations)	15.93	266
Regional Sales Tax (requires unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors)	10.3	172
None. I do not support any taxation to pay for new or improved detention facilities.	42.51	710
<b>Total</b>		<b>1670</b>



**If the Board of Supervisors decides improved adult detention facilities are needed, which of the following do you support the most? Select one.**



ANSWER OPTION	%	# OF RESPONSES
Construction of a new adult detention center.	18.8%	314
Renovation of the existing adult detention center.	6.65%	111
Combination of new construction and renovation of existing facility.	17.78%	297
Right-sizing facilities to meet forecasted population or incarcerated individuals.	3.47%	58
Improvements to medical, mental health, and detoxification areas to allow for more exam and treatment space, increased observation, and flexible housing configuration.	15.69%	262
Modernization of facilities to meet current standards and improve living conditions, services, and programs for those incarcerated.	12.46%	208
Support depends on the cost.	7.13%	119
None - I do not support any new construction or improvements to the existing detention facility.	18.02%	301
<b>Total</b>		<b>1670</b>

## Section 1

**Choose from the below that best describes your reason for frequent visits to the Pima County Adult Detention Center.**

**Select one. (For Other - Please specify)**

### **OTHER Responses**

- 1 I am a social worker, I use to work for Pima County (not in the jail), I have been a County Contracted Vendor and I have visited people at the jail.
- 2 Fire/EMS
- 3 8
- 4 Volunteer from Al-Anon for incarcerated women.
- 5 Substance use admissions specialist
- 6 Pima County Superintendent of Schools. We run the school located at the jail.
- 7 F ormer Law Enforcement Officer (34 years within Pima County)
- 8 Courts 1
- 9 Incarcerated
- 10 High school teacher inside the jail
- 11 I find this question too is irrelevant to the survey.
- 12 Prefer not to answer



## Section 2

**From where do you get your knowledge about conditions of and in the Pima County Adult Detention Center? Select all that apply. (For Other - Please specify)**

### **OTHER Responses**

- 1 I work in the criminal justice system 2
- 2 I work for the Sheriff's Department 2
- 3 I used to work there. 2
- 4 Following Blue Ribbon Commission & Findings
- 5 Retired jail corrections officer
- 6 BOS meetings, and emails through county email (I'm an employee with Pima County)
- 7 Social Work Agencies in Pima County, classmates of Pima Community College, contact with persons involved in specialty courts in Tucson.
- 8 I am a mother that lost a son in Pima county jail and I know people as well personally that have been in Pima County jail
- 9 My family member is currently incarcerated there
- 10 Former intern at a government agency and visited the jail repeatedly in the course of it with experience visiting a jail outside Arizona in the course of a different internship.
- 11 Local organizations and people who were previously incarcerated in the detention center
- 12 Discussion with the Sheriff
- 13 Accounts of the horrific conditions in the jail from directly impacted community members (those who have been incarcerated there, family/loved ones of those who are/have been incarcerated, private defense attorneys/public defenders.
- 14 From communication with a good number of loved ones in there that say basically the exact stuff
- 15 My son died in this jail within 24 hours of being there
- 16 I toured the jail from inside and out
- 17 Safety and Justice Collaborative with Pima County Justice Services
- 18 I've been there and its dirty staff treat inmates terrible.
- 19 Individuals who have been incarcerated at PCADC
- 20 I am retired, but I use to work at both the Juvenile and Adult Detention Center for over 20 years in the educational area.
- 21 Family experience
- 22 Manage the Health Services Vendor Contract, the RTC Program and the INVEST program
- 23 I am a Retired Law Enforcement officer
- 24 Community Collaborative Member, Safety and Justice Challenge
- 25 Newspaper
- 26 I work at a public library and often assist previously incarcerated individuals or people who have loved ones incarcerated.
- 27 Son was incarcerated there from September 2022 thru October 2023.
- 28 I have worked in a juvenile detention center in the past. My family member also works for the Federal Public Defenders Office representing death row inmates and was on the case with Barry Jones who was just released from death row after almost 30 years of being falsely accused of murder.
- 29 Retired Law Enforcement Officer and I have booked many people into the jail and conducted interviews there.



30 I am a prosecutor that has worked at the Pima County Adorney's Office for the past 13 years and have a caseload  
comprised mostly of defendants that are in custody while pending trial/sentencing.

31 I used to work at the Public Defender as a paralegal.

32 Member of the Civilian Advisory Board to the sheriff

33 Presentation by organization given to law students

34 I live near the facility and drive by it nearly daily.

35 Worked for Pima County Sheriff's Department Corrections for 33 years.

36 I have worked there in the past

37 I supported a friend who was incarcerated a few years ago.

38 I have worked with justice involved populations in Pima County in previous roles. Professional visitations to  
adult detention and juvenile detention. Mostly working with mental health and substance use populations.

39 Been inside know people inside

40 Have people I know incarcerated within the facilities.

41 Green Valley Council

42 While working for Pima County Community College ager retiring from Tucson Police, I set up tours for classes I  
taught.

43 Nephew works at Jail

44 Been there

45 I am an officer of the Green Valley Council and the topic has been addressed there.

46 I worked at the PCADC when it initially opened in 1984

47 Previously worked as a Sheriff's Department dispatcher and ogen coordinated arrested individuals being taken in  
and out of jail

48 Friends

49 Did not work AT the jail but did work as a paralegal communicating with many clients who were in the jail so  
heard about conditions firsthand that way.

50 Membership in social justice organizations

51 Reports from social workers, formerly incarcerated people, advocacy organizations.

52 Blue Ribbon report

53 I worked for Tucson Police for over 21 years, but am now retired.

54 DV arrest spent one night there

55 Worked there years ago

56 I live 5 minutes away form the Detention Center.

57 I know people who work there, I read the local news, I have neighbors who work for the County.

58 Retired PCSD.

59 Retired police officer

60 Incarcerated People

61 Experience of those I know who were incarcerated.

62 Prior employment with Pima County

63 Former Law Enforcement Officer

64 I have worked multiple civilian positions across the jail over the last 11 years.

65 I'm a retired Police officer. 1971 to 1991 with the Tucson Police Department and 1991  
to 2015more years with the Arizona Adorney Generals Office.

66 I used to work as a corrections officer there.

67 Previous LEO  
68 Retired law enforcement, Tucson and PCSD; several yrs at PCADC; involved in opening East Facility, and in  
population reduction efforts.  
69 Granddaughter's boyfriend was incarcerated for a time.  
70 About 10 years ago I facilitated weekly educational classes in the Pima County Jail as part of a nonprofit.  
71 I have a friend that has a family member that is a frequent return customer  
72 My son spent time there a few years ago, and conditions were bad then.  
73 Have family members w careers in Pima County law enforcement on both sides (criminal defense attorney and  
PCSD sergeant)  
74 City Council Study Session  
75 Infrequent, work related visits, client experiences  
76 Previously did internship with pretrial services at Pima County Jail  
77 Toured facilities  
78 Pima County Board of Supervisors' Meetings; I am a Pima County employee but do not work at the jail location  
79 I have studied history  
80 Retired (9 years) Probation/Pretrial officer who had numerous jail visits from 1984 to 2014.  
81 I fulfilled an internship with Pretrial Services during the summer of 2019.  
82 Research and teaching criminal Justice and corrections experience in Colorado and New York  
83 I worked as a commissioned officer for the Pima County Sheriff's Department for 28 years and as a psychologist  
at the Pima County Adult Detention Facility for almost seven years.  
84 I have done multiple tours of the jail through work  
85 I worked for Pima County Superior Court Pretrial Services from 1987-2013 & was in & out of the jail facility many  
times during those years.  
86 Former employment involved frequent visits to PCJ and interaction with PCJ detainees  
87 Employed at PCADC yrs ago  
88 I used to work at the jail for pretrial services (over 20 years ago)  
89 I have worked and currently work on justice projects in Pima County, and formerly worked for the justice system.  
90 Former Corrections Officer  
91 Volunteer work  
92 I work with people who interact with the Adult Detention Center  
93 People who have been incarcerated there  
94 Retired Pima County worker  
95 Have had the opportunity to work in the kitchen and laundry department.  
96 I am a retired AZ Corrections employee - non-uniformed.  
97 I work there.  
98 Pima county employees  
99 I have war had several friends and family members that have served Pima County in various law-enforcement  
agencies.  
100 I have been to the jail multiple times as a guest of the county but was never incarcerated there. I have never  
been arrested or formally detained.  
101 I'm a social worker and ogen hear about the Pima county jail  
102 My former work took me to PCADC regularly.  
103 I am a PCSD employee who previously worked in the PCADC.  
104 Directly from jail employees

105 Visited once for work  
106 Friends and co-workers who are involved in the local LE and carceral systems  
107 Former volunteer work within the criminal justice system of county and city  
108 I used to visit the jail several times a week as a Mitigation Specialist for Pima County Public Defender office.  
109 professional contacts  
110 Community reputation  
111 Husband former correctional officer  
112 retired law enforcement officer  
113 I have toured the detention center several times in the past and have met with the Sheriff and his Bureau Chiefs about the jail as well as with individuals formerly incarcerated there and their family members, as well as public defenders.  
114 Corrections Officers who work there.  
115 employees from the jail  
116 My husband was incarcerated for 1.5years there  
117 I use to work in the Pima county adult detention center and was a law enforcement officer for 5 years ager.  
118 Former work with the City  
119 A Pima County rep gives monthly reports at my neighborhood meeting  
120 Have talked to friends w/incarcerated family members as well as former social workers at the facility.  
121 I taught anti violence in New York prison systems  
122 I am a religious volunteer who before covid was in the jail frequently.  
123 I am employed by the Pima County Sheriff's Department and have visited the jail on several for a number of reasons, one in particular was an extended training course.  
124 Irrelevant, however please do not believe I don't have full knowledge of the correctional system.  
125 I live very close. Drive or bike by every day.  
126 my son who was in there  
127 Know employed staff  
128 fiance is incarcerated  
129 Sin works as a correction officer  
130 a  
131 The Blue Ribbon Commission Report 1  
132 former public defender  
133 Pima County  
134 Studies surveys and local data available  
135 Blue Ribbon Jail Commission initial findings report  
136 I used to work in a capacity where I frequently visited the jail until covid.  
137 13 news  
138 Through previous employment, visited jail frequently  
139 139 Conversations in the public with family, friends, associates.  
140 I was an AZ State Trooper stationed in Tucson/Pima County for 10 years.  
141 I Retired Pima County Deputy  
142 Personally spent time in the jail  
143 Friends that work there.  
144 My mother was not provided sufficient treatment and passed away from a pulmonary embolism ager a week of asking to go to the Dr. They treated her for anxiety instead.

145 Work for the AZ Superior Court , hear things from people who work there. Pima County  
146 GTL  
147 Used to be employed with PCSD  
148 Retired Pima County Corrections  
149 I'm a corrections sergeant at the jail  
150 I work at the jail as a Corrections Officer  
151 Corrections officer working in the jail  
152 News articles  
153 Former employee  
154 Clients inside the jail  
155 I toured the jail a few years ago  
156 I am a Pima County Public Defense Services employee and supervise/direct work with employees that frequently visit the jail for work.  
157 Previous work history  
158 Know someone who is incarcerated  
159 Direct communication with recently released inmates.  
160 Through knowing families of and/or previously incarcerated individuals  
161 direct contact with folks inside and who have been inside  
162 Work in courts  
163 Iretired as a public health nurse in 2008. I went there 10+ times for communicable disease followup. It was hell on earth compared to other jails/prisons I went to for job duties.  
164 I used to visit the PCJ frequently back in the 90's as part of the Chaplain's program.  
165 I work there infrequently (1-3x a year) but daily with the criminal justice system.  
166 prefer not to specify  
167 i watch Pima County BOS meetings online  
168 I worked with Nurses that work or worked at Pima County jail. My son was there for a long time of incarceration.  
169 family members who made visits for dept of health  
170 personal experience when visitng incarcerated family member, information from incarcerated family member  
171 Sheriff Nanos presented facts before the commission was formed. We had q&a session and cost analysis data was available. Plus I have researched via pcsd friends.  
172 Worked as an Adult Probation Officer in Pima County between 1984 and 2017.  
173 Previous employee

**In your opinion what should be the primary goal of the Pima County Adult Detention Center? Select all that apply. (For Other - Please specify)**

- 1 Rehab for minor offense.
- 2 Mental Health
- 3 Community safety
- 4 Keeping the public safe from dangerous offenders
- 5 Keep arrested in jail until trial and tell judges not to release frequent offenders.
- 6 Structure the staff and starting with leadership
- 7 Not arresting without complete proof of a crime.
- 8 Jails treat the after effects of social inequity. The goal should be to make jails unnecessary.
- 9 Prisons are not an effective reintegration and rehabilitation facility. The facility should be defunded and that money invested in food, healthcare, education, and HOUSING for the community
- 10 If the jail needs to be here it should help and restore the community, not harm communities and their constituents
- 11 Incarceration is inhumane; the goal should be to have as small as a population as possible.
- 12 Safety of the entire community!
- 13 Incarceration is an inhumane and ineffective solution that does not decrease either crime or recidivism, both of which we could make a much greater impact on with investments in social programs and infrastructure that would alleviate poverty and provide less restrictive access to food, housing, healthcare and mental health supports.
- 14 Mental Health
- 15 Only convicted offenders and we need to move toward decarceral approaches
- 16 Change material conditions so the need for adult detention centers is less.
- 17 To give time to assess the individual and keep the public safe while using resources for rehab and reintegration
- 18 The primary goal should be based in contextual understanding and compassion and nothing about the proposal of this jail falls within that.
- 19 Detention must be reserved for those that truly represent a threat
- 20 Rehabilitation would be a nice concept but when has it ever worked?
- 21 Public safety with a primary focus on housing individuals that do or may pose a danger to the community while their court cases pend.
- 22 any person that harms another person physically or theft should be incarcerated.
- 23 deterrence that provides positive alternatives to the troubled behaviour
- 24 Initial safe place to detox after arrest with the intention of providing treatment upon release.
- 25 I'd prefer more money go to accessible community supports and services, including education.
- 26 Public safety
- 27 Once they're in, they're in - deterrence doesn't matter at that point.
- 28 Rehabilitation is ideal but not feasible because staff is already stretched too thin.
- 29 Stop wasting tax \$\$ by not training corrections employees correctly & correcting while on probation rather than going directly to termination
- 30 Mental health, addiction recovery, and physical health services.
- 31 If you commit a crime there are consequences. Enabling never works.
- 32 Community safety for potentially violent offenders
- 33 Keeping the residents of Pima county safe from community members who might harm them
- 34 The well being of all who are waiting to prove their innocence.
- 35 Serve their time but while incarcerated, individuals need the opportunity to address issues that caused them to be there.
- 36 Public safety - detaining those who present a serious safety risk if released into the community

37 safety for the community  
38 A safe place for holding for those awaiting trial who are too dangerous to release  
39 Safety of staff and inmates  
40 short-term detention, long-term should be referred to the state.  
41 Detention of pre-trial arrestees, incarceration of convicted persons, and rehabilitation.  
42 Help keep everyone living in and around Pima County safer  
43 Ideally should not exist in its current state  
44 no new jail  
45 Nervous system healing  
46 Quick identification of people with behavioral and mental health issues to have them transferred to an appropriate place for treatment.  
47 Jail is inhumane punishment and research shows that it does not improve conditions for community members.  
48 Incapacitation of defendants determined to be ineligible for pre trial release  
49 HOUSE INMATES UNTIL THEY ARE SENTENCED TO PRISON OR TO SERVE COUNTY TIME  
50 Putting people in cages isn't a path to rehabilitation or reintegration. The Pima county jail should not exist and resources should instead be used to meet people's material needs and address the root causes of harm  
51 Transformational Justice - responding to violence without creating more violence and/or engaging in harm reduction to lessen the violence.  
52 Incarceration should be reserved for the most serious felonies. I chose rehabilitation because family trauma, substance abuse, behavioral health challenges and lack of job skills are underlying causes of most criminal behavior.  
53 We do not need an expansion of the jail. The focus needs to be on transitioning people into the community, not making room for more prisoners.  
54 More should be done in social work and social programs to limit how many are being put in detention. The Detention center does not need more money, especially millions of dollars and a new building  
55 Restorative/Transformative Justice  
56 EDUCATION!  
57 To keep EVERYONE inside and out the detention center safe.  
58 It is a process we have yet to begin but a long one to move toward abolition. It requires rehabilitation, treatment for trauma, community and professional support and reintegration in the interim  
59 Ideally, we would not be putting people into cages. However, if jails must exist, they should function as a temporary solution only, aimed at reintegration and rehabilitation.  
60 Incarceration is, at its core, a denial of humanity.  
61 Act as a referral agency to addiction rehabilitation and social services  
62 Pre-incarceration ONLY of offenders who are not eligible for bond/release (i.e., most severe offenders who are at serious risk of bodily harm/death to community members)  
63 Moving formerly homeless individuals into stable housing upon release from incarceration  
64 Safety of the community  
65 Prison is the place for most of the answers. The jail is to house people awaiting trial or convicted offenders that return to their county of origin for trial, added charges, etc. It is also used for work release.  
66 The primary job for the local jail is to hold prisoners awaiting trial who cannot or should not be released into the community.  
67 A safe area to carry out the rule of law and hold and book suspects while upholding the rights of the suspects and community  
68 Mental, Behavioral and education/vocation options.



69 Most people are not there long enough to be rehabilitated or successfully reintegrated into the community. It should be the responsibility of the courts, social services or probation services to work with released offenders in terms of rehabilitation and reintegration processes. I also believe there is mismanagement of the facility that contributes to many of the issues currently going on there. Personally, I think Sheriff Chris Nanos lacks the abilities to properly manage his department, to include this facility. He and his previous management group were investigated by the FBI for a number of abuses, one being misuse of forfeiture funds. Nothing has changed about him and I would be very reluctant to believe any statements he makes about the need for a new facility.

70 public safety

71 Mental Health Education

72 Opportunity to disrupt the cycle of crisis

73 To send our loved ones home alive!!!

74 To be what it says it is a rehabilitation institution and not a death camp or a place where people are belittled and treated bad and taunted

75 Detention centers/jails should not exist as they do not address the issues that our community members need addressing.

76 Education and safety as well.

77 Use of Dialectical Behavior Therapy has shown to be successful in reducing recidivism.

78 Preparation for successful reentry through job training, job placement and a furnished apartment on a bus route or a car to provide transportation.

79 What is so difficult to understand: society has used "jails" to serve multiple societal purposes and multiple objectives. Pima Co. needs a modern facility to accomplish these same goals.

80 Safety of those being held in the jail. No inmate should fear for his/her life from assaults by other inmates.

81 Pre Conviction Detention for Community Safety

82 Holding place till trial and if convicted transfer to AZ DOC

83 Not strict enough. Too many freedoms.

84 People held for sentences should get re-integration and rehabilitation. Incarceration is inherently deterrent, however the conditions should be minimally punitive as most people serving "consequence" based sentences suffer from issues needing treatment, not "punishment." As for those innocent people held pre-trial there should be no deterrent aspect whatsoever, except to prevent "re-offense." There should be services so that the person's life does not erode acutely, making their prospects on release that much more dire and subject to re-arrest.

85 Incarceration should never be punitive. The role of the PCADC is to keep the inmate housed securely AND to house them safely. Punishment is the role of the courts. Deterrence happens insofar as those incarcerated should not be able to readily offend while in the PCADC. It is in the very best interest of the community, not just the inmates, if resources are invested in skills directed towards rehabilitation, and skills, counseling and assistance to re-entry into the community. Much more consideration also needs to be given to the incarcerated homeless and mentally disabled populations incarcerated in the PCADC.

86 Detention of dangerous persons prior to trial

87 Create workshops for inmates to keep them occupy and make them productive individuals to society.

88 look for ways to mitigate sentencing and offer programs to qualify for avoiding prison

89 Get rid of co [REDACTED], nurse [REDACTED], [REDACTED] put cameras in the blind site (Every corner) Showers is where [REDACTED] likes fighting inmates (his wife slept with a inmate) so he holds grudges because of that drug test you Cos They should not have their personal phones while working, Find out which cos are taking in drugs because they are it's not just new inmates coming in with them 2021 they remodel 1A, 2022 they put a rod iron gate up, 2023 they are doing the kitchen inmates had no Thanksgiving or

Christmas dinner because they were fixing the kitchen (its said) continue remodeling and fixing what needs fixing, buy new materials beds etc make it more secure and safe for Everyone not just cos

90 Holding those that are going through the Court process and have not been found guilty, but have failed to show for the court hearings or are an on-going substantial risk to public safety while pending their court process.

91 Some just need long-term stays not to be let back out. If they don't learn and are returning over and over after 3 times keep them in there. I know someone who is in and out and shouldn't be let out. I live in fear of this person who in writing said he wanted me dead. Nothing happened to him even with an order of protection. When he is locked up I feel safe. The only crime left he has done that I know is killing someone and I don't want it being me.

92 Pre-Trial detainment of persons awaiting trial, along with writs returning from prison for added charges.

93 safety of the community, safety of the officers and correction officers and safety of other inmates

94 Medical care

95 Reach these people before they are in need of incarceration, like childhood

96 mental health and physical health support while jailed

97 Treatment programs that offer health care services (medical and behavioral health)for the released inmates.

98 Addressing root causes

99 Detox and compulsory rehab programs for addicts

100 Referral to services

101 Reintegration into the community

102 Train for jobs

103 Too many deaths not enough answers or accountability

104 Address mental health

105 to keep the public safe

106 Workers need more knowledge on the withdrawal ,a vast majority of the inmates are usually coming down off their drugs, and if they know about the with draws, maybe the inmates won't be dying in there. We don't need a new building we need to work on the worker learning

107 Safety of community--keeping bad people out of our community

108 The nation's carceral system is so screwed up it's hard to answer this question. Ideally, it should be punitive. You break the laws, you serve time. But biases of judges, prosecutors, BS mandatory minimum sentences passed by feckless "tough on crime" legislators, and inadequate taxation to pay for effective diversion programs make incarceration a function of haves and have nots - the poor go to jail, the affluent get probation.

109 Safety hold criminal defendants and convicted persons and attend to their urgent needs, including medical, mental health and substance abuse. Also work closely with community agencies in discharge planning.

110 keeping the CO's employed

111 Prisons should not be prioritized in our communities. No Expansion. No Increase in Bed Numbers. Jail Population Reduction is needed.

112 Jail cannot rehabilitate or reintegrate people. It is only punitive to those incarcerated and their communities.

113 It should be turned into a museum on the horrors of mass incarceration.

114 Detain those charged with a crime and awaiting trial, who would otherwise be a danger to society.

115 Protect the community will an arrested individual is pending court, and serve the sentence of the court if less than a year

116 The jail does not need to hold people period

117 Safe, clean, maintained facility that makes a relatively comfortable environment

118 the housing people until trial

119 Holding until case adjudication  
 120 Holding for people accused of crime  
 121 Temporary hold until court  
 122 Waiting trial  
 123 Pretrial/Presentence holding  
 124 Minimizing costs. The amount of charges and fines that are imposed upon people convicted of a crime is astronomical. Committing a crime is bad; yes. Bankrupting someone for making a mistake is also unethical. Minimizing sentences, and reducing costs for people who struggle financially could help the sector of the community that goes through this institution to conceivably get back on their feet and imagine a life where they don't have to turn to crime to survive in a tough economy.  
 125 rehabilitation and deterrence  
 126 Safety  
 127 a  
 128 It should not exist. We should be investing in community programs that would assist in actually preventing any need for incarceration  
 129 Provide and protect ones arrested and ones convicted  
 130 No new detention centers - funds should be allocated back to communities for community governance  
 131 Most individuals who are housed in the PCADC are awaiting trial. The primary purpose should merely be a holding area where these individuals can be safe and provided for while they await trial. There is a small percentage of individuals who are sentenced. The focus on those individuals would be reintegration and rehabilitation. A good amount of the people in the facility suffer from substance abuse issues, and should be helped with their addiction.  
 132 Maintain a safe and secure environment for the housing of individuals charged with a criminal offense until their case reaches an outcome in court.  
 133 to hold people until trial/ sentencing. Rehab, punitive deterrence and reintegration is for the prisons  
 134 Close the detention center  
 135 Build a facility that can reintroduce people into society and also rehabilitate them  
 136 Closure  
 137 Invest in community based treatment interventions not jail  
 138 Public Safety  
 139 The city's goal should be putting money into the community to programs like rent assistance, food assistance, and mental health. We should focus on bettering the community.  
 140 Restorative  
 141 Take care of your corrections officer instead. Provide pension, pay increase, better benefits.  
 142 to enforce a violent carceral system on our community.  
 143 I don't believe prisons help any single person and perpetuate more violence and drug use within our communities  
 144 The environment of a jail does not allow for rehabilitation, deterrence doesn't work (as the history of incarceration over the last 50 years has shown) and reintegration cannot happen in a cage. The only purpose of a jail is punishment, but I do not think that is what we should be investing our money in. We need healing approaches to addressing mental illness and harmful substance use, and we need to stop criminalizing so many behaviors.  
 145 temporary detention until trial  
 146 complete closure  
 147 Nothing  
 148 No detention center.  
 149 I do not support the plan to build a new detention center in any way.  
 150 the goal of the jail should be to close

151 No detention center should be built, and instead funding should go to programs that support the community: housing/food justice/childcare/etc. I believe in transformative justice, rather than incarceration in any form

152 A combination of rehabilitation and reintegration back into the community.

153 N/A It should be closed.

154 The primary goal should be to completely dismantle the detention center and work towards actual rehabilitation of our community members.

155 Limited maintenance of pre-trial detainees who cannot be safely released to community pending outcome of case; brief punishment and preparation for community re-integration for convicted individuals

156 The jail should be used as an absolute last resort for holding people temporarily. Ideally the jail should not be used at all, as incarceration is incredibly inhumane and those unable to pay bonds are frequently stuck in there for far longer than needed.

157 I do not believe that jails accomplish any of the above goals except for punishment. It is cruel and unusual punishment and furthermore, ineffective

158 Mass incarceration is a social and moral failure. Expansion is not the answerâ€”investment in social services is the answer.

159 Protection of the public

160 Incarceration is inhumane

161 The role of the detention center should be minimized.

162 I don't believe we should be using prisons as it is proven how inhumane its inhabitants are treated.

163 Holding violent offenders until court

164 Incarceration is inhumane and unsuccessful

165 To be absolved

166 The conditions at the jail are abhorrent and should be looked into immediately. There is absolutely no reasonable excuse for the gross negligence, intentional withholding of vital care, and abuse ranging from psychological and physical, to sexual abuses and on occasion undue execution of our incarcerated community members.

167 Incarceration is inhumane.

168 Incarceration is inherently dehumanizing, it doesn't matter what the purpose is. I don't feel Pima county jail is currently achieving any of these goals and I have no hope that a bigger jail would, either.

169 People who have broken laws are, by my experience processing them into jail, largely breaking laws because they are impoverished or otherwise in desperate need of help. Forcing those people into jails is inhumane; the jail should not exist, period.

170 Incarcerating our community members instead of investing in social services and education is abhorrent

171 To defund itself. Our incarceration system is based on slavery and does not make communities safer. It destroys communities and livelihoods

172 Sociological evidence proves that jailing people does not meet any of these purposes. There are proven alternatives from restorative and transformative justice models that support people who have caused harm to take responsibility and accountability for their actions, to public and social services that reduce the incidence of harm altogether because people's basic needs are met.

173 This method of incarceration is inhumane and public funding should focus on expanding resources for individuals in situations that may result in incarceration

174 Rehabilitation and reintegration.

175 Incarceration is inhumane.

176 Incarceration is inhumane. If the goal is rehabilitation and reintegration, this is not the way

177 Incarceration is cruel and inhumane. This would be a failure- there are a thousand missed opportunities to pour into our community before a new jail/ prison. Only those who own prisons would benefit

178 Divestment should be the primary goal  
179 De invest  
180 Accountability of corrections officers  
181 It should be closed  
182 Funds should not be spent in an adult detention center. Use the funds to better the community.  
183 Do not build this institution here. Our focus should not be locking people up  
184 Primary: Safely housing mandated pre-trial felony defendants  
185 Pre trial detainees and inmates sentenced to county time  
186 I think detention and jails are among the least effective ways to create community security and are completely inhumane in dealing with mental health and addiction issues. There should be other institutions of care, not jails.  
187 There should be other services provided for rehabilitation and reintegration into the community outside of the existing jail system. Incarceration is inhumane and does nothing for the people in detention or their communities.  
188 This is a question that will never be answered correctly. By definition, a jail is just somewhere someone waits for their court date. It isn't necessarily supposed to be the entire punishment unless sentenced here.  
189 Get rid of Nanos. I left the Department last year because of him.  
190 Abolish prisons  
191 It is inhumane to incarcerate people.  
192 Keeping them safe while incarcerated and when/how released.  
193 Incarceration is inhumane  
194 The primary goal of the Pima County Jail appears to be punitive. It does little to deter crime or rehabilitate incarcerated adults. Rather, the jail is the county's method of punishing those who commit crimes, many of which include actions secondary to poverty and/or survival. In my opinion, the jail is an inhumane institution and should not receive hundreds of millions of dollars of local taxpayer dollars.  
195 It should be closed. Depopulation.  
196 Incarceration is ineffective  
197 Jails and prisons are not a solution for ongoing violence. We need more social services, the housing crisis addressed, and more mental health support for our communities. It has been proven time after time that more police and more prisons exacerbate violence for communities. Funding schools, community services does way more for decreasing violence than funding prisons/jails.  
198 The detention center should be the solution of last resort for those individuals who cannot safely reside in the community and have no special needs that would make a mental health setting more appropriate. Most individuals in the process of rehabilitation or reintegration would be better served by being housed in a different setting that is less punitive and traumatic.  
199 The Pima county adult detention center's goal should be to become obsolete so that funding can go toward community resources that would prevent the need for detention centers all together. Incarceration is an unjust and inhumane system that targets minoritized and vulnerable communities.  
200 I don't believe it should there  
201 Need stuff to be more professional need more cameras in the blind sites where you can't see inmates need a checking area for all correction officers to take off part of their uniform and go through x-ray need all officers to be trained in all new drugs that are in the city like zylazine need more professional corrections officers need specific doctors in the jail for drug, mental, education and replace Christopher Nanos  
202 All the above  
203 meet the community needs.  
204 The primary goal of incarceration is to degrade and demoralize people into submission or obedience in order to exercise control over that person's actions. The funds used for these facilities could be more

affective in public schools toward educating and enriching parents and children, who will then become more productive members of society. Without investments in an education and stability for ALL income levels, how can residents here be expected to be healthy and functional? 500 years ago Sir Thomas More argued, “For if you suffer your people to be ill-educated, and their manners to be corrupted from their infancy, and then punish them for those crimes to which their first education disposed them, what else is to be concluded from this, but that you first make thieves and then punish them.” Has there been no progress in the last 500 years?

205 Humanly house inmates while they work through the court system.

206 The jail should be depopulated. Incarceration is inhumane and unnecessary, especially incarceration prior to even being convicted of anything.

207 I do not think detention centers are rehabilitating and funds should be directed to institutions that are safety of employees punitive

209 Personally, once you commit a crime, let them fix the streets on hard work labor, so they understand that is not a 5 star hotel, make those tax dollars work for something also, hard labor.

210 continued inhumane and dangerous conditions; likely more deaths

211 Incarceration is inhumane, the conditions to not meet the standards of a quality life for any human beings.

212 The Jail has been dumping ground for individuals who experience no support or assistance to avoid incarceration. Pima County has way too many people in Jail who all deserve support. We should not be spending even more money to incarcerate and potentially kill or harm more people who we can assist.

213 I don't believe in the county's carceral system and it is inhumane

214 The jail system primarily affects poor people whose families cannot afford to bail them out. It disproportionately and unequally punishes people based on income. The statistics about death in the jail are horrifying and difficult to make sense of, especially in light of the fact that poor people of color are primarily at risk of being affected.

215 The goal of the Pima County Adult Detention Center should be to minimize, if not eliminate, the jail population. Research shows that our current criminal justice system does not serve the rehabilitation or deterrence goal. Incarceration is cruel and inhumane.

216 The jail is not a place to help people. The focus should be alternatives to incarceration.

217 Protect community from high risk offenders

218 At this point, temporary detainment to protect public safety only in instances of violent crimes.

219 It should not exist.

220 A) holding center for those accused of dangerous crimes awaiting trial B) detention center for sentences 6 months or less

221 The center's primary goal should be to shut itself down.

222 Hold dangerous people who are awaiting hearings/trials

223 Incarceration is inhumane, cruel and unusual punishment, and it does a dismal job of any of these purported goals, only creating more crime and perpetuating cycles of violence and harm. It must be replaced by restorative justice, restitution, community service and other more pragmatic solutions.

224 Incarceration is inhumane. Incarceration is not an effective means of encouraging people to participate in their communities in healthy ways. It is physically and mentally harmful to individuals and their families

225 Limiting incarceration, training staff to be trauma informed, firing staff that abuse their power, firing and arresting staff that harm individuals safety,

226 Incarceration isn't a solution to the problems in our community. This money should be put towards regenerative resources that address problems at their root.

227 As a public health professional, it is surprising and appalling to me that the county continues to go against evidence-based recommendations for community safety, violence prevention, over incarceration, mental healthcare, and housing insecurity. Rather than choosing efforts to support the



population and reduce incarceration, the county proposes to expand a system that causes harm, injury, and death. The mismanagement and lack of oversight in the current detention center will not be made any better by building a new, and larger facility. With this initiative, I fear for the safety of those at risk for incarceration, the people who are incarcerated, and the staff of the county jail

- 228 No new jail, Incarceration is inhumane
- 229 It shouldn't exist period. Too many people convicted of crimes aren't given any support, financial or otherwise once released. And Pima County Jail has a known reputation of abusing/killing inmates.
- 230 Incarceration isn't working. PCADC has killed dozens of people over the last few years, and we need to find alternatives to incarceration. Incarceration should be a last resort, not a first resort, and should be done with a mind for rehabilitation.
- 231 The prison system has proven not to work. We need a complete overhaul of how we deal with law-breakers, not more prisons! Incarceration is inhumane, corrupt, unfair and destroys our communities.
- 232 one size does not fit all bad question
- 233 Do not let your inmates die. They are presumed innocent until convicted, most inmates are pending trial.
- 234 Jail is inhumane incarceration for profit, maybe focus on community mental health projects. Everyone is worth saving not being slowly drain of life in a brick windowless cell
- 235 To detain only individuals who cannot be safely released pending the resolution of their cases.
- 236 The primary purpose of the jail should be to detain individuals accused of a crime until there day in court.
- 237 More staff, more training, adequate health care and training, more trained medical staff, cleaner and safe environment for the incarcerated people there, the staff that work there are killing people not the building. People should be brought to hospitals and treated before going to that jail
- 238 To house individuals who are charged with crimes and pose a danger to the community or a flight risk.
- 239 Shut it down
- 240 Diversion from incarceration and a dramatic reduction in pre-trial jail population - the County should work toward the closure of Pima County Adult Detention Center.
- 241 The Pima County Jail should be decommissioned. It is one of the deadliest jails in the nation. Caging people and punishing them for being poor through the cash bail system is inhumane, especially when caging them in a facility that the Sheriff's Dept. has proven repeatedly they cannot manage.
- 242 Having an adult detention center is already dehumanizing, criminalizing, and does not center community.
- 243 Investment in the community to prevent conditions in society that cause symptoms leading to criminal activity, which is sometimes just survival tactics. Invest the \$650M into community services and you might not even need a jail because you've created a supported community
- 244 A carceral jail cannot serve a rehabilitative or reintegration goal. Divest from jails and invest in community.
- 245 Close itself down.
- 246 I do not think jails should exists at all. They are inhumane and provide no service to the community other than keeping people in a cycle of poverty and incarceration. People should not be held in cages.
- 247 Incarceration inhumanely continues slavery
- 248 Incarceration is inhumane
- 249 It shouldn't exist.
- 250 Jail and incarceration are not the answer; jail is inherently inhumane and it helps NOTHING

**Why do you think the Pima County Adult Detention Center is inadequate?**

**Select all that apply. (For Other - Please specify)**

**OTHER Responses**

- 1 The jail is inadequate and cannot be made adequate by any of the suggested investments. 2
- 2 The jail is inadequate and cannot be made adequate by any of the suggested investments 2
- 3 should be closer to courts 1
- 4 It is inadequate and cannot be made adequate due to its nature. None of the investments will make the jail adequate to serve the needs of our community 1
- 5 High rate of death of incarcerated individuals over 30 in the past 2 years 1
- 6 Inhumane conditions and treatment. And it's wrong to lock people in cages. 1
- 7 the jail is both inadequate and cannot be made more adequate by any of the suggested investments 1
- 8 People die while interned there. The health of the incarcerated is severely neglected and families are leg grieving. 1
- 9 Medical infirmary is overcrowded, insufficient isolation rooms, plumbing is problematic, equipment is out dated, not enough electrical outlets to run equipment, showers run lukewarm half the time, day room space is inadequate, nurses station cramped, exam room way too small. Medical unit apart from the infirmary is far too small, more treatment rooms are needed! 1
- 10 Inadequacies cannot be fixed by any suggested options 1
- 11 Quit trying to use this survey as a means to secure more funding. No new jail. 1
- 12 Lack of correctional officers that are properly trained. 1
- 13 Pima county should eliminate jails and invest wholly in restorative justice 1
- 14 The jail is inadequate and cannot be made adequate by any options on the list 1
- 15 The jail is both inadequate and cannot be made adequate; 1
- 16 People are dying on a regular basis while incarcerated in Pima County Jail or shortly after being released. Inadequate does not begin to describe how poorly the jail is equipped to resolve any of the many issues plaguing our community. Investing hundreds of millions of dollars in either expanding the current jail or building a new one will do nothing to address the fundamental problems that cause people to leave Pima County Jail even more traumatized than when they entered, if they are able to leave at all. 1
- 17 The jail is inadequate and none of the suggested investments in the BRC report will made it adequate - use that investment in diversion programs, housing, health, education, etc. 1
- 18 PCADC is inadequate for addressing the needs of people in jail 1
- 19 The amount of abuse, deaths, racism, transphobia, and sexism that takes place in the already existing Pima County Jail. 1
- 20 It's inadequate because it is beyond inhumane to keep folks locked up in cells, there have been multiple jail deaths this last year and the year before that: some of the highest that the country has seen. We do not need to expand the prison/jail. We need to decriminalize homelessness and drug use. Actually fund social services that can help support folks in making healthier decisions. 1
- 21 The staff runs the facility the way they want there have been laws set for all of us to follow and rules to the types of treatment within the institution and staff seem to have decided they can make their own rules and regulations and sadly it's turned into tormenting some inmates they are unfit to be employed and unable to carry out their job criteria 1
- 22 correctional officers do not attend to inmates living needs/ignores inmates 1

- 23 Good morning to all the families that lost somebody in the jail my input to the jail at the survey was I'm community mom and I am speaking for the ones that cannot speak for themselves because they passed away in this facility I don't know how many more surveys you're going to get like this but I hope this one strikes a nerve I didn't make it out because you did not give me proper care your facility I didn't make it out because of circumstances with your health care I didn't make it out because your correction officers were not paying attention to me I was sick in a cell and no one checked on me and I didn't make it out because your correction officer sometimes fell asleep on the clock while I was sick in a cell I also didn't make it out because I was detox mode I couldn't express to you what was wrong with me and you took me to the hospital too late I also didn't make it out because I was tased more than 40 times in my heart couldn't take it I also didn't make it out because two of your correction officers transported me to banner where they leg me and I passed away I also didn't make it out because my family was calling and asking for me and your correction officers were telling them that they could not let them know anything about me while my family could have saved me if only you would have listened to their cries all of these inmates that passed away in this jail had family had mom's had Brothers had kids had sisters had auntie's had Grandma's had grandpas had uncles they had family that cared for them they thought the system would have been the one to save their loved ones and the system was the one that ripped these families apart instead of trying to get a new jail you should be speaking publicly about all these deaths to the community you should be paying off all the lawsuits that you have against you even though that will not change bringing back the loved ones you can start by doing something good 1
- 24 Needs more rehabilitative services 1
- 25 Needs to be rebuilt to insure inmates are treated in a more constructive manner and for the safety of the staff. 1
- 26 Place is horrible muggy and very unsanitary 1
- 27 The housing units intended to house patients with mental illness and more acute healthcare needs are insufficient to provide adequate mental health programming and treatment space. 1
- 28 Lack of mental health and addiction counseling 1
- 29 Low moral and unfair terminations of corrections officers at the jail. 1
- 30 Unable to address medical needs 1
- 31 Lack of services to adequately address client needs; these are clients who at this point in their case are not yet adjudicated. 1
- 32 Not enough staff; transportation costs could be reduced/staff numbers could be adjusted if the jail was built under/next to Pima County Superior Court. 1
- 33 Lack of interest and political will on the part of the elected sheriff and county adorney to make real, meaningful change. 1
- 34 Needs more resources to help individuals reenter society 1
- 35 A jail as a concept is an inadequate method of improving community. No new investments are adequate proposal. I do not support the growth of a place that crushes souls by isolation and treating people inhumanly. 1
- 36 absolute failure to provide safety and services 1
- 37 I don't specifically know. But I believe most structures need at least renovation over time to meet the needs of those who work there and those incarcerated. 1
- 38 People need mental and physical rehabilitation. None of these above options deal with the problem. It is all a band-aid. We need to invest in restorative justice programming and healthcare, not prisons. 1
- 39 I suspect all of these are in fact true though I can only confidently say it is an outdated and deteriorating facility. 1
- 40 PCADC is in terrible condition, but expanding the jail is not the right solution. The jail refuses to keep people safe, and threatens minorities such as racial minorities, trans people, and disabled people. We don't need another jail to solve this problem; we need to provide services for people who need help. 1

41 Abusive guards 1

42 Racism and violence from Jail staff. Access to food and supplies within the jail, incl health care is below par.  
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43 It is both inadequate and cannot be made adequate by any of the suggested investments 1

44 inadequate staffing numbers; inadequate mental health care; limited access to legal; inadequate communication  
with family and more 1

45 The current jail is inadequate because you have designed it and operate it that way. Further, a jail is not an  
adequate place or tool to address the root causes of crime, mental health issues, housing insecurity, or  
Incarceration. You have done nothing to reduce the unconscionable number of deaths and lack of safety in the  
jail we currently have nor to meaningfully increase social services or investment in the wider community. When  
systems are punitive, they create an unsafe environment to the detriment of everyone that lives in the county.  
We need county funding to instead go towards programs that address poverty, discriminatory criminal justice  
practices, job and housing shortages, and access to medical and mental healthcare. 1

46 Superficial improvements will not solve our incarceration problem or make it moral  
1

47 There have been far too many tragic deaths of Tucson community members within the walls of the jail. It is  
inadequate on all counts and money should be spent elsewhere on beder systems that support the Tucson  
community without cruel practices and unsafe conditions  
1

48 The jail is inadequate and cannot be made adequate by any of the investments that the BRC is  
suggesting 1

49 Incarcerated people are dying 1

50 I believe the whole jail system needs to be removed and rebuilt to actually help individuals. 1

51 The jail is inadequate, but the investments the county is pursuing will not make it adequate. The routine deaths  
in the jail are not related to infrastructure or funding shortcomings. A new jail will not be any beder for the  
county and its residents. 1

52 Mindset of staff is dangerous to everyone at the jail. 1

53 Jails are not the answer; incarceration is not the answer. Re-investing in communities (schools,  
healthcare, housing, public parks) is not only more "adequate," it is a solution, not punishment. 1

54 Air conditioning and heater don't work properly. Always too cold in the facility. 1

55 Most (not all) of the COs are uneducated and unprofessional who spend more time joking around than doing  
their jobs. Joey Monreal is a prime example of the horrible people working at the jail. The overall mindset needs  
to change but unknown how to do that when there are no consequences for their actions. 1

56 People keep dying in there and you guys don't care 1

57 Staffing and training 1

58 Inhumane treatment of inmates by correctional officers. 1

59 Quality of character of Correctional Officers and staff. 1

60 Extremely poor medical provision 1

61 The character of the Correctional Officers is subpar. 1

62 It is inadequate to address the poverty and drug crisis affecting Pima County. The focus should be housing and  
treatment not incarceration. 1

63 People who are booked in Pima County Jail have died. Pima County Jail is one of the most dangerous jails in the  
United States due to people dying inside while being booked. That should never happen due to it being run by  
the county and should be shut down permanently for such instances. 1

64 The inadequacy does not arise from infrastructure. The inadequacy arises from its existence. You cannot make a jail or prison that is big enough or beautiful enough or sanitary enough to make the structural change and progress needed to keep community members out of jail in the first place. 1

65 The guards keep killing inmates 1

66 The death rates alone speak to the dangerous conditions 1

67 sociopathic correctional officers 1

68 No room for educational services 1

69 it shouldn't exist 1

70 Does not adack career focused guards because the conditions are so horrible. The turn over is off the charts. They are not working in safe conditions. 1

71 Significantly above average number of deaths 1

72 Lack of staff training and compassion that leads to unnecessary brutality 1

73 Always short staffed leading to inmates not gesng basic needs. 1

74 High mortality rate of incarcerated individuals compared to the rest of the country 1

75 According to the news it is in need of a lot of repairs 1

76 Under staffed 1

77 A separate building should be considered for the vast numbers of mentally ill. Jail may not be the correct place for those evaluations. You also need more corrections officers - to include medical staff, and pay them well. 1

78 Jail is both inadequate and cannot be made adequate by any of the suggested options. This will not help the community at all. 1

79 Jailing within Pima County is currently inadequate, does not rehabilitate, and expansion would not improve these conditions--it would only worsen them. 1

80 Employees working there mistreat inmates 1

81 Just make the maintenance that requierd. Is not a 5 hotel resort. Looks like Gov encorage to make bigger a prision instead of teach inmates to dont comeback and send a message to future law brakers. 1

82 It currently costs taxpayers over \$46,000 per year to incarcerate a person at the Detention Center. For less than one third that cost, people experiencing homelessness, who ogen end up in detention, can be housed in transitional housing such as micro shelters. Locating social workers onsite at micro shelter villages can help get people quickly back onto their feet and becoming productive members of the community. Incarcerating them only sets them back. 1

83 Lack of health care for incarcerated people. 1

84 Carceral facilities are not adequate places for people to be beder 1

85 The jail cannot be made adequate in any way other than depopulating. Maybe COs that aren't bringing fentanyl into the jail and killing people could help though. 1

86 Overpopulated due to excess jail holds, individuals being held pre-trial/pre-conviction, and inadequate staffing needs 1

87 It incarcerates people who have not been tried or sentenced. It is against our U.S. Constitution 1

88 A jail is not an adequate facility for rehabilitation, therapy, intervention, counseling, job development, education, or any other need it is currently filling. 1

89 Unsafe and unsanitary work environment that contributes to inmate deaths and unprofessional staff behavior and avoidable negative inmate behavior. 1

90 The Pima County jail has become one of the deadliest jails in the country. It's inadequacy cannot be reformed or undone with any of the proposed and suggested investments. It is clear from the actions of the BRC on August

10 2023- they cancelled the public meeting after 4 minutes due to overwhelming opposition to a new jail, bloating of the proposal from 490 million to 858 million and increased tax rates on already strained communities, and the very nature of this survey by framing the options as "new jail or improve old jail to hold more bodies", that the BRC is not open to alternatives. 1

91 There needs to be rehabilitation, study why people ended up being incarcerated, look into their material and psychological conditions. 1

92 Excessive overuse for non-convicted individuals suffering from mental health 1

93 Incarcerated community members are being killed in prisons and unjustly treated by LEOs within the prison. 1

94 The jail is designed without the comfort of inmates or employees in mind. This causes friction and disorganization at the most basic levels. 1

95 Further traumatizes and kills incarcerated individuals, does not provide adequate care, abusive power dynamics, creates more trauma upon release 1

96 More people die there than the national average. It is not a detention center, it is a murder facility 1

97 Lack of re-entry supports 1

98 The jail can't be made adequate by any of the above suggestions. 1

99 Inadequate space and equipment for medical care 1

100 The jail is inadequate and cannot be made adequate with any of the suggested funding. Incarceration is inhumane. 1

101 Need high quality education areas and content. 1

102 Incompetent leadership 1

103 Too many deaths 1

104 The incarceration rate and rate of death at the jail are far greater than is acceptable. 1

105 The rate at which Pima County incarcerates people makes the jail too small. If we had bail reform then the jail would be just fine. 1

106 detention is inherently dangerous. it can never provide what pima county needs. 1

107 Inhumane conditions 1

108 The current Pima County Jail is both inadequate and cannot be made adequate by proposed solutions. An adequate response to crime would be to combat the root causes of crime, not disappear individuals from their communities. No amount of technology or new infrastructure will make a cage any less inadequate in addressing public safety and accountability. 1

109 The jail is inadequate for many reasons but can't be made adequate through reforms such as those listed here. It is not good for our community, period. 1

110 poor staffing numbers 1

111 None of these options are adequate to improve inadequate conditions 1

112 The startling rate of deaths in the Pima County Jail show that it's not just the facility that's inadequate but the systems at play in its operation. None of these options/investments can make the Pima County Jail adequate. 1

113 The jail is inadequate and solving complex social problems and nothing can make it adequate as it is built on false notions of security. 1

114 No preventative maintenance over the years 1

115 This is not how our taxes should be spent. Incarceration is not the answer to decreasing crime. Allocating funds to affordable housing and social services will. 1

116 This detention center is not needed and endangers the residents of Pima County. 1

117 Detention is dangerous and doesn't help 1

118 Overfunded for minor offenses 1

119 Incarceration is woefully over funded for minor offenses. 1



- 120 The jail is both inadequate AND cannot be made adequate by any of the suggested investments 1
- 121 Not enough focus on supporting the people inside who deserve to be safe 1
- 122 People keep dying in the jail. 1
- 123 Incarceration and funding of expanding detention centers in and of itself is inadequate and inhumane. 1
- 124 A jail could never adequately meet the needs of its people or do for the community what it claims to. The jail could not be made adequate by merely resolving the above. 1
- 125 The above options won't make the jail adequate without addressing the other issues first. 1
- 126 Incarceration can never be made adequate. As a community we should invest and create an alternative to incarceration and invest prevention. 1
- 127 Lack of adequate leadership and fiscal responsibility from the Sheriff and BoS. 1
- 128 Inadequate 1
- 129 The Pima County jail is completely inadequate and is one of the worst in the country. I have personally been to the jail and have witnessed the inhumanity, unsanitary conditions, abusive police and staff. The Pima County jail is a dangerous and deadly place that needs to be shut down, not expanded. 1
- 130 The facility is in no way adequate for the housing of human beings and cannot possibly be improved by any of the above responses 1
- 131 Insufficient recreational activities, therapy, and education, low quality food and materials (pillows, blankets, etc.), constant COVID infections, dehumanizing conditions 1
- 132 The county is focusing on arresting people and providing zero skills for that person to successfully transition and not need to be incarcerated. 1
- 133 Drugs still get into the jail even though in person visits are allowed. Conditions for inmates are inadequate, and food is disgusting 1
- 134 None of these options hold the sheriff, Nephcare, or any other jail or County management accountable for the deplorable abuse and negligence in the jail. As a Pima County voter, I want these funds allocated to evidence-supported community organizations and public services that address the root causes of poverty, addiction, illness, mental illness, homelessness, and other distress in our community to reduce or eliminate the number of jailed people. I do not approve sending more money to an abusive set of managers overseeing an abusive practice (incarceration) proven to increase the vulnerability of our community members. Re-allocate these funds to feed a positive cycle instead of this destructive one. The jail is inadequate because jailing is an inadequate approach. 1
- 135 Unsafe practices resulting in a higher than acceptable number of inmate deaths 1
- 136 Lacks the resources and competent staff to handle individuals with mental health and substance abuse situations. The combination of poor training and lack of empathy create a dangerous situation for these members of the community 1
- 137 Pima County Adult Detention Center is inadequate and trying to improve it or by building new prisons is not a solution but a step backwards. Incarceration is a flawed system that serves those in power and not oppressed communities 1
- 138 The jail is unsafe and inadequate because of high incarceration rates. We need to divest from the jail not put more money in its development 1
- 139 It is not possible to make the jail adequate. Jails and prisons are used to turn profit and allow the US to retain slavery; those goals will never align with the needs of the people who are regularly forced to suffer the conditions of Pima County Jail. It is telling that the option regarding safety prioritizes the staff over the those people who are imprisoned, as is the use of dehumanizing language to refer to people who have been jailed. 1
- 140 The jail is inadequate and cannot be made adequate by fixing any of the above issues. We need to be incarcerating FEWER PEOPLE, not creating a bigger space for the same issues to continue. 1

141 The jail is both inadequate and cannot be made adequate by any of the suggested investments. 1

142 The center is inadequate and cannot be made adequate by any of the presented suggestions 1

143 PCADC Is inadequate for human beings, in all capacities. Furthermore, it cannot be made "adequate" with more funding/expansion because incarceration deters resources for the community that would actually help keep people out of jail and is an outdated, inhumane practice, which only serves capitalist purposes and does nothing for the community. 1

144 Used primarily as a punishment rather than a support center 1

145 Jailing is not adequate and can not be made adequate by any of the aforementioned investments as it is an inhumane premise to begin with. 1

146 Lack of robust mental health and substance abuse treatment with staff ratios woefully inadequate to address these underling causes. As the report points out, these census for these services is high and does not allow for addressing underlying issues or proper medication management. 1

147 Primarily staff culture and morale. Immoral, unethical, dishonest, deceptive, and criminal behavior of those responsible for the welfare of detained and incarcerated persons, and subsequent lack of accountability. 1

148 The mail cannot be made adequate by any of the suggested investments 1

149 Incarceration is inhumane. 1

150 The carceral system is inadequate \*as a whole\* for addressing social problems. Increasing the size of a detention facility is a waste of taxpayer money. 1

151 Hundreds of incarcerated people have died in detention. Detention doesn't make our community safer. 1

152 The jail has failed to serve the needs of the people inside by consistently creating conditions in which people are killed or die from negligence. I do not believe any of the above suggestions would improve these conditions. It is primarily inadequate because the county pursues policies that incarcerated far too many people. We should be jailing less people, not building more jails. 1

153 Staffing, training and staff supervision 1

154 Incarceration is inherently inhumane- the jail cannot be made adequate. 1

155 Lack of safe interviewing space for medical, mental health and legal staff. Dingy, depressing interior lacking direct light. Lack of sufficient cells to house inmates separately who are deemed a danger to themselves or others. Lack of shower room making it impossible for inmates to get the required number of showers they are mandated. Insufficient areas/space for educational and mental group needs. Insufficient space infirmary. 1

156 Rooms for education and training 1

157 Some of the residents should be in mental health sesngs, not overcrowding prisons 1

158 Lacking appropriate space, staffing, and programming for safe detox, mental health and medical services, and treatment 1

159 No human or animal should be caged in any capacity. The detention center is inhumane and is killing large amounts of people every year. 1

160 Increased Sheriff training and annual recertification of weapons training and deescalation tactics. 1

161 Detention is inherently dangerous. It cannot provide what Pima County needs. 1

162 Jails are excessive where community action can assuage amd deter criminal activity. 1

163 There is no unbiased oversight over the jail, its conditions, and the behavior of guards. The culture is roden to the core and the jail isn't run well. It has nothing to do with infrastructure 1

164 Healthcare and mental health are inadequate 1

165 High adrition of PCADC staff. Poorly paid. 1

166 Poor system for maintenance 1

167 It shouldn't exist at all. No new jails and instead fund community initiatives like: housing/food/childcare/healthcare/mental health services/etc 1

168 There needs to be more staff, not a bigger jail 1

169 incarceration is a failed attempt at addressing public health concerns. if you're going to put your money into something it should be deescalation training for police officers and more public services to address addiction, homelessness, and mental health concerns amongst vulnerable populations. 1

170 Too dangerous for those detained. Too many people dying and no one is being held accountable. 1

171 Pima County Jail has an unacceptably high death rate for detained family members. Conditions are horrible, but I do not support the building of a new facility. 1

172 Pima County Jail Deaths 1

173 Inability to keep drugs out 1

174 Lack of training 1

175 judicial branches using the jail to house accused of crime who have mental health concerns and who could be housed in other facilities 1

176 has resulted in too many deaths 1

177 Negligence and outright violence from staff resulting in deaths 1

178 Parts of the current jail were not constructed in a way that makes them viable to repair when/if damaged or worn out 1

179 staff not trained to deescalate and handle mental health crisis and special needs individuals. I watched aggressive and abusive behaviors of the staff 1

180 The facility does not provide enough support to inmates. Healthcare is substandard. Detox support is substandard. Social services and resources for reintegration and support to reduce recidivism are far below what is needed. 1

181 The kitchen is not up to health standards and cannot accommodate the needs of the amount of inmates it is required to feed. 1

182 Of course, there is concern about drugs making their way in. 1

183 Under utilized opportunities to partner with external non profit agencies to create effective reentry programs and services to reduce recidivism. 1

184 the jail now is overcrowded. More detox inmates than we have space for. 1

185 it is inadequate because putting people in a cage does not address the harm they may have done to themselves or others. All it does is ostracize them for a bit and make it harder for people who may not fit with certain norms due to trauma, mental illness or addiction harder to be a part of our community. We need investments in community, not locking people away. 1

186 Influx of migrant population into the community combined with current economic, show only future increases in crime and prison population 1

187 Lacking in minimum medical and mental health facilities 1

188 Does nothing to serve our communities and isolates those who need community most. Waste of tax payer money and resources. 1

189 It is designed for punishment and torture. It is an antiquated, inhumane, ineffective solution to the real problems we are facing as a community. 1

190 Jails are simply an inadequate response to the needs of our community. We jail members who need the most support and resources. It feels silly to even think about a jail expansion when there are so many other areas that could use improvement. Social services, housing, food security, humanity are all things that should be invested in before jails. 1

191 It's inadequate because people have died inside those walls. We need reform not another facility at the expense of tax payers 1

192 Completely unhelpful to the idea of rehabilitating people. Pima county arrests people of color for no reason and  
keeps them locked up. Truly disgusting to be apart of the same community as this prison system 1

193 You guys need to fire Nanos or I won't want to give you a dime. That clown needs to go. It's embarrassing.  
1

194 Not enough programs to help humans get the help they need 1

195 Lacks updated security system with video and audio capabilities. 1

196 Poor administration by the Corrections Bureau 1

197 Underequipped facilities and programs to actually address criminal behavior, especially jail diversion programs  
and mental health 1

198 Prisons are not effective, they just ruin communities and livelihoods. The Pima County Adult Detention Center  
needs to be defunded and that money needs to be invested in food, healthcare, and HOUSING. There are  
currently hundreds of folks seeking asylum at Sasabe and Lukeville. Those deserve human rights and large scale  
humanitarian response. Invest in that not new or old prisons. 1

199 Not enough emphasis on rehabilitation and reentry 1

200 There is no organization and no meaningful programming at the jail. This county needs to update its current  
infrastructure - the Sherriff's department should not be awarded with a new jail for its failed ademppts to manage  
the current one. 1

201 Lack of services to support incarcerated individuals growth and development 1

202 Lack of separate facility for juveniles that meets their unique needs 1

203 Lack of support for incarcerated individuals to actually get beder. 1

204 Lack of involvement in community. You can expand the jail but pusng money into services that help keep people  
out of jail and function in society goes twice as far as just jailing them 1

205 leadership at board of supervisors and the sheriff's level 1

206 Lack of multiple sets of conditions for varying types of inmates - seriously violent and dangerous, non-violent and  
non-dangerous, mentally ill and substance use addicted; also inadequate medical supervision for those in detox  
1

207 Murderers and violent criminals held W/ misdemeanor inmates Men and women held together 1

208 Poor management of the facilities leading to poor treatment of those incarcerated 1

209 It should not exist 1

210 I've worked in prisons and it's shocking to see how unsafe the current build of the jail is for staff and inmates. 1

211 Inhumane conditions, unexplained deaths, not safe conditions for those recovering from addiction, people  
treated like animals 1

212 Programs and an environment that promote rehab, and reintegration. 1

213 The carceral system in Pima county is horrific with no accountability and increasing community criminalization is  
despicable. 1

214 Does not allow for integration of rehabilitative services 1

215 It fails to even address rehabilitation or re-entry into society nor does it address issues before incarceration  
becomes necessary. I don't believe more money to simply apply yet another band aid hardly helps the people of  
Tucson or society at large. 1

216 Not enough staffing 1

217 Understaffed both civilian and Correctional Officers 1

218 A persistent culture of cruelty and negligence leading to absurdly high mortality rates 1

219 Very poor training of staff. No one should die in jail, regardless the crime. Jail is NOT a death sentence, but lack of  
health services and incompetent violent guards make it one. 1

220 I think that it is too punitive and focused on inhumane incarceration. 1

- 221 Low staffing 1
- 222 The current layout and housing availability is not going to be able to properly manage the medical needs, particularly for drug detox, as it continues to get worse. 1
- 223 Inadequate staffing and lack of proper management 1
- 224 There currently is no such trustee work furlough/work release program due to not having room for sentenced inmates to conduct such a work program from. 1
- 225 Phones don't work to call out. Not upholding laws stated to victims. Those arrested are told nothing but lies about using the phone. 1
- 226 Not medically equipped for drug/alcohol detox 1
- 227 Current leadership 1
- 228 Too close to residential properties and surrounding businesses. The proximity to social service agencies cause a deterrent of development in central/west downtown Tucson. The effects City of Tucson is striving for does not show case vision for long term growth and development in a legacy and culture rich area. The jail must be relocated to an area with less convenience to jurisdictions of incarceration and rather focus efforts on relocating to an area with less proximity to the general public. A future development plan should be studied for long term growth in the local economy. Perks: close to gem show, downtown Tucson, UofaA, Starr Pass, Airport, I-10, I-19, Amazon, A Mountain, Mercado District, Dia de Los Muertos, etc., etc.  
1
- 229 The temperature in the hail is so cold people are ALWAYS angry and on edge. Despite thousands of complaints the temperature still remains at cruel low levels year round causing tension amongst ALL INMATES TOWARDS STAFF 1
- 230 Unqualified, staff, and untrained 1
- 231 Lack of drug detox trained medical staff and unit 1
- 232 I've visited the facility 5-6 years ago, I saw the deterioration even back then. The facility as I've seen on the news currently isn't fit for incarceration of prisoners well as not a good positive environment to work in. It's disgusting in its current state! 1
- 233 The facility is falling apart daily. The kitchen is under constant construction. Elevators fail frequently. Doors get stuck, desk are falling apart, inmate cell windows are constantly being broken. County facility maintenance has to make parts or improvise to fix leaks due to manufacturers no longer making the parts we use. 1
- 234 Too many inmates to a pod to be overseen by one corrections officer 1
- 235 The need to accommodate rehabilitation centers 1
- 236 Needs additional areas for house along inmates, including but not limited to: violent offenders, inmates that struggle to house in general population, individuals that assault corrections employees, inmates that pose a danger to other general population inmates, protective custody inmates, etc. 1
- 237 All of the above 1
- 238 does not have adequate medical/ mental health facilities 1
- 239 Gross misuse of important land in our urban floodplain that could be used to beder the material living of Pima County residents. 1
- 240 We should have one with an area for sick / disabled / and special needs. Whe should also have more staff and a beder system for check in visitors. A full mental health area and testing for some intake, and return offenders.  
1
- 241 The detention center used to have a library which was part of the local public library system. Due to overcrowding and safety issues, the library had to pull their employees. 1
- 242 Not fit for medical and mental health 1
- 243 Poor medical care. 1

- 244 Definitely understaffed, and more treatment options (groups, individual counseling, etc.) for those that want it, should be available. 1
- 245 Should be updated for use of modern technology and for increased safety of those in detention and for staff. 1
- 246 Corruption, easy access to drugs in the jail. 1
- 247 Lack of qualified personnel to run the jail. 1
- 248 All above 1
- 249 Jail is an inadequate response to the issues our community is facing. The conditions inside the jail are inhumane and deadly, so we should not send people there. Actual efforts to reduce the jail population are the only way forward. 1
- 250 No accountability for abuse and murderous behavior by law enforcement; expensive, limited, and inadequate contact between inmates and their friends and family; inadequate opportunities for release 1
- 251 Lack of Funding for Housing and Services in the community has caused an increase in unjust incarceration. Continued charges for minor offenses continue. Correction officers bringing in narcotics into the jail. 1
- 252 This is a not a question for the public but for the professionals involved in corrections, law enforcement, etc. 1
- 253 Design elements that allow for rehabilitating programs; adequate staffing 1
- 254 Insufficient emphasis on varying forms of supervised probation, education and drug rehab services, community service, and reintegration. 1
- 255 it's been in a failing condition for way too many years 1



## Section 5

**What do you think? The text box is limited to 1,000 characters. Thank you for taking the time to provide this valuable feedback.**

### Responses:

Would like to see the next build be efficient and economical for the county. Why not build a criminal justice complex which provides jail, court, probation, and other criminal rehabilitation services in one location. Doing so may open up other state-wide funding sources so some costs are spread among the state's tax base, not just Pima County. With the number of felons and the length of stay increasing, it would be prudent to work on getting the accused through the court system quicker thereby freeing bed space. Additionally, fewer dollars should go to drug rehab (which typically doesn't work the first thru the 20th time). Instead, divert some of the drug rehab dollars to vocational training, so inmates can come out of jail with skills that help them become productive, tax-paying, citizens of our community. Lastly, I know we are a long way from design, but a new jail should not have the 8-person dorms. These only provide opportunities for new inmates to be bullied by up to 7 others.

Jan 13, 2024

Modernize the jail to meet the needs of clients and the community.

Jan 13, 2024

I appreciate the work of the Commission to make our community safe and provide programs for those incarcerated that need and want help to get their life back on track. There are those criminals that will not take advantage of these programs and will continue to commit crimes and those offenders need punitive incarceration to keep our community safe. Modernization is required for this 40-year old facility. Once that is accomplished our community will benefit from a new facility and those prisoners that want rehabilitation will get the help they need. In recent years, we have learned much about mental health, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and other disorders that can lead to crime. We need to bring our facilities up to date for those who want and can benefit from rehabilitation programs, so they can have a second chance. However, there are those criminals and prisoners that are too violent and cannot be released and should remain incarcerated to prevent future crime.

Jan 13, 2024

I do believe that the jail's goal should be to rehabilitate and provide resources to inmates so that they can learn from their mistakes and support themselves post incarceration. However, it seems like building a new facility would allow our already dangerous police force to harass individuals in low income communities, especially our houseless population to fill said facility to create the illusion that taxpayer dollars were well spent. Money used to build a new facility could be used to help our community by providing affordable housing, better roads, better healthcare and better educational opportunities for all ages. We don't need a shiny new jail. We need community resources. If a jail must be made, perhaps TDP could use their ridiculous 195 million dollar budget to build it.

Jan 13, 2024

History reveals there is an on-going need for jail facilities in Pima County. As our population grows, so will our detention needs grow...an unfortunate reality. The current facility is old and in need of renovation but housing the existing

population while renovation occurs will be very difficult. Adding the inevitable increase of inmates will make the task even more arduous. A new facility, sized for future inmate population increases, would be the ideal solution but likely much too expensive. Additionally, the future use of the existing facility needs to be considered. Bottom line (cost) will be the bottom line, so long as quality is maintained. Thank you.

Jan 13, 2024

Jail is deadly and inhumane! This proposed investment is a disgusting use of funds that could be used for community-based services. The jail is killing our community members due to a culture of negligence and mismanagement, and because incarceration drives cycles of illness and poverty. None of these things are improved, and are only worsened by incarceration. You cannot solve social issues through incarceration. Tucson can do much better than this, I know we can!

Jan 13, 2024

Pima County Jail is an inhumane facility with people dying. This has been documented by organizations such as No More Jail Deaths. People shouldn't be locked in cages. The jail shouldn't be funded any further, or at all. It shouldn't exist but should be abolished. Instead, money should be invested in affordable housing, addiction treatment, community care, and transformative justice approaches to harm.

Jan 13, 2024

The whole approach to rehabilitation in prison needs to be changed. And staff needs to be evaluated and screened for attitudes that reflect a compassion for those who have fallen on hard times and made bad choices. The program that helps prisoners (CRT?) and opportunities to learn new employable skills would be more beneficial than cruel and punitive measures. Jan 13, 2024

The public needs to be better informed on the issues, especially if we are going to be asked to support a tax.

Jan 13, 2024

Jail is inherently deadly and inhumane. This potential \$858 million dollar investment into carceral space is a grotesque use of money that could go to supporting and funding communitybased services. The jail is killing our community members due to a culture of negligence and mismanagement, and because incarceration drives cycles of illness and poverty. Jan 13, 2024

Pima county needs to re-evaluate which charges are deserving of incarceration. It needs to reduce its sentences and make sure that all people it houses are well taken care of. Nobody should be dying within the jails walls!!

Jan 13, 2024

Prisons don't disappear problems, they disappear people. We are not looking at the real issue of why people are incarcerated, we need to take a step back and evaluate why individuals are looking towards crime in the first place. Resources should be shared with the community to prevent individuals from going down a path that might get them incarcerated. The county looks at reading scores of third graders to see how many beds they will need in jails. Instead of spending money on new jails, spend money on schools to ensure children are reading at grade level. Spend money on

counselors and therapists in school to help students who are growing up in traumatic situations. As a teacher, I have seen so many cases of children who aren't cared for and will grow up with any real direction which may lead to them getting into problems. We need to rethink what crimes are worth incarcerating for, we need to reevaluate what incarceration looks like. Each person incarcerated was once a child with dream Jan 12, 2024

As an RN that has worked in the jail for several years, we definitely need a new jail! And we actually needed it yesterday! We have been making do with cramped, inadequate, nonfunctional space, and overcrowding. Please approve funding and move the process forward as quickly as possible! Thank you.

Jan 12, 2024

Absolutely oppose the privatization of jail services ever and building a new facility at this time.

Jan 12, 2024

Jails/prisons are deadly and inhumane. This multimillion dollar proposal is a disgusting use of taxpayer dollars, and insulting to the Tucson community. The culture of negligence and mismanagement cannot be fixed by throwing more money at it to continue toxic behavior. Funds should instead be diverted to community organizations and projects that directly address social issues that directly affect "crime rates", such as homelessness services, food insecurities, and drug harm reduction.

Jan 12, 2024

I think the amount of money being asked for this project is ABSURD. I do not want current tax dollars/future taxed dollars funneled into a already failing and mismanaged system without 1) proving it will be humane and safe for everyone and 2) direct support for the needs of the pima county community. The amount being asked for this is ABSURD! Please know that if this succeeds the voters will show up. I will do everything in my power to unveil the corruption and backroom deals happening and expose everything wrong with this. Also the blue ribbon commission should be ashamed of themselves.

Jan 12, 2024

Our community needs support at the middle and high school levels to decrease the school to prison path. We need funding for post-high school programs to keep our young people engaged in their lives and communities. Incarceration is not the answer.

Jan 12, 2024

As a longtime community member who volunteers with unhoused and vulnerable populations in Tucson and Sonora, I'm appalled at the prospect of building a new jail. This is akin to trying to chop down a tree by stabbing at the leaves with a screwdriver. It will accomplish nothing but more unnecessary suffering. These funds should be put toward providing rehabilitation and reintroduction services, and toward providing support for those in need in our community, many of whom turn to crime due to a lack of resources, continued systemic discrimination, and historic but unrecompensed systemic discrimination. Iowa, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, 5 states with a fairly disgraceful record with regard to their treatment of incarcerated people, all have a lower recidivism rate than Pima County. Do not continue

down this embarrassing, LAZY, humiliating, and morally indefensible path of throwing more resources at the last link in a very long chain of systemic issues. It is idiotic. Jan 12, 2024

I am writing to speak on the jail and the expansion suggestions to build a new one. I have been to meetings, spoken to individuals and have seen the jail firsthand and there is absolutely no need to build a new jail. I do agree that some improvements can be made to such an old building. With that said, the conditions in the jail, the people dying and suffering has not been due to the facilities. It is due to staffing and poor training. We currently DO NOT fill ALL beds in the jail, building a new jail with more beds, makes absolutely no sense. The focus should be on rehabilitation and re-integration opportunities. Now, before I close. I would like to address the question that you asked, "Based on what you know about Pima County Jail, is its condition adequate for current and future needs?" Is misleading. The jail its self is adequate for current and future needs. The staff needs to be retrained and re-educated on what works and what true community is and what our community needs.

Jan 12, 2024

Improve mental health resources. Incarcerate those that are a harm to society.

Jan 12, 2024

Jails are inherently inhumane. The potential \$858 million dollar investment into carceral space is a disgusting use of money that could go towards strengthening community based services, schools, fighting climate change, etc. The jail is killing our community members through a culture of negligence and mismanagement. Incarceration does nothing more than perpetuate the cycle of poverty and illness. There is no way to "improve" a jail because social issues cannot be solved through incarceration. The only thing jails do is worsen a community and put its members at risk of harm. There are much better ways this money can be spent that support the community and encourage it to thrive rather than punishing it.

Jan 12, 2024

My name is [REDACTED] I lost my son [REDACTED] Aug 3, 2021 I had a scheduled visit that day I didn't get my visit I didn't get a call from my son No call from Pretrial Nothing until Aug 3 Saying my son was found unresponsive Pcj is a difficult place to get in contact with the front desk, my son as well as other's didn't not pass away from the building falling apart ,My son passed away from negligence ,I'm a mother forever mourning Please don't give them hundreds of millions of dollars for a new jail, that's not the solution renovate the jail ,fix all the problems within the facility put cameras in all areas (blind side's) it will save alot of lives my son was not convicted . He wasn't a bad person he just made bad choices They have already been renovating the jail don't let that money go to waste 2021 they remodeled 1A that's where son was 2022 put up the black rod iron gate 2023 kitchen being worked on (Nov,dec) It's not just the building it's the culture Justice For [REDACTED]

Jan 12, 2024

Why is Lima county more concerned with warehousing than rehabilitating people? Let some local treatment programs into the jail to get people started in making connections to transition safely back to society

Jan 12, 2024

Why would the county need a new bigger jail to house these inmates, when the current one is so horribly understaffed? How about put money into improving the staff training and hiring more corrections officers so they can actually do the job they're paid for. Currently inmates in the tower have 25-45 mins between seeing a CO. A lot could happen to someone stuck in a two man cell in that time. Also having CO's lacking knowledge of how to administer naran is beyond belief. And then punishing the inmates that helped. \*massive facepalm\* people have died due to the incompetence of those running this jail. Mind you this is a JAIL. Not a prison. And inmates are looking forward to be in prison because conditions here are so terrible. That being said what happened to innocent until proven guilty? Over two years of this... and treated as though guilty... why? Also- the kitchen renovations and uneatable food currently with no changes in sight 6-8 more months at least.

Jan 12, 2024

Mandatory court conviction fee for Sheriff's detention facility.

Jan 12, 2024

Citizens do not want tax funds wasted on a jail by a sheriff that cannot maintain a budget and wastes taxpayers money as it is. Pima does NOT need sheriff Chris nanos or a new jail building. Jan 12, 2024

Close it down. Most of those incarcerated there have not been convicted of a crime. Almost none have had an actual trial. Cash bail is a racket the poor cannot afford. The criminal justice system is itself criminal and inflicts more harm by far than any that it may prevent. Jan 12, 2024

Pima County should not build a new jail and should look into downsizing and eventually eliminating its current jail. Incarceration and punishment do not work. Jan 12, 2024

Detoxification is what we need, so there are no more deaths. I used to be a jailbird, so I know how the jail is run. Some of the staff are not trained well enough and , none of them acutely care about the inmates. So regardless of a new jail, we will still have the same problems. A new building will it change the way the jail is run. Let us not waste money on a new building, let us create a better system.

Jan 12, 2024

Focus should be on reducing jail population rather than increasing funding.

Jan 12, 2024

Pima County has the opportunity to be a leader in evidence-based solutions—investments in housing, healthcare, and community-based services. The Commission has already wasted tax dollars gathering infor and deliberating, mostly in private. It has produced a scantily-supported proposal for a massive investment in carceral space on the flawed assumption that jail populations must grow exponentially. We know that the opposite is true. While our community members are dying at alarming rates inside the Pima County Jail, while it is mismanaged, understaffed, and providing substandard medical care, we cannot wait for a Commission to produce non-solutions. While community programs go

underfunded and overburdened, investing over \$650 million dollars into more cages is an admission of failure. It is an admission that we can't do better, that the future of our County will be an unmitigated expansion of the jail and a deterioration of the social safety net.

Jan 12, 2024

Jails are deadly and dehumanizing. They do not work to humanize people. They do not address the basic needs of survival of people. Jails only serve to punish and cause death- there is no need for expansion of a death center.

Jan 12, 2024

There needs to be alternatives to incarceration. Spend money on behavioral health and affordable housing.

Jan 12, 2024

My brother hung himself on suicide watch with a sheet and was there for 23 minutes before being found which means they were not adequately doing 15 minute checks which cost my brother his life I think people that are detoxing or mental health need to be better taken care of not just left in a cell to ponder thoughts please help these people

Jan 12, 2024

It is unconscionable that Pima County is seriously considering investing \$858 million in a new jail, rather than investing in community services, programs, and supports to reduce the jail population. The fact that this proposal hinges on the expectation that the jail population will only continue to grow in the coming years is evidence enough that the Blue Ribbon

Commission's entire purpose was to find a way to justify a foregone conclusion that the County must build a new jail or expand the current one. Pima County jail is killing our community members and reinforcing dangerous cycles of violence and mental illness by continuing to cage those from extremely vulnerable populations. A shiny, new jail will NOT solve the culture of negligence and mismanagement that is inherent to Pima County Jail, and it is not by any means an adequate solution to the social issues our county faces. Pima County needs to invest in community-based solutions, not more incarceration.

Jan 11, 2024

I am concerned about the number of inmate deaths while in Pima County Jail custody. I am concerned about the understaffing and mismanagement of inmate healthcare by NaphCare in particular and for-profit healthcare companies in general. We must demand better as a community.

Jan 11, 2024

No new jail

Jan 11, 2024



Jail is inherently deadly and inhumane, the potential \$858 million investment is a significant misuse of funds that could otherwise support our Pima County community in the many ways it needs support - through increased investments in housing and health services. The jail is killing our community - incarceration perpetuates cycles of poverty and if the Pima County is trying to address intergenerational poverty through policies such as the Prosperity Initiative, any investment in new carceral space will work in direct opposition to any good work done to support our community. Do not build the new jail and rather focus the County's attention on investments into community-based services that will reduce the population of the Pima County Jail. The only moral, fiscally responsible path forward is to address root causes of incarceration.

Jan 11, 2024

We must reduce the jail population before considering facility requirements. Blacks and AI/AN are disproportionately detained at the jail, but no jail programs are directed to those cohorts. The HEAT program for Black detainees was considered, but is not delivered in the jail or at all. There is no Wellbriety or other program culturally appropriate for American Indians instituted in the jail. A lot of the problems in the jail are the result of staffing issues, which are common nationwide. If you double the size of the jail you exacerbate those staffing problems to the great detriment of both the officers and the detainees. The focus within the jail must be on mental health and substance use treatment to reduce the jail population. Doubling the jail capacity will encourage increased arrests and detentions to the great detriment of BIPOC and low income communities. Or it will be like the Juvenile Detention Center, that was built for 200 detainees, but for years has housed less than 20.

Jan 11, 2024

You need to have community-based programs of increased mental health and substance abuse services, low-income housing, and job creation / subsidization. Lack of these services are the main reason for crime and incarceration. It is a shame that 70-80% of people in jails are AWAITING trial. We need to support bail funds for non-violent offenders, not build them a jail cell! Yes, the city/county included more money last cycle for human services, but we increased the police department by about 10 times that much. The U.S. has more incarcerated prisoners per population than almost any other country in the world, plus one of the highest sheer numbers of people. I do not support this police state! I am not in support of building a new, "better" cage for people! You could do so much long-term with the 850 million you want to spend on locking people up! The jail inherently deadly and inhumane and doesn't do anything to ultimately improve people's living conditions or reduce crime!

Jan 11, 2024

If you were to release all the people in Pima County Jail who are on pretrial status (70-80%) you would not have to consider building anything new. Putting more people in jail is a money maker for some while harming our community in countless ways. Parents are removed from their children, they lose jobs, mental health issues are not properly addressed, and drug use is not treated in a holistic way. Shame on you for even considering this idea!! NO MORE JAILS!! We should consider how to close jails or reduce sentences instead.

Jan 11, 2024

We should NOT be having conversations on expanding or increasing the jail or detention centers. We should be Putting efforts into finding housing for all, addressing mental health and substance abuse in therapeutic ways - not criminalizing

people. We should focus on reducing sentences for nonviolent offenders. I am 100% against building a new jail and we must work towards a better future where fewer people are locked up. Detention centers, jails and prisons do more harm than good for our community - I beg you to think more creatively about addressing our community's needs.

Jan 11, 2024

The jail should be the option of last resort-meaning that only those individuals who pose a substantial risk/flight risk should be incarcerated pending a final disposition of guilt or innocence. Our community is rapidly growing with an increased need for mental health services. The pandemic only intensified the need for these services. Also, if folks are to be reintegrated into society, their experience at the jail is paramount to their success. Jan 11, 2024

The prison system as a whole is racist, sexist, inhumane, classist, and abusive and Pima County prisons are no exception. Spending more tax dollars on a new detention center is will not benefit our community. That funding should be redirected to public schools in low income areas where students will be able to have a better opportunity to be successful and avoid the school to prison pipeline common in these communities. Also, the fact that teachers and other faculty members are incredibly underpaid and overworked is embarrassing to the City of Tucson. We do not need another prison.

Jan 11, 2024

I may be wrong, but I don't believe anyone is actually rehabilitated long - term from substance abuse or mental illness while incarcerated. I'd like more mandated after release services to hopefully diminish the revolving door. Number one is protecting the law abiding citizens of the county. Jan 11, 2024

No tax payer money for construction of a new jail or over quoted construction prices to the existing facility.

Jan 11, 2024

I feel they should know that treatment of individuals in this facility matters because if they aren't being treated right or given the things they need to be rehabilitated the problem is just gonna continue to exist and it's also gonna bleed into relatives of theirs, friends etc because they hear the treatment that they're loved one received, you either make them feel like they can confine in the system to follow what an incarceration is said to be or you lose that trust in the community the jail organization and its employees also play a role in the success of its detainees. I've heard a lot of sad things like I've bought commissary for loved ones and it's been held from them for weeks they've been beaten in the showers by the COs as a way to belittle them they've had their water shut off they aren't allowed the time out the way the jail claims the conditions of the jail is a hazard medical attention isn't given properly inmates are not believed when they report they don't feel well

Jan 11, 2024

I think before they worry about remodeling the jail. They need to worry about getting more staff that are trained properly and worry about the inmates that are in there coming home alive I would say do not give them any Pay raises. They don't deserve them what needs to be done is new mental health services need to be put in place. Also people who are sick need to be paid more attention to and take into a hospital where their needs can be met. I do not agree. That

funding should be available for a new jail, so let the staff can be, happy it's not appropriate! I say use the money to buy cameras to watch the guards in there, so they do not harm our family members anymore

Jan 11, 2024

I feel the staff needs a clear understanding they are dealing with human beings, the staff are unprofessional, childish and are very emotional towards those incarcerated. It seems that the correctional officers on duty treat those incarcerated as if they do not exist, as if no one will care for them if something were to happen, they tease the inmates, mocking them, threatening to add more time over their personal emotions, canceling visits if an inmate says one thing that offended the officer. Something needs to change and it starts with the Pima County Jail Staff/Correctional officers. There needs to be a clear understanding this is a job, you leave personal feelings at the door as soon as you step in those county jail doors.

Jan 11, 2024

Good morning to all the families that lost somebody in the jail my input to the jail at the survey was I'm community mom and I am speaking for the ones that cannot speak for themselves because they passed away in this facility I don't know how many more surveys you're going to get like this but I hope this one strikes a nerve I didn't make it out because you did not give me proper care your facility I didn't make it out because of circumstances with your health care I didn't make it out because your correction officers were not paying attention to me I was sick in a cell and no one checked on me and I didn't make it out because your correction officer sometimes fell asleep on the clock while I was sick in a cell I also didn't make it out because I was detox mode I couldn't express to you what was wrong with me and you took me to the hospital too late I also didn't make it out because I was tased more than 40 times in my heart couldn't take it I also didn't make it out

Jan 11, 2024

The County needs to invest in the community. Unfortunately, in the current state of laws, systems, and practices we need a form of a detention center. However, it would greatly improve if it more seen as a place to do intake, address health (physical and mental), stabilize individuals who need to be stabilized, and depending on the nature of the crime, assigned a reentry navigator. It reduces how many people need to be detained but there is a focus on meeting basic needs and safety while improving community safety. If a person must be detained due to the severity of a crime, having access to that same support is critical. We must see reentry services as the piece to a puzzle of how systems of criminal justice keep failing. Jan 11, 2024

Needs better supervision for the supervision. Needs better training.

Jan 11, 2024

Citizens do not want money wasted on inmates. They want the current jail ran correctly and proper leadership and accountability within the Sheriffs Department. Pay the CO's better so they can hire CO's and CO's want to work there.

Jan 11, 2024

The Pima County Adult Detention Center needs renovation of existing spaces and new construction to increase the size of the medical and mental health units. The electrical system in the building is not up to par with the demand. The staff

working in the facility are subjected to uncomfortable temperatures all year round. An entire facility does not need to be rebuilt - fix what's here now and add additional space to accommodate the growing inmate population. Jan 11, 2024

It seems like a jail, even more than a prison, is an opportunity for rehabilitation. You can have the greatest impact while you have someone's full attention; while they are aware of the rewards for changing; and while they are reminded of the consequences of failure. Therefore, this is an opportunity to address issues with the facility as well as with offender treatment programs. I would appreciate an approach that considers both of these aspects simultaneously. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Jan 11, 2024

Jan 11, 2024

The Sheriff and team know best what is needed, but I appreciate you asking constituents, especially those with intimate knowledge of the capabilities (and lack thereof) of the current facility. My hope, as a librarian, is for a renewed partnership between the detention center and the library. There are librarians who want to serve incarcerated individuals, if only there was a way we could work together: I envision book clubs and other library-offered programs, as well as a transition plan that includes a library card + information for everyone released. Jan 11, 2024

Addressing the facility needs should be done. medical, psychological and educational services should be greatly increased in order to actually address underlying issues of the incarcerated and work towards preventing recidivism. However- To do so without addressing Sheriff Nanos incompetence at managing the Department and Corrections facility will not resolve the problems. Giving a new car to someone who can't drive is the analogy . A competent moral senior administration would be able to utilize the improved facilities to make the community safer through reduced recidivism and a create a safer environment for the employees and incarcerated persons to work and live in.

Jan 11, 2024

We dont need a new Prison, fix the ones already there, improve units, mental health, rehab, rec areas , more classes for inmates to take. More training for staff, better food for inmates, make visits a more easier and welcome place to go. Encourage inmates to do better with different courses, and training . Make visit more family friendly. Its not just about the inmates. We on the outside are doing time with our loved ones. We shouldn't be punished, our children shouldnt be punished.

Jan 11, 2024

When the Juvenile Detention Center was renovated and expanded, it allowed for better programs and more successful outcomes for those detained and the staff. The amounts of disciplinary incidents were greatly reduced. This made it safer for both the inmates and the staff. The new facility made it easier to implement programs and procedures that had proven effective throughout the country. The mental well-being of both the detainees and staff greatly improved and recidivism numbers went down. Although it was built to house more detainees, the success of the new facility saw a large drop in the daily count. This is what we wanted for the Juveniles. This is what we need for the adults.

Jan 11, 2024

Release non violent -DUI/Drug Possession to treatment or Home Arrest. Align with the rest of the country to 65% served versus 85%. Use money saved to eliminate Private Prison and existing spaces and facilities.

Jan 10, 2024

I want ALL of the people to follow our laws and that the laws are enforced! None of this let them out for any reason if they should be incarcerated. I sick of all of this crap! Complete new facility or update existing as long as there is room for all of these idiots to stay in there! Quick pussy footing around and enforce the laws!!!! thanks

Jan 10, 2024

Build the new jail. Especially detox and intake facilities should be large and adequate. Too many people who commit crimes are turned away from jail and are back on the streets faster than the police officers who took them there.

Jan 10, 2024

People come there based on community policing and stay there based on decisions that occur in court. The Blue-Ribbon Commission Report (BRCR) fails to explain or approach how community policing and court decisions impact the jail census. Pima County is a MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) site. Their websites names six initiatives they've funded in Pima County, yet no results for any are included. In fact, the BRCR states that "Justice Services staff concluded that while there is no statistical significance between the average percent changes before and during the SJC, the strategies implemented managed to reduce and keep the total population from increasing between 2014 and 2019". The BRCR is flawed in many ways, from fairly harmless grammatical errors to problematic data analysis and interpretation. The data used to create the BRCR's recommendations should be handed over to an outside, unbiased entity, so that the data can be analyzed without an agenda. Jan 10, 2024

move all acute drug and mental health inmates to the old mission with needed remodels and upgrades, have a level one ward for safe detoxes, with top heavy psych and therapeutic services with the idea of quick post incarceration residential treatment options. that should open up roughly 200 beds to the main jail and exponentially. It will drastically lower the death rate, also there needs to be better searching with incoming inmates, to many drugs are getting into the jail via arrestees.

Jan 10, 2024

I believe it is easier to improve what we have than to start over.

Jan 10, 2024

Thank you for the consideration of our incarcerated family and community members. They need access to programs, treatment, housing, job training. My hope is that this will be incorporated in here. What's the saying, something like... "Give a man a fish and you've fed one man. Teach him how to fish and you've fed thousands!" Good luck with your decisions. Jan 10, 2024

No tax money for a new jail. Voters do not want this.

Jan 10, 2024

For me, one of the main issues is leadership and decisions being made that cause the jail itself to suffer-- deferred maintenance or lack of maintenance has cause this relatively new building to be in terrible shape so quickly, and that has to be attributed to the decisions for its care being made by leadership.

Jan 10, 2024

I work with parents who are addicts and have had their children taken away by DCS. Some of PCADC inmates are these parents. They're going to exit jail at some point and will need to get themselves in a position to do their dependency case and parent their children. My experience with incarcerated parents is that they languish in jail -- sometimes for months and months -- and get very little accomplished toward their DCS caseplan and the growth and progress they need to make in order to reunify with their kids. I'd like to see a much more robust array of services available (even mandated?) that bolster their prospects in the dependency case and make them a better person when they get out than when they went in. Long shot, I know...but possible. And whatever is offered at PCADC should be linked to the outside - like what the transition center is doing, but on a grander scale. Assume that every person coming out of that facility needs help -- then give it to them.

Jan 10, 2024

The Transition Center is an excellent step to providing facilities and resources that can reduce recidivism. Rather than expanding the incarceration space, I want to see more use of medical and treatment facilities in the community. We need more transparency about inmate treatment. Rather than creating a closed environment totally under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Department, facilities in the community need to be supported so that those resources are available and effective in collaborating with Sheriff's Department. This would also expand the funding sources -- medical, addiction, mental -- so that there is not a tax burden solely on P.C. residents and businesses.

Jan 10, 2024

There are pressing issues that need to be addressed before building or renovating the detention facility. Improve health care and substance abuse care. Find a better contractor than NaphCare who continue to provide substandard care.

Jan 10, 2024

The jail population must be drastically decreased. Stop Putting people in jail for having a substance use disorder or a mental health disorder. The majority of the jail population needs services the jail does not provide or provides in a way that is even more harmful. All resources must go to providing services to people outside of the carceral system completely. This is what this community wants. We are not made safer by Putting sick people behind bars. The goal should be as few incarcerated people as possible. The goal is housing and social services. Stop going against what the majority of this community wants and needs.

Jan 10, 2024



The physical plant is less the issue than the actual delivery of care and services. More is needed to address the mental health and substance abuse needs of the individuals held. Lack of services and care is a major issue as evidenced by the number of deaths. Clients are routinely released without their medications and often in the middle of the night. While in custody, it often takes weeks for clients to be seen by psychiatry or to be able to get glasses, hearing aids, other necessary devices. Many of the treatment need issues could be resolved if we did not suspend AHCCCS upon entry into the jail. We need more and better treatment providers to help our clients. The jail and community would be better served by developing a comprehensive center where clients could go to get IDs, AHCCCS turned back on, help with transportation, medical care upon release to insure they have their medications, clothing, meds. Jan 9, 2024

I've been hearing predominantly of building a new jail. Only here have I seen any consideration about the existing jail except that it is not worth renovation. I think what is not being addressed directly is what is the appropriate capacity for Pima County. If we build a new jail because the current jail is so bad we need to tear down the current jail.

Jan 9, 2024

Jan 9, 2024

I would love to see a library reinstated in the adult detention facility.

Jan 9, 2024

I think we need to focus on prevention and intervention while addressing what is clearly a deferred maintenance issue. The facility and it's condition looks like it has been completely neglected. Jan 9, 2024

I have worked for the Corrections Bureau for over 15 years. We do a hard job and need a new location to better perform it. When I started, overdoses were rare, the mental health population was much smaller, and public scrutiny was almost non-existent. We have an opportunity to be better and to serve the constituency in a manner that will outlive any of us individually. If we install a new modern jail, that once again paves the way for a better national standard, we will leave a lasting legacy to our community. I feel that is why we all got into public service: to make our home better. Please consider the positives that this will produce over the next century for our community and our children.

Jan 9, 2024

Renovation and/or new construction should be financed by all residents of the county - a sales tax with all proceeds targeted to this issue. A property tax excludes individuals living in the county but not owning any property.

Jan 9, 2024

The worst plot I've seen in a while to "improve community life" through tax payer dollars. It's like you're missing the whole entire point. There is war happening in the world and you're suggestion more brick walls or to make sucking the soul out of someone comfier? Your blankets are itchy, your pillows meer lumps, your mattresses plastic gym mats, your slides rock hard. Why would you want to build something bigger? Why would you want more people to live inhumanly?. Any money should go towards MUCH better efforts in helping HEAL the community. THIS WILL NOT HEAL ANYTHING.

Jan 9, 2024

Pima County must stop locking up the mentally ill, the addicted and the poor. This process is a farce with a predetermined outcome designed to provide cover to Nanos. The last thing Pima County needs is to have him responsible for anything involving more funds. The failure of PCSO to maintain the facility should be investigated before any additional money is allocated. Detox, mental health services and drug/alcohol counselling and services are crucial. Insanity has been defined as doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result. Which is why the idea of a new and bigger jail to solve our problems is absurd. Start with a discussion about why the County Attorney lies about her prosecution policies. If she stopped prosecuting drug offenses (her claim otherwise is provable bs) and making shoplifting a felony there would be far less need for more jail beds....

Jan 9, 2024

The fact that anyone dies in prison after conviction is a travesty. The fact that some die in jail before even having a full chance to defend themselves is unacceptable. Those in prisons and jails still deserve full rights, education, healthcare, and sanitary conditions. Any measure that fails to provide these and move the death and injury rates down to zero is inadequate and needs further examination. Lack of proper healthcare and facilities is a problem across the country, and with this commission there is an opportunity to make a real difference in making this system more effective and humane for a small portion of a nation that rarely bothers to even try. I hope a real effort is made to take care of those in Pima County facilities so that we might be a more compassionate and humane towards those who rarely receive anything. Jan 9, 2024

My son spent 13 months in a 7x9 cell shared with another inmate. Days, sometimes a week or more would go by with no outside yard time - absolutely none! No oppprtunities for exercise. He Meals came into the cell on a tray. My son is diagnosed with schizo affective disorder and is classified as seriously mentally ill. Frankly I am surprised he survived the incarceration. In October of 2023 his case was done winding its' way through the system and he began serving a 3 year sentence at CACF Florence West. The difference is absolutely unbelievable. Dormitory style configuration, dining hall, lots of outside time. Ad humane as a situation like this can be. CACF is a private facility and my son is in a designated medical unit that seems fairly safe. If you haven't been to this facility go check it out. .

Jan 9, 2024

good luck

Jan 9, 2024

Ok. Now I need to exit. Says if I exit, everything is lost. Good luck.

Jan 9, 2024

Being arrested and or incarcerated should be a stepping stone to getting the help needed to function in society . NEVER a training center to be a better criminal.. NO government building should be hazardous for employees or any other occupants!!

Jan 9, 2024

I clearly don't know enough about what is needed, but would ask the Board to decide based on how they would choose to spend their own money

Jan 9, 2024

Incarceration does not solve our social issues. The proposed \$858 million dollar investment into more prisons is sinful at best. I personally lost a friend whose mental health and psychological medications were mismanaged while incarcerated in the Pima County Jail and his death was unjust and uncalled for. He was put in a coma after being beaten by corrections officers and ultimately died from his injuries. There was no justice for him. Redirecting our tax dollars to more progressive means of rehabilitation is the only support I want to see my tax dollars go towards. NO NEW JAILS!

Jan 9, 2024

The program should be focused on law and order and not hug a thug.

Jan 9, 2024

I would support improving areas for medical, detox, mental health, employee work areas. I would not support improving activity areas or sleeping areas for inmates. People not in jail live in worse conditions.

Jan 9, 2024

Do benchmarking with other jails to see what is working. Also review what is working as far as keeping individuals out of the incarceration system. Research is needed to address these issues. Jan 8, 2024

I think paying for jails is a waste of taxpayer money, especially in a community like ours which is so impacted by homelessness. We should be focusing on funding safety net services that catch people before they get into the jail system, not pouring money into locking them away from society. Pima country should be investing in good public housing, mental health support, addiction rehabilitation, and reintegration into the workforce if we want to see a safer community. I do not support my taxes going towards prisons.

Jan 8, 2024

I saw something like 'Pima County Jail is a death camp.' twice and probably there is a problem.

Jan 8, 2024

No support for a billion dollar new jail or hundreds of million dollar overhaul of exiting jail. Tax money should be spent on roads and other important tasks rather than new equipment for inmates. Also, I do not support my taxes being raised for a new jail.

Jan 8, 2024

I have friends that have worked at the Sheriffs Dept and jail for over 20 years and they state a new jail is not needed. Sheriff Nanos has demonstrated he cannot maintain a budget and some issues that are attempting to be “disguised” as facility problems are a result of Sheriff Nanos’s incompetence and leadership running the jail. The Sheriff has a cop chief and cop captains that have zero experience in corrections and have never worked in a jail and have no jail training and the result is showing the last 3 years.

Jan 8, 2024

As someone who has been involved in delivering prisoners to the old jail and the current facility, I believe the current facility probably needs some enhancements. The old jail was horrible and the current facility is a major improvement. I think part of what contributes to this issue is a combination of mismanagement, a changing expectation of the mission of the jail and excessive mandated forms of treatment by the courts. I personally think there are too many expectations of what the jail can provide. It is important to remember that no one can be housed/sentenced to serve time of a year or more at the county jail. Being incarcerated at the jail is not meant to be enjoyed and time there should serve to deter anyone from future criminal acts. I don't want any additional taxes imposed as a result of Chris Nanos crying wolf! If the county wants to fall prey to his complaints, then build it within the current budget it has. It would take longer and that is fine with me.

Jan 8, 2024

I am but one man with one opinion but it is obvious that the question isn't whether a new jail is needed, the question is whether there is the will to identify and support funding for such a facility. Building a new jail is the right, and frankly humane, thing to do for the employees that work there and the inmates that occupy it. It is also worth noting that deciding to do nothing or some inadequate half-measure is a decision unto itself and comes with its own set of costs. While I only find myself at the jail every so often I'm in court regularly and there seems to be a strong correlation between the jail inadequacies and a delay in getting cases processed. I don't do defense work but I know there are perpetual issues with defense attorneys being able to meaningfully communicating with their clients due to video visitation tech issues or in-person visitations being stymied by lockdowns that are likely due at least in part to inadequate facilities. Time to move into the 21st century.

Jan 8, 2024

I do not support the expansion of PCADC. The Jail has proven in the past few years that it cannot be trusted to keep people safe. More money won't fix this problem. We need to be spending the money on alternatives to incarceration. I would also like to state that I am saying this as a former paralegal for the Public Defender, and as a trans woman who has academically studied the effect of incarceration on trans people specifically. I do not want millions spent on a jail that's going to be used to kill more members of our community. Please do not support expansion.

Jan 8, 2024

The jail needs a complete overhaul in the way inmates are handled by staff and the infrastructure of the building itself, the conditions are deplorable and inhumane Jan 8, 2024

Don't even know where to begin with this one. Tax dollars should be used for collective wellness of our community and access to mental/physical health resources, instead of building new jails to bandaid giant wounds within the city. Plus,

the amount of deaths and abuse that has significantly risen in the last 5 years within the Pima County Jail system is abhorrent. Use tax dollars to prosecute guards and cops killing/abusing inmates.

Jan 8, 2024

Analysis of those needing mental health services and sending to such a facility and creating lower intake since many don't belong in this facility. Appropriate redistribution of inmates based on rehab qualifications.

Jan 8, 2024

This survey is based on the assumption that an expansion of our current detention center is warranted rather than the expansion of social services which are actually needed. Jail is inherently deadly and inhumane. This potential \$858 million investment into carceral space is a grotesque use of money that could go to bolstering community based services which are actually needed. The jail is killing our community members due to a culture of negligence and mismanagement because incarceration drives cycles of illness and poverty. None of these things are improved and are only worsened by incarceration. You cannot solve social issues through incarceration.

Jan 7, 2024

The county has a moral obligation to take care of its citizens, and to fund this in a manner of excellence. Not all felonies are violent cases; most involve people who simply need help or guidance; positive influencers. They have a right to be treated with dignity and care, even if they are unloveable. We have a moral responsibility to do what we can to help people avoid prison and restore them, if possible. Punishment alone does not work to deter; recidivism rates prove this. Salaries can be reduced, projects can be tabled, we don't need to keep buying land. What I saw with CARB as I walked through PCJ makes me ashamed of those who call themselves leaders. Who would want to work there? Every aspect is despicable. The B of S should do whatever it takes to get this right. The public needs to know the goal is to improve communities, not pamper criminals. That's a public relations project. It's past time to fix this. Jan 7, 2024

This survey is biased upon the assumptions that a new jail will be built, that nothing can be done to improve conditions in the current jail, and that the people of Pima County want to support increased incarceration. This is evident in the wording of the questions and available answers. I vehemently oppose additional funding going to expanding our current incarceration system or building a new one. To reduce crime and incarceration, other social conditions must be improved - put the money there.

Jan 7, 2024

We should not be funding new or improved facility. We need to end mass incarceration and abuse of power. Pima county jail staff regularly abuses inmates, kill inmates and neglect basic needs. The jail is overflowing not because of high populations but because of mass incarceration that destroys the lives of citizens which are no threat to society. The majority simple need access to healthcare, access to employment and job development resources, affordable housing, access to transportation, access to food, water and medicine. By investing in programs the improve society, not deteriorate it we can reduce populations in Pima county jail. Shame on you for using taxpayer dollars to harm to citizens rather than investing in communities and supporting residents.

Jan 7, 2024

Jails are inherently deadly. Incarceration and poor resources cause cycles of poverty and mental illness. All of these “improvements” won’t address what is actually hurting our communities and this funding should be put towards programs that would reduce the need to expand our jails.

Jan 7, 2024

I do not support any additional funding or expansion of the pima county jail. I ask instead that this enormous sum of money be considered for any number of community building projects and support systems to address the root causes of so-called criminality in our city. Increased lowincome housing, affordable mental health care, and access to medical care can all benefit individuals and the city as a whole, preventing anyone from desperate measures that may lead to incarceration. Incarceration is cruel and unusual. No human should fear for their lives in a jail cell and the people responsible for those conditions should do everything in their power to dismantle the jail system that allows the death of people who have not even been convicted of a crime. Jan 7, 2024

I support taxes and do not care what type of facility is constructed except that it be excellent, modern and safe.

Jan 7, 2024

This bring more jobs open too

Jan 7, 2024

The proposed \$858 million in funding that the BRC is requesting for this project desperately needs to be used on community services instead. Pima County should be Putting this money into replacing all the homeless shelters forced to close after the federal government defunded them in 2017, and that would be the absolute bare minimum. We need better housing conditions, healthcare, education, and other government services that ensure that everyone can live without fearing poverty. Our government stakeholders like to pretend like poverty and mental health issues aren’t the main causes for crime. We need better economic conditions for Pima County residents in order to actually address mental health issues and decrease crime overall on a large scale. Please spend this money elsewhere. Our jail is one of the deadliest in the nation and funding it more is a lost cause and will only improve the jail’s ability to brutalize incarcerated people.

Jan 7, 2024

I believe in decarceration and rehabilitation. We do not need new prisons, but to use existing funding to create services and programs that rehabilitate, repair, and reintegrate the formerly incarcerated back into the community—after a period of transition our prisons should become obsolete. Jan 7, 2024

We have an incredibly deadly jail system. People in jail have not yet been charged, there is no reason they should be dying at the rate that they are. Instead of creating another facility to torture people, focus on improving current conditions. There needs to be an overhaul in how incarcerated people are treated and cared for. 56 deaths in 2022 in unacceptable. We don't need more facilities, we need rehabilitation and improved conditions. I refuse to support incarceration and state-sponsored murder of my neighbors.

Jan 7, 2024

Facilities should be kept up to date, and not to be let to get run down. If it needs to be a 1/2 cent tax increase so be it, it needs to be done. Convicts should not have all the conveniences of the outside. They did illegal things, let them be treated the same way they treated the people they are convicted of offending.

Jan 7, 2024

The Pima County Jail is inherently deadly and inhumane. It is killing our community members due to a culture of cruelty, negligence and mismanagement. No developed nation cages its own people at the rates we do, and Pima County's jail has proven to be particularly toxic. Incarceration and expanding incarceration will only increase crime, mental illness, substance use issues, poor public health, and homelessness. None of these problems will be solved by dumping hundreds of millions of dollars into more cages. This would be a grotesque use of public funds that could go to any number of underfunded, actually effective public services. Jan 7, 2024

The structures will not matter if the deadly mindset and acceptance of less than capable personnel continues. If we do not steward what we have adequately how can we justify pouring more money into a broken system.

Jan 6, 2024

The staff needs to be able to feel safe and the inmates need to feel their needs are met. Tucson is growing and this jail is not going to meet the needs of the public and the safety of many could be at risk. Everyone needs this renovation.

Jan 6, 2024

I think the needs some kind of renovation or remodeling of the jail to meet modern standards.

Jan 6, 2024

Instead of a new jail, we need changes that reduce the number of people detained without jeopardizing community safety. This includes changing arrest, risk assessment, bail bond, and prosecution policies and procedures, as well as implementing alternatives to incarceration and treatment. We need to stop detaining people because they are poor (can't make bond) or unhoused (perceived as at risk for not showing up to court); jail should be for those who are assessed to be a true risk to public safety. During the height of the COVID pandemic, the population decreased because of changes made to how our justice system operates. We can do it again. It will require compromises and risk taking, but all progress and success is built on taking chances and some failure along the way. The people of Pima County deserve leaders who are willing to take risks for the sake of progress. We deserve an investment in the longterm wellbeing, health, and safety of our community, and a new jail is not it. Jan 6, 2024

I do not support additional sales tax. This is a regressive tax that really hurts those barely surviving economically.

Jan 6, 2024



I think there are Federal Infrastructure Investment dollars available and that any additional taxation on our community would be excessive. The City of Tucson should also be allocating funds for any renovation and they too clearly have access to federal dollars. Jan 6, 2024

Privatized detention centers. Work related job training that provides a product that can be sold and assist in paying for detention. Why are the tax payers forced to pay for criminal detention centers that provide the community no support? Have you ever heard of anything good coming out of our detention center? Any good work? Any good product? No, it is a bed, exercise and three hot meals. At the end of the criminals detention what do you end up with? A better criminal. Jan 6, 2024

Short- sighted budgeting/long term planning by past and present Administration officials should be the first priority. Taxation should not be seen by officials as an available "rainy day" fund. Perhaps the Commission should inquire how county assets are overseen. Jan 6, 2024

funding is always a tricky subject, all things considered I think bonds would be the most appropriate.

Jan 6, 2024

An abnormal number of people die in your care and your staff have an entrenched culture of masochism. Maybe try to build a facility whose purpose is rehabilitation and reintegration instead of a torture chamber where the top makes a fortune. Better yet burn the thing to the ground and get a real job.

Jan 6, 2024

You are so focused on continuing the status quo and then building more and bigger jails, which will always have the same problems and always be vortexes of dehumanization, because you refuse to focus your efforts and our tax dollars on supporting public services for communities, for children, for caregivers, for elders. Mental healthcare, insurance for all, affordable housing, funding for schools so teachers are paid what they are worth and don't have to buy their own supplies, parks and recreation centers that aren't neglected and low in disrepair, good roads with accessible walking and biking conduits, funding for the arts and creativity. All the money is there, we have paid you already with OUR taxes, and if our money were invested in communities, in ourselves, instead of a violent policing system that does nothing to really keep us safe, we could work toward a world without jails. Thank you for asking; are you even going to listen? I'm not the only one telling you this.

Jan 6, 2024

Clean the interior of incoming cells.

Jan 6, 2024

From the knowledge I have speaking with a Blue Ribbon Committee member, who has deep knowledge about Pima County social, legal, criminal and cultural conditions, I believe that a new facility should be constructed. The facility to be built following modern standards to provide safe, temporary care for adults who pose a threat to the community or themselves. A comprehensive set of programs inside and outside of the main facility would make the most sense. I

disagree with those who advocate for no jail facilities. The repeal of most of the MHSA in 1981 did a great disservice to American communities and I believe has led to the huge mental health/homeless problem in our cities. The same would be true if detention centers were similarly not funded. I and my family would absolutely support a tax to fund a new facility. The welfare of all Pima county citizens depends upon investing in infrastructure, education and incorporating evidence based research into the planning processes. Jan 6, 2024

I don't think a tax is needed. Arizona, like every other state in the country, is spending (at a minimum) millions of dollars to support "asylum" seekers, when they shouldn't even be allowed in the country in the first place. A better solution would be to have Arizona's Democratic politicians (and all other Democratic politicians) tell President Biden to shut the border immediately, so no new asylum seekers can enter the country. This should be done for a minimum of 2 years. This would allow CBP and the Border Patrol a chance to properly process the paperwork for those asylum seekers already inside the United States. Jan 5, 2024

I believe this survey is biased towards building a new jail and is designed to manufacture support that does not exist. As a Tucson taxpayer and voter, I vehemently opposed any new or expanded jail in Pima county and urge decision makers to use funds to invest in the social systems, like affordable housing and healthcare, that prevent 'crime' from taking place. Jan 5, 2024

Pima County should build a new detention facility in Ajo. County has lots of property in Ajo. Build a 500 to 1000 bed facility and renovate the Tucson facility. This adding beds. And allow for Jail population growth.

Jan 5, 2024

This survey is biased and poorly displayed to the public. The community does not need to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to further incarcerate community members. My network of friends, family, and advocacy groups does not support funds to further incarcerate people of color and community members. Funding should be used to actually implement reduction of jail population and for creation of groups and workforce support. I do not support a new jail or wasting "over quoted" funds on a renovations to the existing facility. The Sheriff has shown his inability to manage a budget and has shown the public he is over his head with his position and running and managing the existing jail.

Jan 5, 2024

Current conditions are unacceptable. Something must be done.

Jan 5, 2024

This is a rapidly growing area and improvements and new resources need to be planned for.

Jan 5, 2024

Recidivism rate in Arizona is 36.3%. That is how much of your budget needs to be cut because your program is not very successful. The cost of each prisoner in Arizona is ti30,000 in 2020. Budget increases of 2022 is just shy of \$79,000,000. \$30,000,000 for 5% salary increase. MY INCREASE WAS LESS THAN 3% \$28;000;000 for contract increases. WHAT CONTRACTS???

\$18,650,000 for new prison beds \$17,000,000 for new radios. OLD RADIOS REALLY THAT BAD? \$15,000,000 for medical staffing augmentation. WHAT THAT HECK IS THIS? \$5,000,000 for substance abuse treatment. RECIDIVISM 36.3% \$3,800,000 for ballistic and stab proof vests. WHY DO PRISONERS HAVE GUNS AND KNIVES \$1,600,000 for salary increase for promotions \$1,300,000 for mental health transition program. RECIDIVISM 36.3% \$250,000 for expansion of the braille transcription program. \$17,000,000 for the elimination of a prison lease-purchase payment. ????? Bottom line : \$79,000,000 budget INCREASE. YOU NEED TO TIGHTEN YOUR BELT

Jan 5, 2024

Not another penny if my hard earned money to be used to finance another wasted project. Use the money you already get and prioritize and budget it better. With cost of everything increasing the amount of tax I paid increased, so you are already getting more tax money from me. My home and car insurance went up 15% . Utilities have increased over 10%, the property taxes paid to Pima county this year was ti200 more than last year, just to mention a few. My retirement is only increasing 3.2%. We are not being nickled and dimed to death , we are talking about being ripped off and robbed of our financial security. I'm sure there are many more of us out there that are feeling the financial pain my wife and I (registered voters) are feeling and only have our vote to fight back. You will probably get what you need for your project in spite of my input. but now you an opinion of someone frustrated with everyone dipping into my pocket. I hope others respond, or is this just a waste of time. Jan 5, 2024

Too new to Pima County to offer constructive feedback.

Jan 5, 2024

Make sure no monies go to Nanos pet projects.

Jan 5, 2024

If you follow the current local news media it seems the actual facility itself which sadly needs to be in place, should be newer and upgraded for both the staff and the inmates. The local news media always covers the "deaths" of those incarcerated. Blaming it on the facility building and the lack of proper staffing at the facility. Perhaps if it were safer for people to work there (meaning getting it upgraded with those people who work there in mind too not just the inmates) maybe more people would be in that profession. It's a tough job why not make it better for those who are there to do the job, as well as the inmates. I think it would change the overall landscape of the place...

Jan 5, 2024

I'll admit I am ignorant about County detention programs, however the reasons for the confinement of people can range across a wide spectrum of behaviors and packing them all into a single facility pretty much guarantees problems with rehab and ultimate release. Pumping money into physical facilities by itself seems a poor solution to the root problem of growing numbers of social misfits, addicts, criminals, unlucky homeless, and the mentally ill. Those dedicated to "correction" could help the voting (and paying) public by making a detailed case for improvements easily accessible through the media and internet. The competition for attention by thousands of advocates for other programs makes this hard but I personally would like to know more and am willing to help fund and support a valid appeal.

Jan 5, 2024

Although I hate to think about having a detention center, I think the main focus should be rehabilitation. However, a more prudent program would be to educate, and improve the conditions of those who are prone to crime.

Jan 5, 2024

NO NEW TAXES!! Actually if you want to improve something get all the damn bums, homeless and vagrants the hell out of the city.

Jan 5, 2024

Without a comprehensive plan to review prior to accepting any taxation , I refuse to vote for any additional increase in tax or bond measure.

Jan 5, 2024

The current jail cannot handle the current population or any increase in the future.

Jan 5, 2024

Conditions are fairly inhumane for inmates, especially cleanliness and hygiene. We do not need new construction, modernize and clean the existing facilities and more training for staff. Jan 5, 2024

I read through the report of the Commission. I was also the structural engineer for design and construction of the existing Pima County Main Jail. As I expected based on my knowledge of the existing building structure, the report did not identify any serious structural problems with the existing main jail building. But I was convinced that a new facility is needed due to the fact that our community only addresses the adequacy of the jail once in a generation. Comprehensive repairs and expansion of the existing jail would significantly improve the facilities, but the facility would still be low with major FUNCTIONAL OBSOLESCENCE problems. Since we only address the adequacy of the jail once in a generation and both the repair and replacement options are very expensive, let's do it right, build a good replacement facility, and provide the next generation of law enforcement officers, prisoners and prisoners' families with the best facility we can provide them.

Jan 5, 2024

Decarcerate. Rehabilitate.

Jan 5, 2024

Whatever type of tax is found needed for this project, it should have a sunset time frame. Jan 5, 2024

I would like the facility updated, but there is no point when the staff members running the place are too ignorant to ensure it is used properly. They are why we cannot have nice things.

Jan 5, 2024

I think we need to do a better job caring for inmates' physical and mental health needs. I also think CO training and supervision are sorely lacking. Anecdotally I have heard of COs clowning around while people are in real distress. Professionalism and compassion need to take center stage. Jan 5, 2024

Before reading the report I questioned the need for a new jail. I now see the need, but I also would like to see continuing efforts to reduce the jail population as was done during the pandemic. I doubt that jailing people for simple drug possession deters many, if any, drug users. What type of restorative justice programs are offered? What changes can be made to reduce inmate deaths even before a new facility is built? The commission may say this was not their mandate, but I would be more likely to vote 'yes' for money for a new jail if these programs were put in place before asking me to vote for a new jail. Jan 5, 2024

No problem.

Jan 5, 2024

The Pima County detention center is a death trap that does not serve the community. Throwing more money at the detention center without resolving the systemic injustices that confine people to it will do no good. As an individual who works in the legal field I can tell you with certainty that the proposed jail facility will only harm community members. I urge the City to consider using these critical funds in a more productive, community focused manner.

Jan 5, 2024

I think reliance on jails and prisons needs to be reduced. Punishment and deterrence from incarceration should be reduced. Jan 5, 2024

I strongly oppose use of public funds to expand jail facilities. Our public funds should go into public services for public benefit, like affordable housing, parks, and community-based services. Way too many people are being incarcerated on drug charges. We should limit these incarcerations, greatly decrease the jail population, and decrease spending on incarceration.

Jan 5, 2024

better medical and mental health facilities are a must as to stop filling up local care institutions Jan 5, 2024

Those sandwiches are terrible. Consider providing fresh fruit like apples and bananas for those one night stays.

Jan 5, 2024

I am very concerned about the amount of people dying while incarcerated, the way people are treated, and the visitation rules.

Jan 5, 2024

I do not support any monies going towards anything before getting staffing and training to prioritize eliminating inmate deaths and harms first. This means abandoning the DeLand policies and procedures.

Jan 5, 2024

Rushing to criminalize community members sets a dangerous precedence, we must do everything we can to prevent incarceration, and that starts in the home of every Pima county resident. Families need affordable housing, accessible healthcare, living wages, and better schools. If we can meet the needs of our residents, we can eliminate crime. Hefei Wen, Jason

Hockenberry, and Janet Cummings

(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0047272717301445>) looked at the effects of increasing treatment access via state Medicaid expansions. Between 2001 and 2008, several states expanded Medicaid access to low-income adults without children (the population most at risk for criminal activity). The authors found that when Medicaid expanded, both violent and property crime rates fell. Please reconsider this new jail construction and invest in social services in Pima County instead.

Jan 5, 2024

The quality of character of the Correctional Officers and staff is at no cost and can be implemented tomorrow.

Jan 5, 2024

A new jail should not be built until through investigation in how best to reduce jail populations are done first.

Jan 5, 2024

Tax rich people and corporations - the root cause of societal disruption, for improvements. Do not build a new jail. Treat your employees and inmates with dignity. Improve medical facilities. Stop detaining people who are not a threat to the community. Get it together!!!

Jan 5, 2024

Quality of the character of the Correctional Officers does not cost to improve and can be implemented tomorrow.

Jan 5, 2024

pima county budget went from 1.4b to 2.1billion since '21 where is all that money locked into now

Jan 5, 2024

The current facility would not need to be renovated if it had been properly maintained to begin with. I have no problem with restoration and additional construction so long as funding of long term maintenance is a condition of financing.

Jan 5, 2024

Please do something to address the housing crisis and in turn the poverty and addiction crises plaguing the county. Services for people with mental health issues are also needed. Incarceration is not the answer.

Jan 5, 2024

Consider that people have died in the county jail and it's not adequate for human life at all. People who commit crimes are innocent until proven guilty and shouldn't die in a local county jail. More options should be made available to communities that don't cause them to die in the local county jail. Use our taxes to create alternative and rehabilitative solutions. Jan 4, 2024

This entire survey is based on the assumption that an expansion of our current detention center is warranted, when the real issues at play are over-incarceration and lack of investment in social services for our wider community. Without a serious expansion of these services, which would reduce the need for detention, and without a serious commitment to significantly reducing our jail population, I do not support any funding for detention center improvement, and I certainly do not support expansion of the detention center or construction of a new facility. Proposing a new and expanded jail does nothing to address the underlying issues leading to Pima County's alarming rate of jail deaths, because it does nothing to reduce the jail population, eliminate cash bail, or provide the kind of expansion of community social services and support needed to meaningfully alleviate poverty, the single largest contributor to rates of crime in any community.

Jan 4, 2024

A new prison is an absolute waste of resources and does nothing to better serve our community or improve "safety" for pima county residents. It is an embarrassing and lazy excuse to further criminalize neighbors while financially benefitting a few.

Jan 4, 2024

Pima County doesn't need a new jail

Jan 4, 2024

There needs to be an independent inquiry into the conditions in the Pima County jail. The situation based on the people incarcerated there are abysmal. The culture created by the correctional officers creates an unsafe environment where there is no oversight. Jan 4, 2024

It is typically better to build new than attempt a retrofit. Of concern is the percentage of inmates with mental health issues and those with addiction. New is better!

Jan 4, 2024



We should not be building new jails until the ones we currently have are up to a certain standard of quality of life. The goal should not be storing more inmates, but rehabilitating inmates and preventing repeat offenses and keeping citizens out of jail. Jan 4, 2024

Obviously, those that are incarcerated should be in facilities that respect people's human rights but the facility SHOULD NOT BE EXPANDED to accommodate more people. This projection of needing more beds assumes guilt of people prior to them even being convicted and assumes that jail is the best place to spend limited resources. Since the county is asking for my opinion and my money, I want to spend money on vulnerable populations that need help, direct those resources to housing needs, mental health programs!!!, early childhood education (PEEPS) and other services that have been PROVEN to help people get their lives together and to get families out of generational poverty. Let's fix Tucson's problems, not just lock people up. Jan 4, 2024

Fire all the horrible COs hire and properly train new ones and raise the standards!!!

Jan 4, 2024

If a new jail is approved, it would be a waste of all the money that has been poured into the old facility in the past few years. The remodeling, renovating and upgrading is still ongoing at this very moment.

Jan 4, 2024

We don't need a new jail. I would spend my tax dollars on literally anything else.

Jan 4, 2024

The jail needs to be updated and a new facilities needs to be built. I would support funding for a brand new facilities as I see trying to remodel an old facility is a waist of funds and resources. Staffing areas need to help staff function and support the work that needs to be done, and maybe we would be able to keep the jail staffed.

Jan 4, 2024

We do not need more detention centers, we need people out of detention centers. we need more affordable housing and higher wages and better childcare and more accessible mental health resources in pima county.

Jan 4, 2024

This is actually not a complicated decision. Due to abusive staff, dilapidated facilities, and dehumanization of incarcerated people, human beings are dying in Pima County Jail at a rate almost 10 times higher than the national average. The evidence shows that current Pima County law enforcement leadership cannot safely run one jail, let alone two. It's difficult to understand why the Commission keeps doing mental gymnastics to avoid addressing the simple fact that people are dying at unbelievable rates and those in power are failing to provide solutions. As a person of faith, I believe honoring the sanctity of human life should be at the center of all decision-making. If the Commission moves to approve a new jail, it will be a choice against life, against human dignity, and against basic common sense. Jan 4, 2024

We should be focusing on decreasing the population of the jail by utilizing house arrest which has been show to be more cost effective than detention at the jail rather than funneling even more money into a system that does not adequately prevent or reduce recidivism. Jan 4, 2024

We do not need a new detention facility. The Pima County Jail has a dangerously high mortality rate and building another facility will not fix this. This money should be invested into our community in ways that will prevent people from going to jail such as housing, mental health programs, and harm reduction programs. Incarceration creates a cycle of violence and does not heal our community.

Jan 4, 2024

The jail is inherently deadly and inhumane. I do not believe investing in the jail will help in any way and will only perpetuate these issues. The money should be going into community services instead. Jan 4, 2024

I would expect the Pima County Jail Detention to be a temporary holding facility between arrest and conviction if found guilty, whereby the criminal would then be transferred to a prison facility elsewhere. I would not support drug rehabilitation in such facility, as it would be too costly and not the primary purpose of the facility. I would expect the facilities to be maintained to a level whereby the inmates would be safe but not too comfortable. It should keep the public safe and hold the inmate safe until such time as they are tried. The inmates should be thoroughly evaluated, health wise and mental health wise, but no additional costs should be considered for treatment under this proposed new detention complex spending.

Jan 4, 2024

Improvements to the intake area, mental health pod, and detoxification units should be the priority. Most issues I am aware of pertain to contraband being smuggled into the facility, poor visibility of detainees, and too many opportunities to conceal illegal drug use and self-harm. Recommend additional funding to recruit more COs with good compensation to incentivize and strengthen work force. Consider specialized hybrid positions (correctional/social worker) to maintain problems stemming from substance use and behavioral health crisis. COs and correctional health care staff are stretched thin, and the job is high stress and unrewarding for many. Constant turnover of the correctional health vendor is also an issue for health and safety. Need consistency and repetition, in order to be a successful vendor. Particularly important with the amount of money that's invested in correctional health. Also, use of the space at juvenile detention could be more efficient. Lots of wasted space!

Jan 4, 2024

Seek grants/fund raisers

Jan 4, 2024

The reality is, the scope of this survey does not meet the needed transformation of the Pima County Detention Center. What PCDC needs is to shiw from a punitive, carceral model to holding our collective responsibility for people who are not well, who are harming their neighbors and loved ones, who are harming themselves through drugs, through

violence. What we need is to bring in Care Workers who have a different vision for what our community needs than prisons. We are here. Your constituents. Reach towards us.

Jan 4, 2024

I don't know much about the detention system as I have no experience with it. I trust the professional law enforcement staff to recommend the best care and facilities. My only part is to pay for it, which is best done with bonds, not taxes. Thank you for asking my opinion. Jan 4, 2024

I personally do not think those incarcerated deserve better living conditions than our military, homeless and orphans do.

Jan 4, 2024

I think that jailed people are people too. If correction is the objective be more supportive and show some humility. I'm talking to jail staff! Jan 4, 2024

Jail is suppose to be a deterrent, not a spa. If they don't like living in swaller they should stay out of trouble. Jan 4, 2024

Use the funds that you are providing to house and feed the illegal aliens that have come across the southern border.

Jan 4, 2024

No need to keep inmates (especially medical needs inmates) for indefinite periods of time in order to reduce a sentence if any in prison. (Due to the fact they get double or triple time served if spent in jail) Jail should be uncomfortable a judge has ruled that they be detained. In order to reduce jail population , the roundup of homeless population , in order to look better politically the policy should cease. The main focus should be deterrence ,jail should not be a place you want to go to for dental care, medical treatment or a warm cot and a hot meal . Furthermore it is my belief that the Pima County should hold a public forum/meeting regarding this issue. In addition ,for the consideration of those making this very important and final decision ,that will affect all of Tucson's population whether taxes payers or non tax payers, a panel of citizens (from Pima County ) be selected to tour the facility and speak to those who are employed there whether contracted or not.

Jan 4, 2024

Sheriff Nanos has demonstrated his inability to manage budgets and his lack of discipline with tax payer funds that his dept receives. Nanos has no business asking for a new jail because of the crisis that his failed leadership and policies have caused at the current jail. Citizens will not pay higher taxes for the incompetence of Nanos.

Jan 4, 2024

No support for the use of tax funds for a new jail. County needs to spend the funds more appropriately such as a work force center and on housing assistance for working county residents, not illegals or refugees.

Jan 4, 2024

I don't think the facility itself is the problem, but the lack of staff - particularly in the medical unit and mental health. I worked at the jail for 3.5 years between 2018 and 2022 and saw inmate access to health services decrease significantly. I think more resources to assist people experiencing withdrawal symptoms would also be beneficial. Programming and staff seem like a better investment than a whole new facility.

Jan 4, 2024

Data supports the current conditions being harmful to all inhabitants and future inhabitants. Focus on improving basic health and safety standards and dignified treatment of the human beings being incarcerated first. I absolutely do not support my tax dollars being given to create new facilities when it is apparent they cannot be adequately run by those in charge. Jan 4, 2024

A new and cohesive building that would meet the needs of the current and future population would be best for staff and inmates. A band aid won't be the best fix.

Jan 4, 2024

A new Pima County Prison is not needed. Investing that money to better the rehabilitation and reintegration focuses of the current system would be a better use of resources with a much higher likelihood of creating a better Tucson community.

Jan 4, 2024

I have seen first hand and heard about the conditions of working at the jail. It is a hard job and our law enforcement deserves to be in a place that is dignified and also modernized to provide the best security and supervision for the inmates and our greater community. Jan 4, 2024

Incarceration is a complicated topic depending on views on what prisons are for. If you believe all prisoners should be punish equally n the condition and training is of no consequence. Others believe prisons are not set up to reform but to make criminals worse criminals. There are examples of radical new approaches across the country that separate those who are career criminals such as psychopaths, serial killers, murders. Serious mental illnesses need the right medication and different facilities. Others can be examined to the level of offense and whether or not they can be rehabilitated. Right now, they just serve their time with zero hope of changed behavior, re-entrance to society, training for jobs etc. So re-entry to the system is inevitable. Learn from other prison systems whose reoffending #s are way down due to their approach to prisners and your will find top notch volunteers, guards and encouraging culture to work within the system.

Jan 4, 2024

Better food should be provided. More chocolate milk days. Everyone should be able to have the quality the kosher meals get. Update the program and mental health treatment. Train guards to not be friendly but their job. End segregation at the mission require races to eat together not divided.

Jan 4, 2024

I prefer to use the term "correction facility", not "detention center". Safety of staff and secure housing of inmates should be priorities. Being jailed, especially for violent actions, should not

be about making them comfortable or entertained while they are incarcerated Jan 4, 2024

It would be advisable to highlight the actual structural Conditions of the current jail. Let the public see photos so they can make a informed decision. Is it more cost effective to remodel the current jail or build a new structure that meets the needs of the community for now and the future? I am a retired Mpls police Sgt. 25years.

Jan 4, 2024

The rule of law and justice is important for any society to function and be safe. What's also important is how we carry that out and that we focus on the right means and methods that improve outcomes for the community, law enforcement personnel, and incarcerated individuals because all of these parties must have their rights respected and upheld to the fullest extent of humanitarian, legal, and ethical standards. Jail should not be punitive in nature, that only leads to abuses and furthers the cycle of drugs and poverty that leads people there in the first place. Suspects should get access to mandated treatment, support, adequate medical care, and connection to resources to get them on the right path and break the cycle. It's a much better approach for all concerned that actually improves outcomes instead of satisfyingly some primitive thirst for revenge. Especially when so many crimes are non-violent in nature or of a nature that can be worked out to a positive outcome.

Jan 3, 2024

It is not a question of IF improvements are needed for Pima County Correctional Facilities, but

WHEN the work will begin and WHO is going to pay for it. WHEN- IMMEDIATELY WHO PAYS- Seeing as taxpayers have already been taxed for the funds that should be available to pay for the work needed, I propose the following. Funds should be taken from less needed programs that have been funded by our city without tax payer approval. (BLM/assistance to illegal migration/etc.). And any remaining COVID funds the state has not utilized. Another source is an immediate withdrawal of the raises recently approved to the Mayor and City Council Members, as the pay they received prior to the vote to increase is more than adequate for the performance of their duties.

Jan 3, 2024

Thank you.

Jan 3, 2024

We don't expect anyone to live or work in present conditions

Jan 3, 2024

I was impressed with how the resources the Jail receive used them. I found the staff to be both supportive of each other, and professional in their demeanor and actions with inmates. Obviously, getting compliance of inmates with a ratio of

30+ to 1 Officer is difficult. It would be nice to have professional facilities to match the work ethic and professionalism of the staff. Thank you for your time and effort in this endeavor. Very important. John Q. Citizen

Jan 3, 2024

I think we give the criminals way too many benefits while serving their time. They committed a crime and were found guilty so they should do the time. I dislike having my tax dollars providing them with an education or excellent medical when hard working people cannot get the same for all their hard work.

Jan 3, 2024

I believe the Jail needs to be expanded to assist in keeping the inmates and staff safe. The mental health, Administrative Segregation, Detoxification units, and female housing units need more options to house inmates. This can be accomplished by building more housing units. I would think this would be more cost effective then building a new jail. In turn, this would satisfy the needs of the facility, minimize the cost to the public and well as getting more support from the public by making the sales tax increase temporary rather than permanent. Jan 3, 2024

As a general rule, I see county detention facilities as for pre-trial and short-term incarceration. That means they shouldn't need to serve the long-term rehabilitation and treatment function that state prison does. I would support renovation of the facility only to meet the goal of holding prisoners in a humane fashion and meeting their immediate medical and other needs. I would not support what, in my former home, was frequently referred to as a "glamour slammer". Jan 3, 2024

I do not support creating a new jail when Pima county already has high death rates of people kept inside. We should be working to help people acclimate to life beyond jail, with education, medical care and job options so people are not left with no good choices when they leave. Jan 3, 2024

Prior to retirement, I was an Adult and Juvenile Probation and Parole Officer in the State of Montana. I retired after a 28 year career with the last 7 years employed as the Probation &

Parole Bureau Chief for the State of Montana, in the Corrections Dept. I worked as a Sex Offender Specialist in and out of the Prison as well as a liaison to the Community Transition programs geared for Adult Offenders. I also worked as an Administrative Hearing Officer. The County jail should provide a safe place for offenders to be assessed or held til bond and a safe place for professional employees to work. Since over 90% enter the jail with mental health issues; chemical dependency issues; homelessness; abuse and violence backgrounds, getting an accurate assessment of who they are when clean/sober and their risk to reoffend is key to success for the offender and safety for the community. Most will have a dual diagnosis, meaning a mental health issue and dependency. Addictions contribute. Thx Jan 3, 2024

Don't have the outside of the building looking like a stark prison. Give it a nice outside appearance in a southwest style with climate mitigating landscape including lots of soil onto the building sides to lower the temperature and shade large parts of the compound while keeping it safe and secure for neighbors, inmates and staff

Jan 3, 2024

I think a new jail should be built because the jail now is all falling apart and everything needs to be done and the food there needs to be better and there hasn't been no kitchen there suppose to be remodeling it but that's been some months now it's better to build a new one then to fix things up because don't know how long the repairs will last so it will be better to build a new pima county adult detention center thank you have a good day

Jan 3, 2024

I don't know enough about the state of the current facility or the characterization of the individuals who are incarcerated there to provide a true opinion. That would seem to indicate that you need to do more of an information load on exactly what's wrong with the current facility and exactly the kind of people who are locked up there. Having made that statement I will say that just because someone has broken the law doesn't mean they should be kept in degraded or inappropriate circumstances. While we'd like to believe that bad people are "less" then law biting citizens the fact is they're still people and should be treated with respect and have a decent living condition. Also, locking someone in a cage and nothing else is a sure fire away to guarantee they break the law again at some future time.

Jan 3, 2024

My concern about funding either a renovation or complete rebuild of the jail is that the county has demonstrated its complete lack of ability to manage and maintain the present jail. The newest part of the jail is in the worst condition. I am opposed to sinking multi-millions into a new jail without adequate assurances that the new facility will be better maintained than the current one. Perhaps we should start with an investigation into why the jail is so deteriorated and actually hold someone accountable for this failure.

Jan 3, 2024

I've been to jail here in pima county i've been to jail in mojave county Pima county actually wasn't that bad The food was pretty nasty. The people were pretty bad but all in all it's not like people we're getting raped I haven't been to jill in about fifteen I don't know how it is now. But it used to be pretty crowded and pretty nasty I just feel like if I go to jail that it should at least be decent there

Jan 3, 2024

We need to consider the safety of those who work there and the safety of those incarcerated first. I think it's up to the Board as they receive the most information concerning all aspects of the jail system we currently have. I would agree with their suggestion for whether we need a completely new facility, or can simply update what we have , or whether a combination of both is the better answer for now and in the future.

Jan 3, 2024

There should be a goal to decrease the amount of people incarcerated in the adult detention facilities. As scholars such as Ruth Wilson Gilmore have demonstrated, building new jails means bringing more people in to fill them, and this is the opposite of what we in Pima County want. I strongly oppose construction of new facilities.

Jan 3, 2024



Things like education, mental health treatment or drug and alcohol treatments could be contracted out depending on the sentencing by judges. Medical care maybe should be brought back to the Pima County supervision instead of private contracts.

Jan 3, 2024

There should not be any new facilities when the current issues are not even being addressed. If you want to build something, use the salaries of government officials. The people of Tucson can't even afford food right now, why would they need a prison using their own tax money that should be used to help them.

Jan 3, 2024

The jail's been nothing but inhumane and it has killed many individuals who did not deserve to die. I am a community member who works in housing, and can say that 858 million should honestly go to housing and other services. California, Houston, and even Floridian cities have invested in services that protect many of the folks that have serious mental illnesses, substance use disorders, or who have been charged for crimes related to social reasons and vulnerabilities, who in Pima County's case, directs them straight to jail. Our community does not need to perpetuate this harm. We need to protect our people, and not allow for an expansion that would lead to many more individuals spend a lifetime suffering in, through, and out of the system. Jan 3, 2024

If the democratic AG for Pima County was actually serious about convicting for crimes instead being sow on crime I would be more apt to vote for a new center to be built. Jan 3, 2024

If a person commits a crime, that person should be treated as the law requires. Obviously, the present facility is not adequate for the Pima County area. Since this is a county wide problem it needs to be paid for by Pima County citizens as a whole. The only way for this to happen is for everyone to pay for this through sales taxes. Many older residents of the county are being priced out of the homes by the cost of property taxes. All the residents of Pima County will profit from an improved detention facility. So, all residents should pay for it through a regional sales tax directed only to the detention facilities.

Jan 3, 2024

This entire survey is based on the assumption that an expansion of our current detention center is warranted, when the real issues at play are over incarceration and lack of investment in social services for our wider community. Without a serious expansion of these services which would reduce the need for detention, and without a serious commitment to significantly reducing our jail population, I do not support any funding for detention center improvement, and I certainly do not support expansion of the detention center or construction of a new facility. Proposing a new and expanded jail does nothing to address the underlying issues leading to Pima County's alarming rate of jail deaths, because it does nothing to reduce the jail population, eliminate cash bail, or provide the kind of expansion of community social services and support needed to meaningfully alleviate poverty, the single largest contributor to rates of crime in any community.

Jan 3, 2024

The primary focus of detention is to tend to the mental health needs of incarcerated people. Then rehabilitation.

Jan 3, 2024

Unfortunately, too many of the decisions made by the County Board of Supervisors are illadvised and grossly ineffective. I would therefore opt for a decision like this to be in the hands of the county voting public.

Jan 3, 2024

It would be helpful to include some additional information in the survey so anyone answering the questions could have a better understanding of how to answer. I haven't lived here very long and have literally no knowledge about the county jail system. Thank you for the survey and the work you're doing to determine how to proceed with improvements.

Jan 3, 2024

Renovation seems awfully expensive for potentially having some of the same problems. Plus, does that pose security issues with prisoners still there. For the additional cost I think it makes more sense to build new.

Jan 3, 2024

Jailing has proven to be deadly and inhumane in Pima County, particularly at this facility. The outlined investment of \$850M+ is a gross misuse of taxpayer money and should be applied to bolster community-based, non-policing services. This jailing system is killing, injuring, and sickening Pima County residents and continued/expanded incarceration will not improve this. Please, please, stop this expansion search and work to save those trapped in this dangerous facility--and use these proposed funds for proven good in our community. Jan 3, 2024

County investment in mental health and drug treatment centers should also be considered as this could reduce the jail population.

Jan 3, 2024

Make inmates to pay tax dollars payers to improve roads and recreational parks, water services, pave roads, paint facilities, make them work the improvements on their on jail facilities, MAKE TAX PAYERS SEEN GOV THEACH THEM TO DO HARD WORK, JUST NOT GIVEN A RESORT SO MORE CRIME BRAKERS HAVE A EASY LIFE. I work in construction and I been work under the sun paying my taxes, when inmates have a better A/C unit doing nothing. I seen it. MAKE INMATES WORK!!!! Teach them to understand that going to jail is not a vacation, you will see how fast crime goes down after they know is not easy been on jail. Jan 3, 2024

Incarceration cost/inmate in Tucson is over \$46,000/year. Thus, the cost to incarcerate 2,200 homeless individuals as counted in the Tucson 2023 Point-in-Time Count is over

\$100,000,000/year. Data from the book "Homelessness is a Housing Problems" shows that across America, the annual cost to a community per homeless individual ranges from \$30,000 to \$100,000. Thus, for 2,200 homeless individuals, the annual cost to taxpayers of not acting to reduce homelessness in Tucson ranges from \$66,000,000 to \$220,000,000. These costs include multiple elements, including police, prison, probation, parole, courts, emergency department,

hospital-admitted patients, ambulance, mental health, etc. Investing in proven transitional housing, such as micro shelter villages, costs a small fraction of this and gets people back onto their feet, instead of setting them back through incarceration. To learn more, visit: <https://inspireseattle.org/HopeFactoryForTucson.pdf>

Jan 3, 2024

The amount of money it would take to build an entirely new jail from scratch could be easily split up amongst social services like public health, housing, addiction counseling, and other services designed to keep people from being arrested in the first place. The high rate of death among those at the jail is staggering, and building a newer building will do nothing to improve those problems. The community does not want, or need, a new jail. What the community needs is further care and scrutiny into how inmates are treated once AT the jail, and at WHO is getting arrested and WHY. New building doesn't prevent guard neglect or abuse. What about our crumbling infrastructure elsewhere? Our bare bones public transit? Underfunded health department? Increasingly growing homelessness problem? That money and land could be used for low income or emergency housing, to improving our bus lines, to creating a community where people don't HAVE to turn to crime. Please do NOT go through with this! Jan 3, 2024

I know nothing about the adult detention center. I hope we can provide a secure detention center, with programs that allow hope and job training for the future as people finish their incarceration. And the people must be safe from other prisoners and staff. Food should be good and healthy. Adequate medical help, and programs for mental health education. Help for those drug and alcohol addicted.

Jan 3, 2024

Mr Nanos: I think that police officers/SHERIFF DEPUTIES who commit crimes like shoplifting, domestic violence, DUI and the like should be INCARCERATED AND PUNISHED the same way any other citizen would be, including LOSING THEIR JOB and having NO RIGHT TO POLICE OTHERS. If a person is not in control of their own personal behavior they should not be allowed any license to police and/or authority over others. You're disgraceful. You should resign. Jan 3, 2024

The Jail is only one component of the community's justice needs. Too many inmates are held PRIOR TO CONVICTION simply because of a lack of money, not because of any articulable risk to the community. Fewer personal possession drug arrests, fewer inmates held pretrial, more inmates diverted to a resource-rich transition center would "right-size" the jail population. Then, modernization of the current facility could meet the needs of both the smaller inmate population and the growing community.

Jan 3, 2024

Detention centers are becoming a vacation place for offenders and continuing offenders. Prevention is better than cure.

Jan 3, 2024

This is supposed to be a jail, not a palace. Weren't there funds placed aside to remedy the existing jail as things needed repair rather than letting them go to such disrepair as they are now? What happened to those funds of indeed they were in place? If there wasn't a provision for setting aside yearly funds for upkeep, why? This jail is built in a relatively 'steady state' place, not near a shore line, or harsh winters, where salt and other things could cause havoc with the original

construction. Why were things allowed to progress to this state, and if building a new facility, what provisions are going to be made from this happening in the future?

Someone or some committee should be held responsible.

Jan 3, 2024

The economy is in the tank....we do not need the burden of a new tax at this time.

Jan 3, 2024

We the people need to do what is needed not complain about cost etc. Good justice requires costs. Poor justice save money. Do not complain about good and fair system..... Jan 3, 2024

This obscene amount of money being requested would be better spent providing services and housing in our community. Incarceration is not helping. We need rehab services, housing the

unhoused, mental healthcare, and crisis intervention. NO MORE INCARCERATION Jan 3, 2024

Much higher focus and support of education/vocational training. Much improved food services and availability of food—  
-breakfast at 4am, lunch at 10, dinner at 4 leads to hungry young detainees and fights for any food available. Improved training of staff to ensure safety of all detainees — the “good ole boy” network of staff needs to end NOW! Remove any officers who are under charges for any crimes—I do not care what the sheriff wants — convicted officers must be removed- end of discussion. He has allowed most all of the officers previously fired to return—not acceptable.

Jan 3, 2024

I believe that the condition of the jail stems from mismanagement of the facilities and funds. Until that problem is resolved you would be throwing good money after bad.

Jan 3, 2024

Build new. Old jail is so outdated you will be constantly updating/fixing even with some new construction.

Jan 3, 2024

Blue ribbon committee was and is a joke. Sheriff has denied improvements to PCADC but improved areas for command staff. If the recommendations had been followed this would be a non-issue. Jan 3, 2024

We don't need more or better jails. We should be spending money on affordable housing, addiction treatment, community mental health care, job training and support, etc. Jan 3, 2024

No new facilities and any improvements should not be levied on the taxpayer!

Jan 3, 2024

An expansion of diversion programs such as drug rehabilitation, aid for the houseless population, and mental health services should be part of the funding model. Rather than assuming and planning for an increased jail population, there must be policies and plans to keep the numbers of incarcerated people as low as possible. Also, before moving ahead, there should be a study to show how effective a new jail would be in solving the underlying problems at the jail including the rising number of inmate deaths. One final issue: I'm sick of seeing sales taxes being proposed for everything from child care to this jail! Sales taxes are REGRESSIVE! It lets all the industrial and commercial property owners off the hook of supporting facilities they benefit from. The county leaders need to have the guts to make a solid case for bond issues for their projects that benefit the community we all live in.

Jan 3, 2024

I have had a daughter in jail for 3 months now, and she will be there a full year. She has never been outside since she has been there, and has been told not to expect that. I get the idea that inmates languish there. All forms of communication are stymied, from the visitation (video only) to no letters, including the GTL apps which are expensive (for phone calls and texting) and do not work well. The food is not good, so much starch, it's like you're trying to make people fat (and exercising is not accommodated). It literally feels like we are throwing people away there. It makes me very sad that our community cannot plan for less people in jail, to encourage better outcomes for our young people and better mental health services before people go to jail. There is foil covering the window of my child's cell. Seeing outside would be so much more human. I am horrified by dirty and depressing the place is, but I don't see a new bigger jail as the solution.

Jan 3, 2024

Investing in the carceral system is not investing in the community or its members who are suffering. Renovations or a new facility are false flags that pretend to have good intentions. The money that would be allocated to the detention center should be redirected to programs and organizations that help with drug use, mental illness, and homelessness. Detention centers do nothing to help solve societal ills and troubles; they only exacerbate them. Jan 3, 2024

If a new facility is to be built, funds must be allocated annually for the maintenance and upkeep, with room for improvements. The location of a new facility must also be taken into

consideration as it should have room for growth and expansion

Jan 3, 2024

I think more funding needs to go to prevention instead of jails. Stop jailing homeless people and addicts needing help, only use for violent offenders.

Jan 3, 2024

jail has proved to to keep the community safer

Jan 3, 2024

I am not an expert and read through the report - appreciation for the many people who worked on this. Clearly there is a need, it will be expensive, and not doing anything isn't an option. We pay now or later. While I had to choose a funding mechanism, I really am not able to make an informed decision (I wish there had been a "don't know/unsure" option). I trust our leadership to make the best decision to move these needed changes forward. It also speaks to the need for prevention, which should focus on poverty reduction, eviction prevention, mental health services and substance recovery programs, targeted workforce programs and youth development programs. The Prosperity Initiative has many guiding policy positions that should be considered. While the report didn't discuss staffing issues in detail, I would think this is also an area that needs attention, particularly adequate wages and benefits. Jan 2, 2024

Pima County's jail has the highest death rate in the country and the solution is to stop incarcerating people, not to invest more money in an inhumane system. The money the county intends to spend on this should be invested in community-based services, such as adequate mental health treatment, housing-first solutions to end homelessness, safe injection sites and other harm reduction measures, etc. People are dying because of the culture of dehumanization and negligence at the jail, and this will not change by constructing new facilities. End cash bail and depopulate the jail. This survey also does not allow constituents to fully give their opinion because the questions are leading and based on a pre-existing assumption that money will be invested into the jail and it will be expanded. The people of Pima County do not want that.

Jan 2, 2024

My understanding from a recent article in the Star is that the federal government recently decided to stop placing immigrant detainees in a privately operated facility in the Tucson area. Opportunities to use other existing detention facilities in the county should be explored along with building a new facility or remodeling the existing jail. Think outside the box as much as possible. Jan 2, 2024

Extra care for those detoxing, more observation. Less deaths. Cleaner facilities.

Jan 2, 2024

It is obvious to almost everyone that the leading causes for incarceration are drugs, alcohol and mental illness. Spending more money on a new facility will not address these pressing issues.

Money should be spent to improve services, not build bigger and better incarceration facilities. Thanks for the opportunity to express my views. Good luck!

Jan 2, 2024

dont build another jail idiots, fix the one we have right now 🙄 😏

Jan 2, 2024

Obviously this conversation is complicated but it's outrageous that individuals with disabilities and/or special needs are incarcerated; they have NEEDS (not wants or preferences) that can not be met through punishment. The idea that

individuals can be controlled through punishment, or at all, is flawed and should be re-evaluated at a fundamental level.  
Jan 2, 2024

n/a

Jan 2, 2024

It would be impossible to modify the existing complex based on the extensive issues and the ongoing inability for the three sections to work together, The County needs to stop building jails that are already over capacity when they are completed. We need to build for the future which includes increased population which comes with increased crime. We also need to build with versatility to changing needs like COVID 19, fentanyl crisis and mental health and programs that help offenders to succeed if they are released or to better deal with the prison system when they are convicted. Mental health and drug addiction is the number one cause of criminal offenses. Jan 2, 2024

I think that it would be beneficial to build an entire complex for the Pima County Sheriff's Department Administration, Detention Center, and court. These places all in one area would reduce travel time, gas, and expenditure. The new building could also be big enough to house regional trainings for multiple agencies.

Jan 2, 2024

Invest the millions of dollars into the sorts of programs and facilities needed (mental health, drug rehabilitation, community activity spaces, shared meal spaces, living assistance, etc.) that are actually embedded in community and part of a program to decarcerate - as has been shown to be effective.

Jan 2, 2024

I support adding a facility for incarcerated people that will be held more than 6 months. The current facility should be used to detain people until they are tried or plead guilty. The facility in Marana which is being deactivated could be used for inmates who need to learn how to live in the community when they finish their sentence.

Jan 2, 2024

Jan Leshner and the County have made a good first step with the Blue Ribbon Commission and its clear report. It still seems to be the "new" jail to an old timer like me but seeing the year each part of the jail was built surprised me. It's time to build for the future. Jan 2, 2024

This jail is killing our community members due to a culture of negligence and mismanagement. Incarceration itself drives a cycle of illness and poverty. We cannot improve conditions by perpetuating more incarceration. It will only make things worse. The proposed amount of \$858 million investment into expanding the capacity of the carceral system is a grotesque use of money that would be better spent on bolstering community based services. Jan 2, 2024

Maintenance is part of stewardship. We do not need to invest in a new jail but rather in new solutions to age-old issues, poverty, mental health crises, and housing scarcity. I have little to no faith that, given something new and shiny, the county-hired officials will care for and maintain it, take care of what we have, improve it and develop a regional plan



rooted in equity and fairness. Work with what we have, divest in the carceral state, and house these folks with dignity, compassion, and care.

Jan 2, 2024

If a roof is leaking, and you have only so much money to buy something for it, do you buy a patch to prevent the leak? Or a bucket? An adult detention center is a bucket. Money should be invested into things that address the source of why people end up in a detention center in the first place. Affordable housing, education, childcare, healthcare, these are the patches that stop the leak. Jan 2, 2024

We need a better detoxification and medical program, and COVID policy. MAT needs to be offered to all arriving with opioid use disorder.

Jan 2, 2024

We do not need a new jail. As a defense attorney I am constantly being told by detention officers that they cannot produce my client in a timely manner because of understaffing. Lockdowns are frequent because of understaffing. Delays in court are frequent because of understaffing. Building a larger facility would not solve the staffing problem. If Pima County could house twice as many inmates, but has the same number of Detention Officers, problems will only increase and will not be solved.

Jan 2, 2024

Dear Board of Supervisors, I endorse the Blue-Ribbon Commission's urgent recommendations regarding our Pima County Adult Detention Center. The rise in inmates with untreated mental illness and increased detox needs necessitate immediate action. I advocate for a strategic use of our current space while addressing community concerns. Expanding the PCADC with increased mental health and detox facilities, alongside new Superior Courts, is crucial. This revamp must include demolishing the Mission Road facility and constructing modern units to meet evolving needs. It's imperative to prioritize these enhancements, ensuring humane

corrections practices while addressing community apprehensions. Sincerely, Jan 2, 2024

I want to first acknowledge that there are people who do dangerous or awful things and deserve go to jail. However, how we treat our society's worst members says a lot about who we are. If there have been so many deaths in the Pima county jail, then we have no business using tax dollars to just make a bigger jail if it can't even meet the needs of individuals incarcerated there. The jail needs renovated, and given adequate staffing, medical care, and resources. Even as a woman living in our community, I don't feel that a bigger jail will make me safer. People who leave jail have difficulty finding a job, housing, etc, and may re-offend. What would make me feel safer would be expanding access to mental illness and substance addiction treatment, affordable housing, cleaner streets, and more jobs. I want my tax dollars invested in growing our community and reducing crime through sustainable ways—there has got to be a better way to deal with non-violent crime, drugs, and homelessness.

Jan 2, 2024

As a retired law enforcement officer, I believe the facility needs to be updated and modernized. I am not sure it requires a newly constructed facility.

Jan 2, 2024

Pima County does not need a new jail facility. Pima County needs affordable housing coupled with short and long-term substance abuse and mental health treatment to reduce its jail population. Instead, Pima County uses the jail to incarcerate non-convicted individuals suffering from substance abuse and mental health without offering meaningful counseling or treatment simply because they are too poor to post a bond. Pima County should focus upon reintegration of these individuals back into society because the jail is always TEMPORARY incarceration. Providing assistive services to encourage law-abiding behavior is key to reducing the jail population. A new facility is a waste of money and will only encourage Pima County to continue spending a minimum of \$85/day/inmate (pre-Covid rate) by over-incarcerating rather than assisting these individuals to get back on their feet. If Tucson/Pima County truly is "housing first," then Pima County should focus on needed assistive housing FIRST. Jan 2, 2024

We do not need more jails to police more people, the money proposed should be spent on community services focused on housing people, not policing them.

Jan 2, 2024

Design of a new facility can be more efficient and cost effective in the long run, with less maintenance issues, easier flow and movement of personnel and inmates to and from medical facilities and other resources. In addition, having an area for future expansion with the design set to accommodate that future expansion, causing no disruption in operations. Consideration in design of facility to minimize resources such as utilities. Possibly partial subterranean design to lessen the visual impact on surrounding communities and other concerns. Purchase all the current fencing that has gone to sales to the public from the border wall to offset costs. In many cases, there is not cost to obtain this material, from Gov't entity to another. Act fast on this! Big savings...

Jan 2, 2024

No new jails. No more jail deaths. Do better Pima County.

Jan 2, 2024

It is hard to imagine a more stupid or more dangerous way of making decisions than by Putting those decisions in the hands of people who pay no price for being wrong." -Thomas Sowell The most basic question is not what is best, but who shall decide what is best."-Thomas Sowell Let the people closest to the situation decide what is best and prioritize programs based on needs. New facilities, while nice have not proven to solve this or any issue. Money is not always the answer. Getting politicians out of the way would be a start

Jan 2, 2024

We do not need a new jail. People are dying inside Pima County Jail due to medical negligence and the dehumanizing treatment of incarcerated people. Pima should absolutely not put money into building a new jail and instead invest in

programs that reintegrate previously incarcerated people by providing housing, mental health services, jobs, and medical care. Jan 2, 2024

We do not need a new detention center. It is bad for the environment culturally, socially, economically and for the natural world and wildlife living where the proposed new facility would be built. It is unsafe to embark on the building of a new facility when our current facility harms, abuses, traumatizes and takes the lives of incarcerated individuals. We need to focus on healing and regeneration in the current facility and out money into that in order to truly keep our streets safe. I strongly oppose the building of a new jail to protect our community in all of Arizona and take a stand against human rights and environmental health violations.

Jan 2, 2024

Get rid of the for profit medical facility that kills people. Recognize that the majority of those incarcerated are INNOCENT of any crime (held because they can't pay bail) and should be

treated as INNOCENT people, not abused and murdered for profit and ego Jan 2, 2024

We MUST enforce law. We need the space to accommodate offenders instead of cutting them loose to continue victimizing law abiding citizens. New construction needed, but also renovate current. Pay with one-time bond, not a sales tax that lingers year after year, raising cost of living with no end in sight.

Jan 2, 2024

I have concerns about the maintenance of the current facility. Although the initial phase of the facility is 40 years old other phases have been constructed more recently. I believe that current conditions are purposely being made worse by lack of maintenance and repair in an attempt to get tax payers to approve funding for a new facility. This is problematic as those that are responsible for the lack of upkeep for the current facility will be assigned to maintain the new facility. Pima County tax payers should not be harnessed with the cost of a new Corrections Facility simply because someone wants a shiny new toy. Pima County should hold those who are paid to provide maintenance and repair accountable before spending another dime. Jan 2, 2024

I live near the detention facility, and there have been a couple of incidents of inmates escaping. My concern is that there has been no notice of it to the surrounding neighborhood about the incidents. It is the Sherriff's job to provide safety as much as possible but he also needs to have better communication with the public.

Jan 2, 2024

Drugs and mental health seems to be in the news the most. Why is there not a K-9 officer stationed at the jail on a permanent basis. The drugs are coming in via, a person under arrest, a vendor or an employee. having a K-9 at the jail making random sweeps of the people coming in and throughout the complex should find the issues. Mental Health has become an issue across this nation. If you don't help the mentally ill they just keep going through the system. Jan 2, 2024

I think the County is trying to focus ALL of its problems at the jail on a facility that is, at best, 40 years old. It is not the facility, It is not the size of the facility. It is the services provided there and the absence of real leadership and an abdication of responsibility for its current failures. We house drug addicts and the mental ill that are incapable of standing for trial next to violent, dangerous offenders. [REDACTED] murdered his cell mate, how would a "new" facility stopped that from happening? Overdoses, suicides are staffing issues, not building issues. Jan 2, 2024

Reducing the number of people incarcerated especially those with substance misuse. Access to naran by not only jail staff but also inmates. Treatment programs other than classes on the tablet. Reduce jail population with cash bail reform. Continued use of medication for opioid use disorder. Jan 2, 2024

I do not support a new facility if tax-payers are paying for it. I feel the families of the inmates should pay and inmates should too, once they are released and back into society. Jan 2, 2024

This incredibly expensive project is a bad use of our tax dollars that could go into strengthening community-based services. The jail is driving cycles of illness and poverty and the expansion of the jail will only worsen these patterns. Social issues should be given resources upstream and cannot be solved by incarceration.

Jan 2, 2024

Essential importance of providing incarcerated persons the right for a speedy sentencing stay and the safety to staff and law enforcement and Judges to adequately perform their duties. Jan 2, 2024

Most people confined in the county jail have only been charged with a crime, not convicted. Those convicted are for misdemeanors - minor crimes. Abusive treatment, lack of medical care, and lack of healthy environment is unjust when no crime conviction has been made. Holding people without bail for long periods of time and then having them found not guilty of the crime charged is punitive treatment for nothing. It creates more resentment against authorities among the incarcerated and all their family members and friends.

Jan 2, 2024

Funding needs to go towards increasing and improving community services, not to further incarceration. Social issues cannot be solved through incarceration. Incarceration only drives cycles of poverty and lack of resources. It is a self feeding cycle that needs to end. Incarcerated individuals are dying due to negligence and mismanagement and funding will not improve this because it is embedded in the incarceration system.

Jan 2, 2024

We need education to be at the table. To keep individuals out of jail we need to provide opportunities, education creates opportunities.

Jan 2, 2024

Use the recently closed facility in Marana

Jan 2, 2024

Unfortunately there are and will be individuals who are dangerous to the public and who commit serious crimes causing injury or death to innocent people. It is a primary responsibility of county government to protect county residents. Consequently, an adequate jail is essential to protect the public. We are seeing recidivistic crimes increasing and incarceration is one means to reduce recidivism. Secondary and tertiary goals should be rehabilitation and reintroduction to society but protecting the public must remain the primary purpose of the jail. The Board must put public safety as the primary goal of any new facility. Thank you.

Jan 2, 2024

Not just build and fix the jails but also implement all those other factors of helping the people in the jail with all the resources that are needed for them. Our city is growing to much because people are moving into our city and because of this, it should be good to get the taxes to do this rebuild and fund whatever is needed.

Jan 2, 2024

While I believe that the current PCADC is in need of repairs with additional assistance for medical and mental health needs, I do not believe we should be building a new complex or even focused on major repairs. If Pima County wants to use tax payer funds then I believe we should be focused on ways to keep people out of jail. A majority Pima County funding should be going to outside treatment facilities, affordable housing, and more public facilities that are made available to the homeless populations.

Jan 2, 2024

Emphasis should be put on limiting the jail population and diverting those who encounter the criminal justice system to other avenues — drug treatment, mental health treatment, & economic development are not functions that should be undertaken by law enforcement. They will always fail to deliver these services to the level required. Detention is often a traumatic experience that makes reentry, and rehabilitation more difficult. However I support providing basic maintenance to the existing facility to ensure conditions are humane. Jan 2, 2024

The current sheriff is not competent enough to be responsible for this project. He will run a new facility into the ground just like he is doing the current facility and its employees. This decision and project should be tabled until he is gone, and your number one priority should be examining what you can do individually to remove him from office and ensure he and his cronies never hold a position of authority in this county ever again.

Jan 2, 2024

I believe you have to completely shut this location down. Too many mistakes, too many deaths, no one is held accountable and there's never any updates. I find it hard to believe that all these young men and women die of natural causes. And to top off the families find out of their families deaths through social media. Shut it down fire everyone and start over. Where it's safe and if you need to do time, make it a safe place to do your time.

Jan 2, 2024

I think pima county can do better to combat the local unhoused/ mental health crisis. Unfortunately the largest population of mental health patients wind up in jail - punitive detention of these people does not help our society. Assessment, medications, follow up services during probation, etc. are what will help the community in the long run to decrease the criminal/ homeless crisis pima county is experiencing.

Jan 2, 2024

No release due to overcrowding

Jan 2, 2024

Don't trust the county to be fiscally responsible. Property taxes already too high. Cost of food, gas, utilities astronomical. Housing unaffordable. County raises taxes every year. Poorest roads in the state. Highest tax rate in the state. And you want to improve facilities for convicted felons? Not on my dime! Arpaio built tents. Do the same.

Jan 2, 2024

Pima County should focus on improving living standards and rehabilitative services for incarcerated people, and lowering the incarceration rate rather than constructing a brand new jail to imprison more people in.

Jan 1, 2024

This is a very old facility, its difficult to believe it can still safely/ adequately satisfy all of the needs required of it now, while also doing so in a manner that is safe for both employees and incarcerated individuals.

Jan 1, 2024

No new jail on stolen land

Jan 1, 2024

Too many of the corrections officers do not care about their responsibility to ensure the sawey of the inmates. There is a culture of not caring about prisoners that runs rampant in Pima County Jail. The jail has the facilities and ability to proctor tests that are on the edovo app on tablets that would allow inmates to earn college credit but the jail won't allow it. The jail has a policy that you can only receive religious mail from one religion because they don't care about an inmate reaching out to other religions for growth and improvement. The drug rehabilitation was a small packet of paper about ten pages. That was supposed to help a person not return to drugs when they were released. How about the sheriff and the department start giving a damn about their society. These people will be released one day and the PCSD can help them become productive members of society instead of just locking them up and letting them beat the hell out of each other. Stop feeding GTL's revenue!

Jan 1, 2024

Release non-violent prisoners for rehab or other programs, keep on probation/have ankle bracelet/custody of reliable person or workplace/educational facility Jan 1, 2024

Improving and modernizing the jail is vital for all county residents, as it could be a way to help those with addictions and mental health disorders, not just pacify people with pills. Currently, corrections officers are limited to what help looks like within the jail and it is archaic compared to other counties and states. We can do better and as a society we should, considering we all know someone who has suffered from addictions, and mental health issues and they are simply a few decisions away from making a bad choice. Counseling services along with medical facilities, ministry should they request, and a larger yard should be provided. More visible area for CO's to see inmates would be vital for the safety of all. I strongly urge the county supervisors and residents to consider this plea of modernizing the jail, and providing humane accommodations for inmates, who are people, too.

Jan 1, 2024

This money could be used to help people. Incarceration does nothing but continue cycles of harm. So much money could be used for meals for children, housing for those in need, but instead will be going to something that depletes the community. We are all humans and no matter what has happened to us we deserve our humanity. Detention centers remove the humanity from people and replace them with numbers. Whoever is reading this you have to understand the urgency of this situation. It doesn't have to happen, we can all have more. When some in our community are not free, we are not free.

Jan 1, 2024

Regionalized facilities to facilitate the intake process and to reduce the down-time of arresting officers and to increase the opportunities for the positive social interaction of families and social workers. That is not to say that high risk arrestees should not be secured in high security cells. Law enforcement personnel already make determination about the use of Field Releases by issuing a written citation but not all booked misdemeanor arrestees need to be booked then held. Facilities for misdemeanor and a certain level of property crime arrest should be separated from the Felons. There, the focus should be on Treatment/rehabilitation. Violent felons need to be processed and held accordingly.

Jan 1, 2024

I feel building a new facility will only encourage greater incarceration of individuals who would benefit more from therapy and rehabilitation.

Jan 1, 2024

The Jail is not equipped or outfitted for with neurodivergent (ND) folks, whether they're inmates or staff, whether they're diagnosed or not. A recent in-depth survey in the UK found that about half of incarcerated folks are neurodivergent, but most aren't diagnosed. I work in the courts system, and anecdotally have found that to be absolutely true here. Outfitting the jail for staff and inmates alike, along with proper training for officers and staff, are desperately needed. Surprising, it's not very expensive at all. Doing so would create a safer, more comfortable environment for all people (not just ND folks) and cause less outbursts, anxiety attacks, and lead to a safer experience for all.



Jan 1, 2024

I oppose both massive renovation and new construction of Pima County Adult Detention facilities. Jail is inherently harmful and inhumane. The Pima County Jail is one of the most deadly detention facilities in the country, claiming significantly more lives than both the national average and median jail mortality rates. Negligence, mismanagement, and a punitive culture produces this death. Fresh paint, advanced surveillance technology, or new buildings will neither reduce the jail's lethality nor address the root causes of crime. Poverty, houselessness, unemployment, and over-policing create most crime. Therefore, incarceration can not solve social issues - investments in social services and community welfare can. Directing up to \$858 million to jail renovation and/or construction is an ineffective and grotesque use of local taxpayer money. It would only perpetuate more harm, both to incarcerated individuals and our Pima County communities.

Jan 1, 2024

This survey is based on the assumption that an expansion of our current detention center is warranted, when the real issues are overincarceration and a lack of investment in social services for our wider community. Without a serious expansion of these services which would reduce the need for detention, and without a serious commitment to significantly reducing our jail population, I do not support any funding for detention center improvement, and I certainly do not support expansion of the detention center or construction of a new facility. Proposing a new and expanded jail does nothing to address the underlying issues leading to Pima County's alarming rate of jail deaths, because it does nothing to reduce the jail population, eliminate cash bail, or provide the kind of expansion of community social services and support needed to meaningfully alleviate poverty, the single largest contributor to rates of crime in any community.

Jan 1, 2024

This survey is biased in that it does not account for the perspective that jails should be abolished altogether. The money that is being proposed to use to expand and renovate the jail could be used to fund community programs and services that would benefit everyone. Incarceration has been shown to only makes cycles of poverty and hurt worse.

Jan 1, 2024

The Corrections Officers need a secure and healthy facility to work in. Their work is challenging and requires far better salary than they receive. The Jail: The whole building smells terrible inside. The inmate areas and property reek with bad air, the HVAC system is inadequate and often fails, water leaks from the roof, areas of concrete are crumbling. For inmates: in-person visitation with inmates non-existent, the phone visitation with inmates is too expensive and the provider is impossible to contact to address problems, inmates need area to get outdoors for exercise and fresh air.

Jan 1, 2024

With decriminalization of drugs and rehabilitation focused enforcement prison populations will drop by around 20% alone. It's also estimated that around 44% of prisoners in jail have a mental illness of some sort. Taking money that could be used for mental health and using it for building more cells would show a distinct lack of investment in the community. It would show that the leaders of our city/county would rather clean up messes and ignore suffering, then create conditions to minimize that harm before it can happen. Imprisoning people with mental health issues often exacerbates those same issues, meaning jail makes things worse, not just for the individual, but for their families and possible victims.

"The Relationship Between Psychiatric Inpatient Beds and Jail Populations in the United States. - Y. Nina Gao, MD PhD 2021" clearly shows a link between the decline of mental healthcare and rise in prison populations. Lets focus on stopping these things before they becomes a problem

Jan 1, 2024

There are thousands of people living in houses much older than the jail and in much worse shape than the jail. Many of these people have worked and paid taxes their whole lives. They also have never committed a crime, but Pima County seems to think it is perfectly fine for them to live in those OLD houses. House them in a tent. Fix our roads!! Jail should not be a nice place! Jan 1, 2024

Nothing I can think of. I know some improvements are needed but how much and how to pay for them, I just don't know. It seems unfair to ask the general public to pay for something like this.

Jan 1, 2024

The Intake area could use more space to work in. We also would love to have an improved electrical system to plug in space heaters to try to counteract the cold! Jan 1, 2024

I want my tax dollars to go toward education, housing, food, reintroduction and rehabilitation of all Tucsonans, especially those most vulnerable. I do not want this money to go toward shinier ways to incarcerate people who should not be incarcerated. Jan 1, 2024

If a person is sent out with mental health problems, same as when they were jailed, an effort needs to be made to keep their phone charged AND they should ask the person whom the jail can call BEFORE releasing them. Giving them Conditions of Release and setting them free with no support is RIDICULOUS AND DANGEROUS.

Jan 1, 2024

What the city needs is more ladder trucks, and fire stations that can hold ladder trucks. we simply are not gonna have the density to pay for all the infrastructure we want if we can't build higher. Please design the detention facility and the bond measures tax so we end up with fire trucks, which will also address our lack of affordable housing.

Jan 1, 2024

Having worked in the past in another state at a county jail, I have these thoughts and concerns. I believe a new facility is warranted after so many years and the population increase at the level of Pima county. My biggest concern is officer safety and prisoner safety. I believe a new facility with modern facilities would be beneficial for safety.

Jan 1, 2024

A large number of the inmate population is there due to mental illness and drug dependency. The Crisis Center at the Kino South campus was developed to address some of those issues. It was not built to handle the level of demand that currently exists. Why not consider expansion of that facility to take the mental health and drug related inmate load off of

the current jail as people with those issues do not normally need the higher level of incarceration/security. The current jail needs to be replaced, not "fixed." It may be more affordable to construct more appropriate, and less expensive, facilities where that expertise exists at the Crisis Center and reconsider the cost of a true "Jail" for those who have committed serious crimes. The current jail is not acceptable at any level and needs to be replaced with a facility that can handle the anticipated growth of true felons and serious misdemeanors as the community continues to grow over the next few decades.

Jan 1, 2024

I think we should just improve on the current detention center. Specifically meals, living quarters , and mental and physical health treatment. We also need better support for transgender prisoners and women. Jails should be more focused on rehabilitation and mental health counseling.

Jan 1, 2024

Jail is inherently deadly and inhumane. Any funds going to these inhumane conditions is grotesque, especially when this potential \$858 million could go to community-based services. Jails have a culture of negligence and mismanagement leading to deaths and driving cycles of poverty and illness. Incarceration only worsens these problems and can not solve social issues. Jan 1, 2024

Pima County Detention Center should be closed down.

Jan 1, 2024

First, this was not an issue under Napier. Nanos is a piss poor leader who targeted the Corrections Bureau as many supported Napier in the 2020 Election. In addition, Naphcare is garbage as I saw a lot of mismanaged practices by them when I worked there. GET RID OF METHADONE as this was a major issue when I worked there. There way too much too share to fit in this box.

Jan 1, 2024

Build tents for the inmates, our military soldiers have to stay in tents so why not inmates too. This is in no way inhumane at all to inmates and make them wear pink underwear and striped uniforms. Tents would save taxpayers millions \$ and deter criminal activity. Jan 1, 2024

I haven't been to the jail since 2004 when I was a TPD detective assigned to the video court arrangement detail every weekday for several months, while I was on light duty. Often I was lew with a room full of individuals charged with various crimes. The jail staff who should have been with me were called away to escort other prisoners because of lack of appropriate staffing and being unable to defend myself with an injured hand I didn't get a warm fuzzy feeling being there. In my 34 years of experience I was at the detention center many times and in the early 70's I was a reserve Sheriff's deputy and got assigned to the old one story jail/sheriff's department which was where the current jail stands. I could never stand working that duty because of the conditions of the jail back then and they are worse now. A lot more prisoners and fewer employees makes for emergency situations and it amazes me that anyone would consider working there today.

Jan 1, 2024

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Jan 1, 2024

I read through the findings document and also used the search function to find any key words related to the Minimum Security Facility. We had 200+ additional bedspace for inmates sentenced to 1 year or less county time. We were also able to run the work furlough program using that building. Sheriff Nanos decided to sell that building back to the county during the height of the Covid-19 crisis which caused the "over crowding" problem to become worse. During the year 2023, Sheriff Nanos tried to buy-back the Minimum Security Facility and Pima County refused him. Now the sentenced inmates are unable to do any work furlough programs, even if a judge has granted them the right. This was done to force a situation where it can be claimed that we don't have enough room and our building is so disgusting it needs to be replaced. This is not true and the current building can be renovated and cleaned properly with different leadership and a much higher budget.

Jan 1, 2024

Jail is inhumane and deadly. The pima county jail is one of the deadliest in the country. Since 2020 at least 59 people have died inside the jail or immediately upon their release. This potential \$858 million dollar investment into carceral space is a grotesque and frankly embarrassing use of money that could go to bolstering community-based services. The jail is killing our community members due to a culture of negligence and mismanagement, and because incarceration drives cycles of illness and poverty. None of these things are improved, and are only worsened by incarceration. You cannot solve social issues through incarceration. I strongly oppose this proposal for a new detention center.

Jan 1, 2024

NO new jail. Repair the problem using inmates

Dec 31, 2023

I am sick that the county is considering this project. There is so much critical, effective, transformative work happening and creative and skilled people and organizations to fund and work with. I am also angry the BRC was made of nearly all people affiliated with policing and incarceration and that this survey was biased towards assuming society is dependent on this violent institution. I am raising a teenage child here in Tucson. I am a home owner. I volunteer regularly. I am invested in Tucson and Pima County. I am horrified this project is being seriously considered. Dec 31, 2023

Most people are there for trespassing, there for affordable housing is needed and not hotels and not bigger jails. We need affordable housing. Also we need families to visit not just tele visits.

Dec 31, 2023

I know that preventative maintenance and upgrades have been neglected for years Getting work requests done was a struggle This has taken years to happen and not just administration Dec 31, 2023

No new jail with tax payer money

Dec 31, 2023

You can't just fix the jail and not also have the community robustly invest in housing, treatment and programming. A new facility serves little purpose of people are just set up to fail the minute they are released.. it just turns into a revolving door. It's not an either this or that solution. It is both. I see this from a realistic ground level view where the rubber meets the road... not from an administrator's POV.

Dec 31, 2023

I would hope that some entity, if not the commission, is researching the reason(s) we are in this situation. The jail did not just suddenly deteriorate. Prior funding decisions by administrators to delay maintenance and growth as an example. Sustainability of repairs and or new construction would be a unique concept during the planning and research. Dec 31, 2023

I spent 12 months in the Pima county jail 2 years ago. I spent time in 1 Lima, 1 alpha, and parts of the new jail. The infirmary was intolerable. I don't have many complaints, I feel the correctional officers need to be compensated more for the highly toxic environment they work in. As in inmate I spent a lot of time very hungry. Not very many functional re entry services were available during my stay. This is a complex operation with a lot of moving parts. I can only recommend paying the CO's more and adding more re entry and drug rehabilitation services. Dec 31, 2023

The need should be obvious considering the amount of crime occurring in the City and County. The facility was barely adequate in the 80's when there was a smaller population and less crime. I am not a fan of increased taxes. Look to the state or Feds for funding Dec 31, 2023

I retired from local law enforcement in 2005. I am not familiar with the current conditions at the jail. We should avoid going to great expense and then just filling the renovated jail. We should look for crime prevention. A significant amount of money is spent caring for and guarding illegal immigrants at local expense, as well as smugglers of drugs/weapons/people. The FEDERAL government should be billed proportionally for expenses incurred when the county has to step up and do the Fed's job. Additionally the adult detainees should have to contribute to their own upkeep (i.e., following the Sheriff Joe Arpaio model). Prisoners should be on a merit points program requiring them to EARN privileges such as TV time, visits and phone calls, snacks, tobacco and vape products, etc.; and beyond that, there should be NO early releases due to overcrowding - time off for good behavior should require inmates to set and achieve

meaningful, specific, and measurable standards of behavior. Finally, detainees who continue to be unsatisfactory in performance and behavior should be remanded to the courts for consideration of placement in a "reprobate recycling program" which would reset their sentence served time. Dec 31, 2023

Average jail population is greatly affected by the length of stay of pre-trial inmates. Streamlining the arrest to trial process requires involvement of courts/judges, to reduce continuances/delays. Without their participation, the rest of the "system" mostly continues to react, and to spend everincreasing amounts.

Dec 31, 2023

We have had a few incidents within that facility over the last several years. Updating is nice but a new facility would even be better.

Dec 31, 2023

I am a Tucson city resident. As a City-County resident, I pay city sales taxes that support among other items, jail board costs Pima County charges the City of Tucson. Additionally, my state property taxes returned through Pima County, also pay for maintenance and operation of the jail. Therefore, I am paying double in taxes for the jail. City leaders have no say in the operation of the jail, despite funding the majority of arrestees/inmates. This is extremely unfair. Unincorporated to not face the same double taxation. For decades, Pima County has relied upon the City of Tucson to contribute millions of dollars for the upkeep and maintenance of the jail. A new jail is needed. As a city resident I will support construction of a new jail, however, the taxing/funding burden must be equally shared across all our valley residents. As the largest entity in the Tucson metropolitan area, City leadership must have a say in the operation of a new jail.

Dec 31, 2023

As much as I wish there was no need for such a facility, the reality is people need to be held accountable for their decisions and when incarcerated, they should be housed in a safe facility that best meets the needs of the inmates and the staff who work there. Dec 31, 2023

Make the facilities a detention center, not a resort!

2023

The current facility appears to be overcrowded and the infrastructure is failing. It seems to be most practical to build a new facility. At some point there is going to be a safety issue to the public and the inmates. I don't feel it is the best interest to keep less people in the facility due to overcrowding either.

Dec 31, 2023

Our justice system's approach to incarceration reflects deep societal values. Emphasizing humane treatment and rehabilitation is essential. A significant number of inmates are pretrial detainees, challenging the 'innocent until proven guilty' principle. The tragic story of Larry Youngblood, wrongfully imprisoned, underscores systemic flaws and devastating impacts of judicial mistakes. Reforms in legal procedures, enhanced policy frameworks, and increased public awareness

are vital for fair treatment. It's crucial to balance strict law enforcement with compassion and justice, ensuring rights and dignity for all, especially those wrongfully accused. Dec 31, 2023

Pima County previously received a grant to depopulate the jail, yet this proposal continues to plan for increasing the population. I would most support my tax dollars spent on these mental health/detox services for residents happening in a non-incarceration facility, and revision to the legal process so that those who need these services can receive them without going to jail. For example, a mentally ill friend of a family member broke into his house this past year and destroyed the majority of his belongings. Though my family member wanted to see remedial action, he did not think this person should go to jail. However, jail was the only "solution" the legal system provided. Based on my own experience facilitating educational classes through a nonprofit in the Pima County Jail, the staff do their job well however there is just no way that this can be a healing environment for anyone. Let's make good on the goal to decrease the jail population and take care of our Pima County neighbors. Dec 31, 2023

There will always be a need for a Jail and the one we currently have is not fit for the inmates or staff who have to be there. Ignoring the problem just unfairly punishes those who will go inside the old facility and makes it more dangerous for everyone involved. A new facility would benefit inmates as much or more than staff and reduce injuries, disease and deaths. Dec 31, 2023

The recent forced closure of the Marana facility seems like a good place to perhaps utilize as a mental health and/or detox facility which would free up space in the current facility. I also think any costs should at least be borne in part by offenders. Why not have a charge to them based on length of term? If they have committed felonies, they can start literally paying for their crimes. I have zero faith that new construction combined with old behaviors will result in anything different. I read the report and it does sound like the situation is bad, but simply throwing money at it isn't the only answer in my opinion.

We've got our use out of the old jail. Time for a new facility!

Dec 31, 2023

Tucsonans do not want another incarceration facility built in our county, nor to put money towards the current system's updates. Our money will not be spent towards an institution of abuse and money squandering while our community members continue to suffer from the violence of poverty. As a born and bred Tucsonan I refuse my lifetime of taxes to further the incarceration system as it does not rehabilitate people back into society. It actually further punishes those who have been caught in its grips. I would much rather the millions of dollars proposed for this project to be invested in our social welfare programs such as food banks, housing subsidies, the public school system, and childcare systems. Financially supportive, educational, non-punitive programs are most impactful on keeping the working class out of poverty, the biggest stressor that lead people to resort to crime. There's a more financially efficient way to help people. Education. Social services. Housing. Dec 31, 2023

The need of a new jail is long overdue and the county should have been planning long ago for it. They should eat the cost, not the taxpayers.

Dec 31, 2023

The County does not need updated adult detention facilities and funds should not be spent on anything related to this facility.

Dec 31, 2023

I would rather have my tax money spent on community services that help prevent the conditions for crime such as housing for all

Dec 31, 2023

Pima county continues to grow. I'm an advocate of the saying "don't throw good money after bad" just build a new facility.

Dec 30, 2023

I vote we need to stop investing in prisons and start investing in community services such as mental health, accessibility to healthcare, etc. Dec 30, 2023

We need to stop investing in prisons and invest in community resources such as aid centers, schools, transportation, etc.

Dec 30, 2023

Jail/incarceration is inherently deadly and inhumane. This potential \$858 million dollar investment into more jail space is a grotesque and ignorant use of money that could go to bolstering community-based services, such as safe houses (that AREN'T corrupt) for recovering

addicts, shelters (that AREN'T corrupt) for the houseless, fighting outrageous rent hikes, etc. The jail is killing our community members due to a culture of negligence and mismanagement, and incarceration ONLY drives the cycles of illness and poverty. Everything is worsened by incarceration. You can't solve social issues through incarceration. This is just a cheap, shortterm solution to show constituents you're doing something, because it's something you can actually SEE. Politicians are full of hacks, liars and cowards. This is Pima County's chance to not be cowards. We want long-term solutions that may be slower and less visible, but have massive improvements on the community in the long run.

Dec 30, 2023

We don't need to spend money on this. The school to prison pipeline is real so we should invest in schools and community hang out areas and cooling centers instead. The private companies that build prisons and jails and immigration and detention centers are made of selfish people and we should not reward them. Now that weed is legal, and even before but especially now, we should free those who were locked up for drugs. We should take a hard look into cop and border patrol gangs instead of more civilians. Free the people. Create safe ways to get out of domestic abuse and not lock people up for that

Dec 30, 2023



I believe the prison needs to be replaced if not renovated. It can only get worse . My question is - Has anyone considered the privately run prison in Marana that the state is closing ,as at least a part of the solution , rather than build a new prison ? Or some of the many empty office / retail buildings retrofitted to accommodate prisoners ? Or both ? Just my opinion . Thanks for reading this .

Dec 30, 2023

Why must we anticipate having to incarcerate more people? And why haven't the people who are killing people in the Pima County jail been held accountable?

Dec 30, 2023

The navigation program implemented does not work and is wasting funds which could be used more effectively. Detox and mental health improvements and expansion are the biggest priority if intentions are aimed at prevention

Dec 30, 2023

My opinion of this matter is that the inmates are the ones that have created the issues with the detention center so they should be the ones to live with it. Tax payers have been taxed multiple times over the years to build and maintain the property and yet we are continually asked for more money because of the horrible way the inmates treat the facility. Personally, I would make it more like Alcatraz in its day and less like what it really has become....a mini paid for vacation with free (to inmates) room and board and TV. They did the crime, they need to pay their time and if they make the choice to destroy their temporary home then they can live with it.

Getting rid of the for-profit prison system is imperative if we hope to remove the profit motive for incarcerating people, along with punitive laws on the books that lock up low level criminals. The stats you show say that 95% of the inmates are felons, but I question the severity of the crimes these people have committed that are classified as felonies. I know someone with a medical condition who was given 4 months in prison because he had marijuana in his possession at the time of a medically caused crash. He now has 2 felonies. Dangerous person? Only behind the wheel and he no longer drives. Yes, this is anecdotal, but I also believe there are others like this person who are given severe punishment for things that require mental health treatment and medical care.

Dec 30, 2023

The proposed 800+ million dollars that would be invested in the detention center is an absurd amount This type of money should be used for the community, helping community-based services, and improving infrastructure and social programs for people in Pima County. Social issues will not be bettered through expanding detention centers. Negligence and mismanagement has consistently killed community members who are incarcerated. The jail itself continues to push patterns of poverty and illness among people held there, as is by design. Dec 30, 2023

The investment in a new detention center is abhorrent, inhumane, and far from based in community needs. This money could easily go into community services that promote the health and safety of the population, without the inhumanity of a jail. Jails are killing our community members, not rehabilitating and reintegrating them. Incarceration drives the cycle of poverty.

Much more and better could be done with this money. You cannot solve anything with a jail. I'm embarrassed to live in Tucson while this is happening. Please stop it.

Dec 30, 2023

I understand and recognize the need to update adult detentions center however do not think it should be the taxpayers responsibility to financial support it. There is opportunity to utilize the adult detention centers to provide better support to its inmates and offer programs while incarcerated that will help better the individual and set them up for future success as well as to help prevent re-admissions/crime.

Dec 30, 2023

I would like to see more accountability for the current administration of the jail. Also would prefer to see the amount of money go towards community resources to help reduce the crime rate. Homelessness, drug addiction, mental health etc  
Dec 30, 2023

Pima county jail is killing our community members due to a cultural negligence and mismanagement and because incarceration drives up cycles of illness and poverty. None of these things are improved, and only worsened by incarceration. You cannot solve social issues through incarceration.

new hires are not held to the same standard as long time employees. This results in more

pressure and more work required by long term employees to take up their slack. Quantity of bodies is valued over quality of work and no one EVER gets terminated for poor performance or poor attendance. New COs put everyone at risk by being glued to their cell phones watching videos instead of being alert, active and doing their jobs. This is never addressed, there is no discipline, counselling or termination. Supervisors are deterred from taking action by the desire of upper management to maintain employee numbers over attendance, quality of work, effort to learn required procedures, adherence to policy and procedure, teamwork, cooperation. Everyone gets a reward just for showing up, and when they frequently come in late or not at all, that apparently cant be addressed by the supervisors either.

Dec 30, 2023

I understand that PCADC is intended for housing incarcerated individuals. The well-being of detainees is highly important. However, I am still fairly surprised by the lack of apparent concern for the staff that work in those same conditions. They are hardly mentioned, except in passing. I sincerely believe that if you want this community to support MORE taxes, during this economy, then a bigger focus should be put on how the changes will improve the facility for ALL PCADC employees. I understand nicer/improved facilities will make staff happier. But that's a very temporary fix when you consider the extraordinary stress of severe staff shortages and mandatory overtime. I am not inclined to support an additional tax unless it can be shown that staff issues are on par with inmate issues. Thank you.

Dec 30, 2023

This potential \$858 million dollar investment into carceral space is a grotesque use of money that could go to bolstering community-based services. The jail is killing community members due to a culture of negligence and mismanagement, and because incarceration drives cycles of illness and poverty. None of these things are improved, and are only worsened by incarceration. You cannot solve social issues through the expansion of jails. We need a reform of the system with the

intent to fight addiction in our community. The exception for this is rape cases, especially regarding children. Convicts who have been proven without a doubt to be guilty of such crimes should be incarcerated.

Dec 30, 2023

Instead of creating more space to incarcerate more individuals, focus on rehabilitation, releasing people as much as able, proper meals for dietary needs and health especially in intake, mental health therapy, provided clothing and shoes, proper heating and cooling, sanitary conditions, especially plumbing fixing plumbing problems, more reliable ways for inmates to communicate, not being held in jail for more than a month especially if they are moving to federal. I cannot begin to tell you the stories of deaths and poor conditions my elderly and disabled father has had to live through while he was at Pima County jail. If it wasn't for the inmates looking out for one another, both him and other inmates could have easily died.

The Pima County jail is deadly and inhumane. I have personally been there and have seen the abuse that happens by the police and staff towards the prisoners; the extreme trauma & mental illness that incarceration leads to and poverty in which individuals are left in. Incarceration destroys lives and puts people in a condition where when they come out they have no money and have no way of supporting themselves and no access to the care and therapy that they need. Incarceration is inhumane and only worsens conditions for individuals. The 858 million dollars should go towards our community and housing NOT a jail expansion. I urge you to please listen to those of us who have experienced the jail for themselves or have a

friend or family member in jail. I urge you to please vote no on expanding the jail. Dec 30, 2023

The jail is inherently unjust and the appropriation of \$858 is a terrible use of funds that could otherwise go to community based services and actually make an impact on social issues. Incarceration only furthers cycles of poverty and illness, perpetuates racist systems, and ultimately is completely incapable of solving social issues.

Dec 30, 2023

Pima County Detention Centers need serious improvements in quality of living conditions and access to resources for incarcerated individuals. Instead of anticipating and actively planning to incarcerate more people by building a new, larger center, it makes far more sense to renovate the facility that already exists. There would be no need for a larger jail if the current one focused on reducing the recidivism rate through rehabilitation and education on substance use, emotional regulation, finances, and vocational training, instead of acting as a punitive space that simply exacerbates the issues that lead to crime. After-prison services that support people's transition would also be far more effective in lowering crime compared to building a larger prison. Building a larger prison is a band-aid solution - focusing on rehabilitation and reintegration addresses the root causes of crime and is what will actually improve countless lives as well as being far cheaper in the long run.

Dec 30, 2023

1. I am very concerned that tax payer dollars are going to building more jails to house more people versus investing those some dollars into communities and decreasing the need for jails. 2. The commission members... part of the explanation stated there were members with experience in social services and mental health. I did not see those people highlighted on the survey. I wish the commission brought together community members not just former police or sheriff. These people are not equipped to know the facts of mental health, substance use issues and clinical issues. Clinicians

should be part of these groups. 3. The current jail is overcrowded bc of the way policing works/happens. I am concerned about the sheer amount of drugs instead of the current jail. In a new facility and larger facility there will be more drugs and more people using. If the current jail is currently not being managed properly why should tax payers give more tax dollars to ineffective management?

While facilities need improvement, I don't trust that the board of supervisors or the city will spend the allocated money on the project without spending it in other areas. Furthermore, I don't believe they are good stewards of our money, so I feel there will be a lot of waste. If the decision is made to build new.... then figuring out how the old property will be utilized while being a good steward of our county resources.

Dec 30, 2023

Focus on preventing crime instead of punishing it. Divert substance users and the mentally ill to treatment. Support treatment courts, especially at the misdemeanor level. Provide real programming in the jail focused on rehabilitation and reintegration. Invest in housing and employment programs. Then you'll have fewer people in jail. It's cheaper and better for the community as a whole.

Dec 30, 2023

The conditions in Pima County Jail are unconscionable. Proposals here do not hold the sheriff, Naphcare, jail and County management accountable for this abuse and negligence, so why should I believe that more funding would be better managed? As a Pima County voter, I want these funds allocated to evidence-supported community organizations and public services that address poverty, addiction, illness, mental illness, houselessness, and other distress in our community to reduce or eliminate the number of jailed people. I do NOT approve sending more money to abusive managers overseeing an abusive practice (incarceration) proven to increase vulnerability of our community members. Re-allocate these funds to feed a positive cycle instead of this destructive one. With a lower or no jailed population, especially if decarceration is paired with serious investment in supportive services, maybe Naphcare and the sheriff could meet bare minimum standards of their jobs. No good money after bad! Dec 30, 2023

I would rather see money go towards our community issues such as homelessness, mental health crisis and drug addiction which causes an increase in crime.

Dec 30, 2023

No support

Dec 30, 2023

We need to address the need for facilities to address faster intake, safer conditions and expansion of deflection and alternative options including meaningful detox. Dec 30, 2023

Building a new jail facility would be a gross mismanagement of tax payer funds. I do not support a new jail. Furthermore, I do not trust the "Blue Ribbon Commission" findings or the estimated amount for a new facility or repairs to the current facility.

I would like everyone involved to consider that they or a loved one could be incarcerated at any point in their lives. I would ask to consider that much of the inmate population is innocent until proven guilty, therefore their time in the county jail should reflect that and provide humane and supportive living conditions. Imagine being punished before even being found guilty. The county spends absurd amounts of tax dollars on art installations and bike paths that are only used and appreciated by a small group of residents. We can and should do better as a community to provide adequate and safe facilities to those experiencing the worst times in their lives. The better facilities for the inmates leads to less hostility and a safer environment for the jail staff and inmates.

Dec 30, 2023

The prison system is inherently deadly and inhumane. The \$858 million should be instead invested into the community with food access, healthcare and especially housing. Providing basic human rights to the community like housing is the best way to increase "public safety". If you want to decrease the prison population, defund the Tucson Police Department and other law enforcement agencies.

Dec 30, 2023

Look into the Prison being closed in Marana. Think outside the box.

Dec 30, 2023

You cannot solve Pima county's social issues through incarceration. Too many community members have died through neglect at the Pima county jail and the reward for this crime should not be more funding but more accountability and social services in the community!! Dec 30, 2023

Jails are inherently cruel and inhumane; spending millions of taxpayer dollars to lock up our fellow citizens rather than giving them adequate housing, food, healthcare, or literally

ANYTHING else to improve Pima County, is absolutely reprehensible. I spent six months working in Pima County Jail and it convinced me that jails and prisons must be defunded and disbanded in favor of community led support systems. When I processed individuals into the jail for pre trial services, the majority of the people I spoke to were there for the "crime" of being unhoused, nonviolent crime that stemmed from poverty, or addiction. These people need HELP, not to have their rights and dignity stripped from them. Having to call the relatives of addicts and hear them beg me to get their child into a recovery program instead of a cell, knowing I could do no such thing, is one of the most awful things I have ever experienced. Pima County does not want a new or expanded jail; we want real solutions.

Dec 30, 2023

Our jail is one of the most deadly in the country and it's not due to the size of the facility, it is due to a culture of abuse, negligence, and mismanagement. A bigger building will not change that. Cycles of poverty and illness are created by incarceration and cannot be solved by more incarceration. We need to find other ways to solve our social issues other than imprisoning more citizens. Please do not expand the Pima county jail.

Dec 30, 2023

The jail is critical to public safety. Drugs and crime are a huge problem in Pima County, the public is better off when some people are locked up. Drugs destroy people, the jail can be a place for people to detox and go through forced rehab, allowing them to actually get clean if it was only put to that use. The corrections staff needs to be treated and paid properly to correct the personnel issues at the jail.

Dec 30, 2023

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Dec 30, 2023

I am tired of money being put into jailing the community and policing the community, it does not serve us or keep us safe. Incarceration is inherently flawed and inhumane, this has been proven over and over again. The budget proposed for this expansion is absolutely grotesque, especially considering how many in our community are surviving without housing, access to nutritious food or healthcare. We can and must do better than bolstering criminalization, we need community care and resources. I do not support a single bit of expansion for Pima County Adult Detention Center, and I will be doing everything in my power to stop it.

Dec 30, 2023

I would support an increase in my property tax if that increase would continue to go to the Detention Facility. This is a very important part of maintaining safety in Pima County. They should be able to draw on this money to provide programs for rehabilitation and counseling. Dec 30, 2023

I do not believe it is the best investment of our money or in the best interest of our community for Pima County to expand or build a new jail. However, if money is to be spent on our carceral system, I hope it is spent on prevention and deterrence. We need to strive for a future where our jails are shrinking and becoming obsolete because we live in a healthy and well resourced community. We do not need to plan for a future with more jailing if we are doing what's in our power to not create one.

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Dec 30, 2023

Taxes too high already, the need for a new jail is not warranted. Need to train sheriff leadership to improve jail environment.

Dec 30, 2023

It is a jail and not a summer camp and not a rehab center if they want medical treatment they should have stayed out of jail as someone that's been to jail had to retina detached by fighting has kidney problems due to bad Healthcare it helps keep me out of there jail should not be a country club sheriff is at fault for most of the problems in the jail because he coddles inmates Dec 29, 2023

Prisons and jails are inherently inhumane. The \$858 million dollar proposal is a grotesque misuse of money that could be used towards bolstering and meeting the needs of the community so that the chances of our community members being incarcerated in the first place would lessen. Our community members are being killed through a culture of mismanagement and negligence because incarceration does nothing to treat the community but rather create cycles of poverty and illness. Social issues can not be solved by incarceration. Dec 29, 2023

My primary thoughts: (1) renovated facilities are needed (2) an emphasis should be placed on facilities and staff for wrap-around services that support the goal of reducing recidivism (3) the jail population projections for the next 20 years do not presume any substantive adoption in the evidence-supported practices used in other states to reduce jail (and prison) populations. It is a grave disservice to concentrate mostly on facilities. Addressing root causes and systemic contributors to criminal behavior, as well as reducing pre-trial detention, implementing bail reform, workforce skills, and diversion programs have all been known to reduce population. The report also gave short shrift to the impact of the MacArthur Grant. If the population of the jail grew a yearly average of 3.58% from 2000-2013 and was reduced by - 1.36% between 2014- 2019, this was statistically significant in that there was a 5% improvement.

Dec 29, 2023

Thank you for continuing to invest in community-based grassroots initiatives to reduce jail population. Dec 29, 2023

Property taxes continue to rise so voters may not vote for approval. The general public half cent tax would probably be more readily acceptable because being safe affects all. Dec 29, 2023

The jail expansion would be a terrible use of money that could better be put towards helping our community in other ways.

Dec 29, 2023

We do not need a new jail. We need to invest in community initiatives. When we invest in community, crime decreases. We can do better.

Dec 29, 2023

I think our community would benefit more by Putting dollars into community development, job and workforce training, drug and alcohol treatment, and housing first initiatives. These would be less of a burden on the taxpayer in the long run than construction of a new prison that is statistically one of the most deadly in the country. Our community deserves better than the systemic barriers that incarceration causes. Instead if this money was invested into our community and the needs of the people we wouldn't see the need to imprison people. Dec 29, 2023

Pima County policy change should focus on increased home detention in place of incarceration where applicable, and overall reduction of time sentenced in detention. This would reduce the amount of detention facilities needed.

Dec 29, 2023

I don't think Pima County should build a new detention center. I think the existing detention center should be improved while the county moves towards a transformative justice model for criminal justice that precludes the need for such a facility. See <https://project-nia.org/> for more information.

Dec 29, 2023

You cannot solve social issues with mass incarceration—this has been proven for decades now. Low income housing, increased social services, and greater access to health care and food security are some of the \*many\* ways taxpayer dollars could be better spent to improve Pima County. Please do NOT invest more money into a failed system.

Dec 29, 2023

Please consider when a new juvenile detention facility was built, and now only a fraction of it is used for the intended purpose. I do not support a brand new facility, but do support renovation as it appears the population will decrease just like the juvenile population decreased. Dec 29, 2023

The goal to improve the lives of incarcerated people should involve deeper anti-racist education and policy among staff and decision makers within the city. Tucson does not need better facilities, it needs to create a system that avoids relying on incarceration. There shouldn't be so many incarcerated people in Pima county - especially since they are disproportionately men of color. Any investment in a carceral system is rooted in white supremacy and modern day slavery. We need to invest these funds and resources into our communities- community housing, education, and facilities. We need a better mental health support system and basic needs support system for people when they are released from incarceration. We also need to invest in changing the legal system so that people aren't incarcerated for minor offenses. Dec 29, 2023

Jail, as it is now, is cruel and inhumane. In many cases it is equivalent to torture. Too frequently, people are killed in Pima County Jails. I do not support any further investment into building a new jail or expanding the current facility. We need to move past jailing people and address root causes of crime by providing food, housing, healthcare to the people of Pima county. I know this is not achieved through police departments nor jails. Dec 29, 2023

We need new or improved facilities for the inmates and those who work there. As well as larger facilities to meet future needs.



Dec 29, 2023

I think the county has proven they do not care about inmates by the amount of deaths. Money should go to the community- I do not support a new jail

Dec 29, 2023

The problems at the existing facility and the likely unavoidable increase in jail populations will cause changes to take place. The first question is whether the changes will occur through an open planning process or through court intervention. I think the initiative undertaken through the Blue Ribbon Commission is the only responsible way to initiate the desired changes. The commission had done a good job of laying out the contours of the problems and an appropriate range of response options. I strongly favor the construction of a new facility. In my experience renovations are replete with unexpected problems, and often result in sub optimal outcomes. In addition, renovations usually wind up costing a lot more than initially imagined. Dec 29, 2023

I believe first and foremost the county needs to pursue policies that do not incarcerate people in the first place. Not arresting people for mental health crises, homelessness, or substance abuse are easy policies to implement but have seem to not have been implemented. Instead of focusing on punitive and extremely expensive measures aimed at the people of Pima County, the county should instead leverage taxes to raise our standard of living by improving community housing, community health, and public transit, all things that help lift people out of the dire situations many live under. Jails and punishment are band aid solutions that will never change the underlying conditions of people's suffering. Allocate more funding to community health, harm reduction, and real community housing instead of trying to spend nearly a billion dollars on a new facility that will only cause more harm.

Dec 29, 2023

If we are anticipating greater use of incarceration to respond to poverty, addiction, and mental illness, then I believe we are failing. We can and should be thinking larger. An expenditure of this size could fund a public works program to unite neighborhoods and create jobs. These are some upstream approaches to reducing criminogenic factors and system involvement. Dec 29, 2023

There is no need to build a brand new facility. While there are improvements that need to be made, they should be made within the existing walls and an appropriate maintenance budget should be allotted to prevent conditions from reaching a subpar level in the future. Dec 29, 2023

Focus should be on both inmate safety AND inmate TREATMENT. This would require vast improvements in both the physical structure of the PCADC, whether a new facility or a combination of a rehab of the existing facility and building an additional one, AND more and BETTER corrections staff! While the vast majority of COs are good at their jobs, there is a pervasive attitude of "US versus THEM", guards versus prisoners that is inconsistent with what their role is and, in many instances, would be actionable if the inmates had the wherewithal and veracity to bring cases forward. This corrosive, systematic attitude begins with their training and continues as they bond with each other on the job. When it includes leadership, there is nothing to stop or eliminate it. In addition, unless something can be done to address the

problem of recruiting and retaining Corrections Officers, there really is no point in the expansion of PCADC space. Thank you for allowing me to offer my feedback. Dec 29, 2023

I am thinking of the 95% who are jailed for felonies. I am for new methods of managing that population so that they learn how to act in a lawful manner, avoiding recidivism, rather than going for felonious activities--or improving their skills for crime. Socialization, education and well spent quality time while they are there. I believe they should serve their sentences, but too many seem to come out further damaged.

Dec 29, 2023

There can't just be detox for a day or 2 for repeat offenders, they need a couple weeks or a month long program.

Dec 29, 2023

We are kicking the can down the road if we just expand the current facility. A new facility will still be needed in 10 years after an expansion. A new facility is desperately needed for the inmates, inmate services and for the safety of those who work there. Please approve a new jail. Dec 29, 2023

I do not support the building of a new detention facility in Pima County.

Dec 29, 2023

The current jail can be modernized and improved to meet ongoing needs; a new jail is not needed and would only serve to incentive increased incarceration of our neighbors and community members. The ongoing inmate safety concerns in the jail relate to improper and under-staffing, failures of the current contract medical provider, improper oversight of jail security related the influx of drugs into the facility. The issues are not directly related to the size or condition of the facility, thus it is red herring to focus building a new jail when the areas of concern should be management, staffing, training, oversight, and proper medical care for those incarcerated, and a strong simultaneous focus on decreasing the population of the jail and moving toward better community based supports for justice system involved people. Dec 29, 2023

No one like to pay more tax, but the costs need to reevaluate either for remodel or new jail! At this time may be just leave it alone!

Dec 29, 2023

I am not for raising taxes to make criminals life's easier , if any thing take away that part of the expenses , but I am all for making it safer for employees with better security and tech. Dec 29, 2023

How much of the jail space is taken up with people serving misdemeanor sentences or being held on misdemeanor offenses? Those people will be returning to the community, jailing is ONLY punitive there is no rehab. A different place for these low level offenders? Pretrial incarceration time for non-violent, low level felony cases that are likely to get

probation should be looked at. Jail should not be dealing with people who are primarily mentally ill or addicted, but where else is there? Incarceration is the easiest answer to get them out of sight. Dec 29, 2023

I get sick every time I visit inmates for work. I get headaches, congestion and a cough. Sounds to me like mold. If unit 9 is contaminated with mold, I cannot even imagine the state of the rest of the jail. My clients have ulcers, gaping wounds, constant covid, etc., due to the lack of medical treatment. It should not take weeks or months to see the nurse. We need more funding for mental health and overall wellness. Improve the new jail and use the funds you would have used on a new jail to improve programs that matter.

Dec 29, 2023

I do not support building a new jail with greater capacity, as we shouldn't be incarcerating the number of people we already are, so if there was less over-charging it wouldn't be pushing capacity Dec 29, 2023

I invite my local law makers and those making this proposal to put themselves in the shoes of the detainees. Even if you have never committed a crime and believe you never will, just imagine what it's like to be treated like you don't deserve to live. I would like to imagine I can appeal to your humanity but if, like many others in this country you have decided that the detainees are worth less than you, I invite you to think about the elections and opportunities that will be lost by you should this proposal go through. You have provided your constituents with a list of your names that we will make note of and for lack of a better term "cancel" going forward. This is not a threat but simply a fact that if you continue to choose to abuse instead of truly rehabilitate our community members, your career will stop here. This statement is my personal opinion not affiliated with any organization or activism group but I know that I am not alone in my feelings.

Dec 29, 2023

Take some of those school voucher dollars and invest in public schools to deter future incarceration. Stop giving tax credits to businesses that refuse to invest back into the community. We also need to deter criminal activity to avoid being another Florida or Mississippi. As a democrat we also have to be tough on crime because you won't be able to deter people who have had a shitty life. You have to start early and work on prevention. Unfortunately you can't help everyone change no matter how emphatic you are. Finally, make sure kids graduate and have affordable education pipelines. UArizona is ridiculously expensive even for in state and Pima is getting more expensive. We need more technical programs, more healthcare programs like medical assistants, pharmacy techs, etc. We also need to stop stupid behavior like drag racers and fix the damn potholes. How about a survey about that? I don't mind paying taxes but I do mind paying taxes for stupid shit. Dec 29, 2023

The jail should not be renovated to increase capacity nor should the County build a new jail. The jail should be renovated to the extent necessary to ensure the safety of those incarcerated in the facility. Instead of spending money on a new jail, the county should spend money on additional resources to deal with the underlying causes of criminal justice system involvement, including mental health treatment in the community and community treatment for substance use disorder. The county should also invest in affordable low barrier housing to allow those suffering from mental health and substance use issues to develop stability necessary for recovery. The fact that the jail has become the default provider of mental health and substance use treatment in the county is not acceptable or sustainable, the county should certainly not utilize any type of linear growth model to assume that the jail population will continue to expand exponentially. The goal should be to reduce the population.

Dec 29, 2023

Expanding facilities will only increase the amount of incarcerated people. This will disproportionately include Black and Brown people due to racist policing and structural factors (like incentive to fill expanding prisons). Prison sentences continually ruin lives and often end them, as the Pima County Correctional Facility regularly does. Stop killing inmates! Instead of expanding facilities, spend our tax money on social services that have been proven to keep people out of the incarceration system, like housing, food, therapy and treatment programs. Dec 29, 2023

Funding should be centered on reducing the jail population. A rehabilitation center is not the same as a detention center. Our social issues need to be urgently addressed and that's the only acceptable use of public money. The problem isn't just the condition of the jail; it's the entire carceral system and I'm not interested in funding a Band-Aid.

Dec 29, 2023

I will not support a new jail being built. We need increased social services and mental health services for our at risk populations. Not new punishment centers for those who would benefit from the above.

Dec 29, 2023

My understanding is that we need to downsize the prison population and our efforts should be focused on reducing jail sentences and decriminalizing the justice system to help people lead healthy lives That is where I would support taxation not a better way to house people. In particular addressing the horror of opioids. I also think that the sheriff and staff should be held responsible for deaths in jail.

Dec 29, 2023

It is a demonstrable fact that every jail fills to its capacity; adding beds/facilities only ensures more detainees, especially when there are no other community resources to address social, addiction, and /mental health issues, many of which our jail should not be expected to handle in the first place. Pima County needs a greater reliance on community corrections, and unnecessary incarceration (i.e., due to lack of bail money or lack of other community resources) should be minimized if not eliminated. There are many arrestees that need to be incarcerated; my experience has been that far too many PCJ detainees did not present that necessity. I realize that PCJ staff are not in a position to dictate who remains in custody, but building a 'bigger, better' jail facility only makes it easier for other parts of the local community to shuffle these problems onto the Sheriff's department.

Dec 29, 2023

Build 2 facilities would be better.

Dec 29, 2023

The pima county jail is nice compared to lots of other jails in the country. I think renovating the old parts of the jail would be out to good use (the Towers, Echo Fox, ETC.) Dec 29, 2023

Jail should be a deterrence. Individuals should be held accountable for their actions whether they are common criminals, addicts or mentally ill. The main purpose if the jail should be for removing individuals from society in order to protect the community at large. Rehabilitation and treatment should be secondary to protecting the rest of society. The success of "justice reform" can be measured by examining Seattle, Portland or San Francisco crime rates. They are dismal near apocalyptic failures of civil leadership.

Dec 29, 2023

Instead of billions of taxpayers dollars going to cage other human beings, Pima County could spend those billions on programs that deter incarceration such as education, healthcare, and a variety of other community based services. PIMA COUNTY CAN AND SHOULD DO BETTER FOR ITS PEOPLE!

Dec 29, 2023

No need u need to find a new way to take care of Thr ppl in our city. Like mental health and drug use. Not a new detention center. Sorry not interested in my children to be around that facility

Dec 29, 2023

The city of Tucson, AZ and Pima County have a major ongoing issue with the homeless. I have been a homeowner here in Tucson for 4 years and I have seen some pretty ugly situations involving humans. I am just viewing the homeless situation, and so I know beyond that life is probably worse. This one area puts a lot of stress on the city/county budget. No one should be dying in jail, Period!

Dec 29, 2023

Inmates and other charged criminals should pay a surcharge or fee based on their crime. This surcharge should be charged criminals depending on the crime found punishable, after their court date and sentencing. If found guilty they should pay an amount that goes towards this fee; the taxpayers should not pay for a new prison, what benefit do tax payer gain? Having taxpayers pay would be a punishment to the taxpayers. The criminals found guilty after their court findings should eventually pay for this modernization of the prison. The cost of this modernization really should be at the expense of those that need the facility, and those that continually return. Sure there are those that have a mental illness, or temporarily lose their sanity, first time offenders and certain culprits can be exonerated from this surcharge. I'm sure there will be plenty of excellent ideas that stem from this survey.

Dec 29, 2023

Why did the facility deteriorate to its present condition?

Dec 29, 2023

Incarceration is wrong and no one should be locked up when a focus on community can help deter criminality and legalization of ALL drugs would lead to better chances for those suffering from addiction. As a society it's our duty to do better so that cycles of poverty don't contribute to criminal behavior.

Dec 29, 2023

Wages for Pima County Administrators and upper management needs to be slashed to save money. Stop the county wasteful spending. There needs to be accountability for Chuck Huckleberry of his wasteful spending and way too much pay. Erect some tents for the inmates and that will deter crime.

Dec 29, 2023

We don't need to build a new Jail. We need to move away from incarcerating people in a deadly jail while they await trial. We need bail reform. We need transformative and restorative models of justice. The people incarcerated in PCJ are not convicted and should be given their constitutional right to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The jail is relatively new and should be more than adequate as a facility. We do not need to be wasting money on an entirely new jail. That money would be better spent on diversionary programs and addressing housing and food insecurities which are the root causes of most crime to begin with. The sheriffs office and jail needs much more oversight from unbiased, outside community members. A new building will not prevent the guards from continuing to smuggle in drugs. Dec 29, 2023

We should focus on prevention and appropriate evaluation of what contributes to incarceration . During Covid the number of detainees decreased. If we fund this we will not have the resources to provide appropriate prevention and treatment for BH and substance abuse and adverse childhood events- all of which are contributing to the jail population. Deaths in the jail should be openly and transparently evaluated. Root cause analysis tools should be used to determine and identify causation and subsequent system changes that are needed. Building a jail where more people can be incarcerated does not address the issues that contribute to the actions that result in incarceration. Pima county has the opportunity to be a model of how to do things differently. We should seize that opportunity. I don't see that in the report.

Dec 29, 2023

Current facility is unsafe for staff and incarcerated, in any other setting would be deemed uninhabitable. Options such as house arrest and community rehabilitation should be used before placing individuals into the jail. Anything of a nonviolent nature should be using the community options and rehabilitation should be used when ever able. Only violent offenders and those that have a nature that is violent should be housed in the facility to reduce the population of individuals in the Jail. Any facility that is created in the future must be state of the art and include rehabilitation. When any population is treated with care it reduces the issue within that population making safer for staff and those in their care and supervision. People in pain or with mental health challenges are reactive if you can address that with state of the art care it would reduce redvicidism rates for county. Staff need a safe state of the art work environment, fully trained cared for staff do a better job.

Dec 29, 2023

N/a

Dec 29, 2023

The jail overuse is driven by multiple system factors, law enforcement practices, court system processes and issues (e.g., lack of public defenders, delayed court hearings and rescheduling court hearings) our poor behavioral health system, and

lack of affordable housing. The jail needs improvements for detainee safety, but their health and safety is also determined by the quality and retention of good staff. High attrition of correctional officers and other support staff contributes to unhealthy and unsafe conditions at the jail. Invest or re-invest in our county justice reform efforts. What happened to this work? The County has let this slide. We need investments in housing, our public and behavioral health services, and other community supports. Jail pop forecasting is difficult; there are too many variables to account for. COVID happened & jail #'s went down. A cautious but humane approach should be taken and not build a new jail.

Dec 29, 2023

The jail population will never be reduced unless we start prosecuting crimes again. That being said, due to population growth alone, we need a bigger jail. Hopefully one with more mental health and drug treatment so inmates can truly detox and/or be rehabilitated. Dec 28, 2023

No tax payer funds for a new jail. A billion dollars for new facilities for inmates and those charged and sentenced for crimes is not an option. Do not approve this waste of tax payer money. It will not benefit your position come election time.

Dec 28, 2023

Thank you for allowing our opinions. We are in hard times right now and no one has any spare change to be paying more taxes. Pima County needs to spend more money on making sure that minor children (18 and under) are not put in any facility. Adults need Rehabilitation and to be put back out into the community. We do not need this amount of people behind bars. Low crimes need to be referred to private counseling paid by the county. There is absolutely no need for private prisons and no need to continue to lock up our society. Lets be one of the first to EMPLTY the jail systems. Thank you again

Dec 28, 2023

I think it is important to make space for those in a detention facility and adequate living spaces but also not taking tax payers money to do so. Maybe taking a look at using this new potential as a space for offenders with a short sentences or those with small petty crimes. Ask inmates what THEY think is needed, we on the outside have no idea what its like in there. Dec 28, 2023

I support spending money to offer more opportunities to low income/EJ communities that might prevent/reduce citizen incarceration rates.

Dec 28, 2023

We have to change the way we care for our community, otherwise we will have to keep building more and more new jails, it's a never ending cycle. Dec 28, 2023

I do not support the expansion of prisons in Tucson.

Dec 28, 2023

Pima county jail is responsible for several deaths already, and you all want to add on

ANOTHER? When you can't be trusted to handle ONE without people losing their lives due to gross negligence??? Shameful and disgusting. Put the money towards paving Tucson's terrible and dangerous roads.

Dec 28, 2023

I do not support taxing for a new jail facility.

Dec 28, 2023

No new jail facility is needed and the cost for a new facility is too much for tax payers.

Dec 28, 2023

I dont feel that there is any rehabilitation or preparedness for inmates to return back to society as contributing citizens. Often do they go back to their old ways, society doesn't see much improvement in them and are quick to judge. They must feel they are valuable humans even as inmates, so they don't give up on their first mistake out in society.

Dec 28, 2023

Most likely Bonds repaid by excise tax that is small, 1/4% in the form of a Jail District Tax. Second choice, Bonds repaid by secondary property tax.

Dec 28, 2023

No new jail.

Dec 28, 2023

I think funding should be prioritized for programs that address the root causes of incarceration (poverty, homelessness, addiction treatment) to reduce incarceration rates. It is ridiculous that we spend so much money on law enforcement and prisons, when they clearly are not effective at reducing crime. Why don't we try a new approach instead of doing what we've always done. Dec 28, 2023

The jail needs more officers to run the jail more smoothly. Corrections officers are burnt out running two pods. In many instances there should be two Corrections officers per pod rather than one. Dec 28, 2023

take better care of what we already have.

Dec 28, 2023



Need to stop killing people who are incarcerated there!! Need to shut down the facility because it is dangerous for the people who live there and the people who work there. Totally unsafe. Turn the facility into a sanctuary for people who need help! Funneling money and time into helping people who are in desperate need is a proven method to reduce crime. It could be a rehabilitation center or half way house for those needing job training and a safe place to detox.

To the extent that mental health treatment and drug/alcohol, recovery, treatment, or

detoxification can occur outside of the jail at the expense of health insurance providers (public and private)... should be made. And I believe, and adjacent facility could serve the homeless..... The homeless would be safer, mental health and drug recovery treatment outside of the facility at the jail when possible is more ideal. I realize that many advocates do not want the justice services related to law-enforcement to have a role in mental health/drug treatment. Most invasion a system outside of the justice system, servant, metal health issues. However, under the American system of justice... But the health issues are part of the criminal justice system, and we cannot change that very soon Therefore, providing a jail atmosphere for humanitarian

mental health services— on the Jail campus, and outside of incarceration is ideal Dec 28, 2023

I think it's disgusting to consider wasting tax payer money to construct a new detention center or to make 'improvements' to the current detention center when nothing has been done to address and no accountability has been taken by the county on the topic of the incredibly high death rate for those detained at the facility. The issue is that of the carceral justice system, and reaches from the leadership of the county, to the sheriffs department, to the employees at the detention center that allow for these deaths and mistreatments to happen and take punitive measures into their own hands, then fail to take or face accountability for the destruction they cause our community. The jail serves only to separate families, there is no real rehabilitation being done or that is possible to do in the current system. I find it abhorrent that the county is capitalizing on the right ul public outrage surrounding the high number of deaths to try and build a new, grossly expensive facility.

Dec 28, 2023

There has been advancements in correctional science and philosophies. The current jail was built using outdated philosophies and is not adequate to provide services to the inmates. Dec 28, 2023

I think the Pima County Adult Detention Center need more employees and more help in the kitchen Dec 28, 2023

Any money needs to go towards the rehabilitation of those who are incarcerated. Pima county does not need to build new infrastructure to expand their prison industrial complex to protect or benefit our communities. I do not support any funding going towards expanding and increasing facilities to incarcerate people of our community.

Dec 28, 2023

We do not need a new detention facility. IF taxes should be used towards a facility, it should be to improve the conditions of the existing facility. Please consider using our tax dollars to improve our community and social services.

I am mostly worried about where a new detention center would go. I am concerned about where the in-custody individuals will be going when they are no longer in-custody. I would ideally wish that we didn't need to get a new detention center. If we do get a new detention center, I want its location to be chosen using geographic and demographic

information. Put it in an easily accessible area for individuals to commute on the bus to get to visit their loved one. Make sure that it is far enough away from various schools. Make sure it's far away from any of the dispensaries in town. Make sure it is as close as possible to resources they can use after release. Whatever statistical data we can throw at this and consider a placement of a new building will be critical.

Dec 28, 2023

I believe that County needs to be more attentive to finding more ways to reduce the jail population, it is hopefully possible that a reduction in need will happen during time a new facility is developed. This is what happened with the Youth detention facility, where diversion programs were successful in reducing the need for a facility. Similarly if crime is related to poverty, the County's embrace of the project to end poverty could or should have an end product of reducing crime. We can also be hopeful that projects and investments to end drug addiction and homelessness could eliminate the need for jail expansion. Dec 28, 2023

I completely support a new construction, however the Ajo jail needs consideration as well. It is severely outdated and the cost of even installing air conditioning in the housing units will cost over \$500,000. We are Putting band-aids on top of band-aids for an antiquated and failing facility.

Dec 28, 2023

Frankly, we should be working toward eliminating the need for detention facilities entirely. As I understand this is not and never will be the view of the majority of those on the commission, the next priority should be to provide facilities that are humane and that provide a plethora of services to help individuals reintegrate into society. This means funding health and wellness programs, educational programming, and evidence-based methods that reduce rates of recidivism.

Dec 28, 2023

My one concern is the Sheriff Dept's constant request for additional funding. Whether it is jail improvements or salaries, there is never enough. Dec 28, 2023

This cannot be passed along to future boards and the citizens they will serve. Growth in the region is inevitable and capital projects like this are critical to the region's services. Costs will only grow if a new jail is not built to provide a proper detention facility and associated programs/housing.

Reducing the jail population would help address overcrowding and require less staff. We do not need a new jail. Diversion and deflection should be used to a higher degree. No one should be held in the jail due to inability to pay bail, unless they pose a danger to the community. Bail should not be assigned to anyone with misdemeanors. Other conditions of release can be set if needed. People charged with felony drug possession for personal use should not be placed in jail but have conditions of release that help address substance abuse disorder. People in detox should not be held at the jail as the medical providers there have shown they are not able to keep folks safe during detox. Linkage with referral resources through the Transition Center should be amplified to help address underlying problems that contribute to arrests. Thank you. Dec 28, 2023

It is well documented the tragedy that is incarceration. We readily know that it is not effective in preventing crime before or after incarceration. We know it is a grave injustice that is easily seen by the sheer number of deaths in the Pima County Jail. We do not need an expansion of the jail. We need reductions in the prison population.

Dec 28, 2023

The Pima County Jail conditions and workers have neglected and abused incarcerated folks to the point of death in multiple instances. This is incredibly unjust and inhumane. Please close down the jail and release all prisoners. Let go of all staff, police, and prison guards, especially those responsible of these deaths that could have been easily avoided. Please stop killing our community. Dec 28, 2023

I do not support any program that plans to increase the number of incarcerated people.

Dec 28, 2023

Pima County does not need to allocate a massive amount of money towards incarcerating more oppressed members of our community. We do not want more policing. We want better schools, better infrastructure, better mental health services, less policing, and more community social services. Direct the funds away from incarceration and put it towards rehabilitation and liberation to all people of Pima County.

Dec 28, 2023

I ask the BRC to consider, even though it is unlikely to be applicable to you personally or your family, to please consider whether you think jail is humane or reasonable response to harm. Decades of research show us that incarceration does not rehabilitate or help folks re enter society, recidivism is a feature rather than a bug, and the entire carceral system is inhumane and cruel and further traumatizes people. I ask that you please consider if you or a family member or a close friend would ever voluntarily go to spend time in jail, and experience the devastating impacts physically, financially, and emotionally/mentally. A nicer cage is still a cage, it will not transform the issues our community is facing. PCSD has shown us they do not care about the facility and are clearly ill equipped to be handed \$400M to improve a facility they've neglected. We need to expand efforts to decarcerate the jail and invest that money into the community for healthcare and housing. Thank you.

Dec 28, 2023

Portions of the jail (specifically the annex/west and the east) are barely 20 years old. To completely demolish them would be a huge waste. The tower, constructed in the 1980s, has recently undergone renovations but is in such a poor condition regarding plumbing that it may not be viable to renovate. I believe the tower should be demolished and rebuilt in a way that is more sustainable for long-term use and more comfortable for the inmates, without turning it into a quasi-hotel. Additionally, a large chunk of the PCADCs inmate population are mentally ill; some to the point where their presence in a correctional facility is a detriment to them, jail personnel and other inmates. Arizona needs a non punitive facility specifically designed to accommodate these inmates.

Dec 28, 2023

In no way do I support the funding or construction of a new jail.

Dec 28, 2023

More money to programs to get people support (housing shelter, food, water, mental health support, basic needs) outside of the jail to curb the need for the jail in the first place. I do not support building another jail and if improvements to existing jail expand mental health and rehab programs and train staff better. Have been hearing of a lot of avoidable deaths in the Pima County Jail and that is unacceptable. Give people medical attention, respect their life even if they are in jail. I think the focus should look outside the jail to what people need and what is criminalized to put people there in the first place. Start there.

Dec 28, 2023

I have not been to the jail or talked to incarcerated people for almost 7 years. Based on my experience and recent news about the jail, I believe the facility should be better staffed and updated to improve the climate control in all areas, expanded medical and mental health units. Attention should be paid to people detoxing in the jail. Pima County Jail supervisors need to understand and train staff to recognize medical and mental health crises, including those related to substance abuse and detoxing. They also need training in de-escalating conflict and how to assist a person through crisis. Nobody in jail should have to pay for commissary items, especially hygiene items! Limit non-essential commissary items. Make sure food is nutritious and plentiful so they don't need to order food. I thought the education programs were good and hope they are expanded. Hope there is an area in the pod to do workbooks and packets. Dec 28, 2023

The jail needs strong oversight to address the number one issue: the horrifying number of deaths of inmates. Nothing in this survey addresses that core problem. Resources should be used to improve health care access for inmates and to quickly identify those with behavioral and mental health issues who need to be transferred to a more appropriate setting for treatment. Officials, management and staff must be held to account and monitored by an external body to ensure the human rights of inmates are being respected. Dec 28, 2023

They need new staff that actually care about incarcerated individuals n that dont keep it so cold in there that ppl who are detoxing dont die from freezing to death or die due negligence of the staff..

Dec 28, 2023

I would like to see the population reduced, but there is only so far that can go. The jail is a disgusting mess and it isn't safe for inmates or staff. Maintenance is 2 years behind on work orders and they can't keep up. Something needs to happen and I don't really care how we pay for it - taxes, bonds, yard sales, whatever.

Dec 28, 2023

The county needs to use findings to address the social causes of incarceration, to reduce the rates of incarceration and improve quality of life for residents of Pima County. Pima County residents are struggling more than ever to access and meet their basic needs - housing, food, water, clothing, hygiene supplies. Houselessness is increasing. People are desperate. And desperate people will do just about anything to stay alive and as comfortable as possible. Investment in jails rather than the resources residents need to stay safe and healthy seems to indicate that our leadership would rather punish residents for the leadership's own failure to govern, than to actually govern in a way that benefits residents of the county. Does the county expect such exponential growth of jail populations because they know that if they continue to

fail us, our lives will all deteriorate so much that most of us will end up incarcerated? Do your jobs, get your people resources they actually need. Dec 28, 2023

If we have enough to pour \$800,000,000.00 into making the Universities in this state continue to run each year, there is no reason that our federal government should not and would not provide whatever it would cost to make a new jail. Also, if 700,000,000.00 dollars just vanished from the Rio Nuevo/ University of Arizona Science Center Rainbow bridge project, while the FBI Building is on the opposite corner then I'm sure there should be no problem funding such a project for the future of law enforcement. There are numerous measures and ways that can find such a project without the adding additional taxes to our tax payers. Though if you look closely at where money goes from grants and various other "free monies" I'm sure there is adequate funding available within some federally funded program just lying in reserve throughout certain states. If not, then we need accountability on what is and has happened to certain federal funds and the people/persons who received them.

Dec 28, 2023

Pima County needs to focus on rehabilitating individuals and helping them heal and reintegrate into society. Modernization of facilities to meet those goals and to provide the people incarcerated in them a better life while there is one thing. Building new infrastructure when our system is clearly failing to rehabilitate people is wasted money. Be resourceful and work to create change.

Dec 28, 2023

Sinking money into a new detention center rather than using that money to address the social ills that cause crime like poverty and addiction helps no one Dec 28, 2023

No new jail

Dec 28, 2023

I think instead of sending funding to adult prisons we need to spread the money out better, though I have never been to jail I have been to psych wards and therapy so I have seen the lack of money they have and can confidently say the mental health system in tucson needs to be fixed and have better funding. During my stays at the psych ward I have seen dirty floors dirty chairs and rooms. Water seeping out of the floorboards. The conditions are disgusting and need to be fixed.

Dec 28, 2023

the jail is fine. it's not crumbling

Dec 28, 2023

Programs that assist "family reunification", rehabilitation, return to the community and assistance programs that could help. Inside programs - one I'm familiar with is "Father Read" where the inmate picks three books to send to the child and reads one book filmed on video to send to the child. The program ran on entirely on donations - no tax funding!

Retired teachers and librarians would be perfect fits for the operation of this program! Not only did I work for ADC, my son is now serving his fourth conviction / incarceration. I have a vested interest here!

Dec 28, 2023

My responses are based on reading the Blue Ribbon Panel's report.

Dec 28, 2023

Tax dollars would be better spent on actually helping individuals with preventative services that provide them with the resources they need to avoid incarceration. For those already incarcerated the focus should be helping those individuals develop life skills that would make it possible for them to rejoin the community and avoid recidivism.

Dec 28, 2023

The need for a hail will not go away. The cost to fix the existing jail is nearly as much as building a new one. I support building a new one. Doing nothing is not an option. We need a modern, safe, and scalable jail to meet current and future needs of Pima county. Additionally the health and safety of the staff, support personnel, and the inmates should always be a priority. I speak from my experience working as a correctional officer for 12 years ... Arizona State and the federal bureau of prisons. So, having worked in prisons, I fully understand the danger of that job and as such a modern new facility is the best option.

Dec 28, 2023

There are units designed to house the detox population for better observation, however those units are being outgrown. The overflow units for the detox population also have issues with housing space. It is important to ensure cleanliness of these units and overcrowding makes sanitation of the unit difficult. The layout out of some units are not designed with security in mind leaving many blind spots. There also needs to be better secured cabinets for security of the items on the safety sheets. There is constant maintenance on the plumbing and bursting of pipes. Not to mention a lot of the flooding that behavioral inmates do. The design of the unit must have better and faster control of the water lines to prevent mold and damage to the building and paint.

Dec 28, 2023

Inmates need better access to monitoring during the detox process and, as the population of incarcerated people increases, more medical housing to ensure there is proper monitoring and accommodations to care for those with chronic needs or basic activities of daily living. Dec 28, 2023

The County needs to build a new detention center due to the current facility is too old to modernize and this way the County has a facility that can be reliably used for the next 30-50 years. The facility can be built to specifically address the current knowledge about addressing inmates, internal activities, mental health and substance abuse treatment and staff security and safety requirements.

Dec 28, 2023

Stop spending money citizens don't have on persons who choose to violate the sanctity of the citizens who are actually part of society. They can live with the results of their choices in the current jail. People who actually work are struggling and don't need the burden of added property taxes or sales taxes. Stop stealing my income to pay for people who are stealing from society.

Dec 28, 2023

While a new facility would take time to complete, it would offer a more cohesive building while providing the security and safety upgrades that would be beneficial to staff and inmates alike. Dec 28, 2023

The current facility is just plain inadequate for current and future needs. Additional construction over the years has done little to nothing to remedy issues related to the original infrastructure. Certainly, we can "kick the can" down the road and continue trying to repair the current facility but I think the need for a new facility at some point is inevitable. Why not build new now, providing improvements for today's inmate and staff populations as well as those in future decades?

Dec 28, 2023

I believe that a new facility should be built with up-to-date tech-knowledge and space to be considered for future incarceration of inmates. Intake/booking area is a must needed up to date floor/space, holding cells and processing of the future incarcerations of new arrestees with an area/cell for combative persons. The new facility must have a cell block/pod for mental health inmates with appropriate cells for suicide watches, mental health inmates for both male and females is a must for up to date floor plan. Mental health inmates are currently on the rise in the county jail. Consideration for a new facility should be looked at in being built near the court house just like in Maricopa jail. This would limit inmate vehicle transportation as of now we transport the inmates from Silverlake to downtown in secured vans. Overall, we need a new facility, more space for all different types of inmate behavior from general population to mental health with space for male and female inmates.

Dec 28, 2023

ti650 million in taxpayer dollars is a substantial amount of money that should be used to address the root cause of harm not pour into a jail which we know is simply a stop-gap in our society. That money should be invested in areas like housing, community focused harm reduction, social workers/mental health professionals, healing justice, anti-racism efforts, and so much more rather than a jail. Pima County has an opportunity to develop a better, sustainable way to actually help people. The proposal for a new jail comes from a commission who only ever saw a jail as the solution - that is obvious with the makeup of the group which police, prison administration, and construction workers who would directly benefit from the contract. This was not actual research or assessment, but a biased and bureaucratic maneuver. But I hope you will actually understand concerns people are raising and be open to doing something to actually help our community, not cause more harm.

Dec 28, 2023

Build a new or larger facility to accommodate the growth of Tucson and renovate the older one converted to minimum security rate, cities growing and the crime. We're gonna need to be able Support our community and law-enforcement by being able to lock up, offenders the safety of our children in the future our community is at stake

Dec 28, 2023

I believe the county needs to tear down and completely rebuild a new detention facility with expanded measures in the rehabilitation of offenders including detoxification under medical supervision, drug and alcohol rehab, mental health evaluations and treatment, family involved counseling and reintegration units.

Dec 28, 2023

This facility is perhaps the single most critical piece of infrastructure in the county. It is critical that we protect society by detaining those who represent a safety hazard to the public, and we should not put ourselves in a position of letting dangerous inmates free because we do not have space to safely detain them. It is also extremely important that the inmates have a modern, safe facility to protect their well-being. Finally, I would insist that the jail facility provide for the safety and comfort for those members of the sheriff's department that staff the facility. I feel this project should receive the highest-priority of all potential projects in Pima County and I would support additional taxes to fund it.

Dec 28, 2023

I believe focus and funding should be put exclusively on improvements to living conditions and support services that reduce incarceration and recidivism at the root causes. Simply building more jail space because of an increasing county population is not a viable long-term solution. Dec 28, 2023

While the facility could use some upgrades and improvement, I believe the facilities are adequate. My perception is that the idea of a new jail is driven by the hope to distract from personnel and procedural issues that the department was facing when the idea was first brought up. Dec 28, 2023

A new facility is not going to correct the problems of high staff turnover, poor staff training, etc. The current facility is in need of repairs and updating but the focus should be internal not external.

Dec 28, 2023

A community this size warrants a newer, larger jail facility. Crime and prison population will only increase as the community grows. Staff recommendations to have programs "reduce prison population" are bogus and unrealistic. Drugs, cartel activity, gangs all exist in our community. Turning potential or low risk felons out on the street due to overcrowding and delayed court processing is stupid. Similar to other larger community projects such as the regional road system, wastewater treatment, Pima County has always been behind and lagging and not proactive. Not making choices and instead reacting to emergencies is probably the most expensive option of all. Not building a larger, newer jail facility now will be like turning the criminals loose in Gotham, similar to a script from a Batman movie. I am sure local police enforcement can provide crime and imprisonment statistics warranting an expansion to the Jail Dec 28, 2023

More rehab for non violent inmates

Dec 28, 2023



After watching the news I think its important to build a safer new jail, we do not want to be like Los Angeles where we let people go its more dangerous for everyone if that happens. Criminals will understand being locked up if they do wrong and not get rewarded by a get out of jail free card, especially with all the new illegal immigrants crossing our border I am sure they are not all honest Dec 28, 2023

I have seen the ways incarceration hinders the growth of people individually and within community. There have been multiple deaths in 2023 in Pima county jails that could've been avoided and never were served justice. Abolish all prisons & invest in our communities. Dec 28, 2023

I think this should go to bettering conditions, services, and rehab. Make Arizona a golden standard. Let's not create more space & negatively add to the school to prison pipeline that targets minorities.

Dec 28, 2023

The priority of the Pima County Jail should be to successfully return offenders to productive Society without expanding the cost and growth of the commercial prison industry

Dec 28, 2023

Invest in affordable housing, mental health, addiction prevention and treatment, education. End poverty in Pima County. Reduce the number of people in jail! Retrain police to be better public servants and legitimate peace keepers, rather than bullies. DO NOT BUILD MORE JAILS. Build a better, kinder, (actually) safer Puna County.

Dec 28, 2023

With our current influx of migrants entering our county and crime related issues involving mental health issues we need to look at a way to support our system and facility using the federal funds allocated for supporting those individuals detained. This means updating and renovation to existing facilities to meet those demands.

Dec 28, 2023

I was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona, in my 63 years here crime has definitely increased in both severity/felony convictions, and Total number of convictions over the years. My opinion is that a regional sales tax, countywide, should be used to pay for renovation of the old facility for misdemeanor and nonviolent felonies, and the addition of a new facility for the convicted violent felons, that could be built in a less urban area. The clock is ticking, and a decision should be made sooner rather than later! Upgrading the old facility and building a new one will help to keep the community safer for the next 30 years.

Dec 28, 2023

The money for this detention center should be used to house the house less, access to healthcare so that these individuals do not have to be placed in a detention center in the first place. I'd like to see Pima county be proactive instead of reactive.

Dec 28, 2023

Of course, the conditions for our people within the jail must be improved, and as a resident, I support ensuring they live a better life within its walls. That being said, any consideration of further expansion or new construction is absolutely ridiculous. To use our money on this is a disservice to our community. It's treating the symptoms- not the disease. To stop crimes, we must look at the roots cause, not prison cells; if you want to stop people from stealing food, you must feed them. This is the line of thinking we need to put our money behind. Crime and cruelty stems from desperation and mistreatment. End the mistreatment. Do not expand the jail, expand affordable housing, reliable, safe, and affordable physical and mental healthcare, and community. You want to help Pima county? Don't use our money to invest in a prison known for abuse and deaths. Don't build a new jail. Invest in us, and stopping the true root of crime. Do not grow the jail, or create a new one. Thank you.

Dec 28, 2023

I strongly believe in strict death penalty. If someone is convicted of murder, we shouldn't be wasting government funds to keep them alive in a box for no reason. End their life with a bullet which costs less than a dollar and make room for others.

Dec 28, 2023

Find out what are the top 10 most well-run, well built, nice looking, logically located with future community growth in mind, buildings of incarceration in the US/world. How does ours compare? You'll know what we need to do once you see ones that are successful on so many more levels, including humane and decent care; less inmate deaths, violence. Why does everything in Tucson/Pima County have to be dumps, ill thought out, led by opportunities for grow/corruption when building/run and always below par????? Do real homework with regard to costs. You're all in charge. This is what you all do for a living for heavens sake. Do your job well and be thorough. Thank you.

Dec 28, 2023

Criminals should be thankful that they are being provided with a roof over their head, food, and medical needs. It's a jail not a Hotel. How about taking care of corrections officers instead. Provide better pay, pension, benefits?

Dec 28, 2023

Well, I think it's quite clear that Pima county needs a new facility to be built. Otherwise we wouldn't be here taking this survey right now. Stories in the news have made it quite clear that the facility is out of date and not able to handle our inmate population. So it would probably be best to bulldoze the old facility and construct a new one. One that is modern and able to handle probably double the capacity of our current one. Because quite obviously society isn't getting better due to our elected officials prioritizing individual choice over what's best for society, and we need to keep incarcerating people to stop them from harming others, property and themselves. But clearly treatment needs to be a part of that. Just throwing a person into jail and expecting them to fix themselves doesn't work. Throwing them into jail and giving them options to make themselves better is the way to go.

Dec 28, 2023

I have been volunteering at the jail for many years, initially in the Chaplain's Library (bringing books into the pods) and now doing clerical work in the library. Yes, the current facility has a lot of needs, but replacing or renovating it will not best serve the people it houses. Mass incarceration is not the answer to crime in our country; and along with recidivism it has become an impossible expense. Our entire justice system must be looked at with more pragmatic and compassionate eyes! Many offenses would be better handled with counseling, education, medical and mental health input and of course rehabilitation. Taking away a family's bread-winner and leaving children without a parent stresses our whole community. A better system of restitution must be in place with the victim given more credence and consideration. Pouring more tax dollars into more facilities is a bad plan. These dollars would be better spent on programs that will help the offender heal and prosper.

Dec 28, 2023

The County is refusing to acknowledge that it isn't a 40 year old building (with much newer additions) that is the problem. Indefinite lock up for those addicted to drugs/seriously mentally ill is one of many chronic issues that the PCSD and the PCAO are refusing to address, not to mention a chronic lack of staffing, both in terms of CSOs and medical staffing. I believe the jail needs new - civilian - oversight / leadership rather than letting the politicians that run the jail. It wasn't long ago that a guy so corrupt was running it that he changed his name to hide from a previous scandal. Get serious about changing the way the jail is run not by rebuilding it over and over again.

Dec 28, 2023

I would like to see more substance use and mental health treatment for low level offenders. I would like repeat domestic abusers and repeat violent offenders not allowed to end up back on the streets reoffending and killing as we've seen tragically unfold in our community recently. If we need a larger jail to accommodate these goals, then that's what we need. I feel like it needs to be a place that offers rehabilitation services. I'm willing to pay for that as a long time resident of Pima County. Taxation isn't all bad. It's how we support the common good. If we build a new detention center, it needs to be for the common good of our community. Even those incarcerated there.

Dec 28, 2023

Focus on folks NOT going to jail...put your money into rehabbing the facility. train some of these folks to re integrate. Dog programs..pacc would GREATLY appreciate any help...food service talents, teach them to be cooks/chefs ....then have after jail programs...don't put your main focus on jailing....put your money into community programs..jailing is necessary for some, but not for all...

Dec 28, 2023

One death is too many, there have been several this year alone. If any money should be spent it should be spent on helping people her face incarceration Dec 28, 2023

Use what is there currently

Dec 28, 2023

The other question not asked is if the cj system is doing enough to ensure the jail is being used appropriately--are we jailing people because they are a public safety risk or because we don't know what else to do with them? Are the courts meeting their case processing deadlines? Are attorneys filing charges that are appropriate and timely?

Dec 28, 2023

The PCADC facility itself is adequate; above all else, the current focus needs to be on improving how it operates. Facility Management is the primary concern at this time, with emphasis on: maintaining proficient leadership, effective staff assignments, and appropriate inmate regulation. Persons appointed to leadership positions for which they are not adept, staff in positions for which they are not properly trained/experienced, and staff with training/experience in positions that waste their training/experience; these are just a few examples of areas where management has compromised the integrity of their operations. The most important aspect of successful operation is proper facility management, which is dependent upon appropriate placement and utilization of staffing/leadership to meet facility needs, as well as adapt to current and everchanging circumstances/challenges facing the facility. Job satisfaction increases staff retention, and proper management is key. Thank you. Dec 28, 2023

If we have so many to jail that we need a bigger facility, we need to take a closer look at our incarceration data. During COVID we decided many people could be released from jail in a matter of days. If that was the case then, why can't it be permanent? We should be looking for new, innovative best practices and rehabilitation programming to keep more people in the community and out of jail, instead of continuing to jail more and more people. Dec 28, 2023

I think if you continue to put more and more money into constant incarceration instead of more money into things that benefit the local community, (Affordable housing, affordable mental health care, affordable medical care and options for community organized help) then you are truly doing nothing for your community. You are just trying to mass incarcerate unjustly. If Pima county decides to build another jail it will not ever be a county for the people. Dec 28, 2023

Chief Nanos has to go before we give you a dime. I added that comment earlier because I didn't know this box was here. He ran his dept budget into red by hundreds of millions, he covered up a sex assault, he gets on petty arguments with the board and he made sure a thief kept his job at the jail. This is ridiculous. How does he still have a job ? I do not approve a dime for anything he's even remotely connected to. And I think that jail is a crime against humanity. How many people have died in there this year alone!

Dec 28, 2023

The community needs to invest more in programs that meet the needs of at risk individuals instead of waiting for them to get desperate enough to turn to crime.

Dec 28, 2023

No rubber stamps for Sheriff Nanos.

Dec 28, 2023

.No time to delay. A new, well-designed facility is needed with option for follow-on growth. Stupid to design for next year. Design for 2035.

Dec 28, 2023

We do not need a new jail, especially when Pima county Jail is one of the deadliest jails in the country Dec 28, 2023

The lack of reliable and accessible mental health and drug rehabilitation facilities in Pima County make the Pima County Jail the only place where people can get help. Incarceration, unfortunately is sometimes the only process available for those needing treatment. Funding for mental health facilities needs to be expanded coupled with a robust evaluation of current treatment programs to determine whether current programs are adequately serving Pima County. Yes the current jail facility is inadequate and needs improvement. However, the funding of mental health and rehabilitation programs needs to be considered to ensure that incarceration is not the only rehabilitation remedy.

Dec 28, 2023

I am from a town where the jail was built in the late 1800s, I think it's absolutely ludicrous the county would consider building a new facility to replace something only 40 years old (in its oldest sections). I'm not anti-incarceration, but I also think we can do better in a few ways. 1. The jail death rate is way too high. Unless people are dying because loose bricks are falling on their heads, a brand new jail isn't the most effective way to address this issue. Please make a "Blue Ribbon Commission" on jail deaths. 2. No new jail. Pima County has one of the highest tax rates in the State, partly due to circumstances out of its own control, and partly because the county spends too much on certain departments (blank check to some and not others). Form an accountability department pronto. 3. The projections for inmate numbers are based on, what? Do better. Make a Blue Ribbon Commission on reducing jail numbers. 4. The Sheriff is ridiculous. You hold the purse. Thank you

Dec 28, 2023

Purchase large parcel of land to relocate detention center and to add on as necessary for future growth of jail population

Dec 28, 2023

The infrastructure at the jail is so poor that it is hazardous to the inmates. The water quality is questionable, there are ant infestations. Ants are often coming through the pipes and biting the inmates. There are significant issues with the plumbing infrastructure. In the current state it is not a facility for detention or rehabilitation. The current environment can only be seen as a facility for punishment. It is an unhealthy and unsafe environment. With the growing fentanyl epidemic it will only worsen as we will have likely more and more people arrested. It would be nice if we had more county hospitals to care for those in need of treatment. But since that is not the proposition, at a minimum we should adequately care for those who are detained Dec 28, 2023

Take police funding to fund improvements needed for the communities. Mental health programs, and social service programs are more important than the overly inflated police budget. That will help people in need. Provide more

housing, food resources, and clothing for those in need. People who have resources are far less likely to need to be in a jail. They need basic needs. Dec 28, 2023

Pima County needs to provide a facility that is safe for both those incarcerated and those employed there. The focus should NOT be on reducing incarceration, but ensuring those who should not be released are properly housed and receive the care that they need. Letting offenders out for the sole purpose of reducing the number of inmates is a horrible plan, and will put Pima County on the road to a similar fate as San Francisco or other areas that have become rife with crime due to a lack of accountability or consequences for criminal behavior - that INCLUDES drug offenses.

Dec 28, 2023

The Pima County Sheriff's Dept deserves a new detention facility to help keep the detention center staff safe and with adequate facilities for the safe housing of inmates. I would expect the construction of the new facility to be prevailing wage.

Dec 28, 2023

I understand the budget circumstances but with the interest of the community. This proposal is important for all parties and must be passed. I also vote that this new facility be moved away from city limits. I feel this would improve our communities safety and enhance Tucson's economy by providing better quality housing and resources for the people who live in that area. Good, hard working people shouldn't have to worry about their safety because of a facility like a jail in their neighborhood. The drug epidemic is a problem which necessitates the implementation of behavioral health services for those individuals who are facing addiction. Tucson is my home and the home of my family, friends, and neighbors. We need to implement stronger educational policies that address these issues.

Dec 28, 2023

Pima County has shown over the past 45 years I have lived there that it poorly uses tax payer monies. Roads are in disrepair and other county infrastructure is not maintained. In the past, frivolous bonds have been introduced for a spaceport and velodrome. Meanwhile Pima County has some of the highest property taxes in the state. I worked for Pima county in contracts and Grant's mgmt for 6 months. I found 100k of payroll had been improperly charged to a grant over a prior fiscal year, lighting district electrical charges had been charged to a health grant for over a year. Supervisor Huckleberry was paid more than any other County Supervisor in the country except for LA county. The jail is in the shape it is due to maintenance not being done and the Sheriff's department letting it get that way. The County does nothing to upkeep any of its infrastructure. Instead it keeps going to the taxpayer for more money!! Dec 28, 2023

I can't see spending that much money to repair the old jail. Let's build a new jail

Dec 28, 2023

We need a facility that is safe for the inmates, the staff, and the public. As it is a prison, there should be no upgrades or luxuries, and should be done in the most cost effective manner that will have the longest and best return on our dollars.

Dec 28, 2023

The PCADC is failing because it's a chess piece used in the Sheriff's Department politics instead of serving the community and the inmates incarcerated there. The jail is ground zero for the Nanos' administration revenge agenda and needs oversight by the Federal government until things change.

Dec 28, 2023

I agree it is complicated and I understand the current facilities are not ideal for many reasons. However, if additional property or sales taxes are levied, I would want to see the majority of funding go towards housing and wrap around services, anti-poverty measures, and other needs to PREVENT crimes and help vulnerable people. Get at the root causes instead of bandaids once they become criminals. Existing funding should improve the facilities and services while new funding should be prioritized to end homelessness and address root causes of the criminal justice failures.

Dec 28, 2023

Not in favor of building the incarcerated gyms and a bunch of education facilities, but if they are built it should be the result of a sales tax to pay for it and not just property owners. Dec 28, 2023

Buying a new jail for an incompetent sheriff and his poor regime is like buying an irresponsible 12 year old a Ferrari. It's cool to brag about, but he'd ruin it in less than a year and want something else. Start with new leaders first, and then assess the need to spend billions of tax payer money. Pima county as a whole is terrible at fiscal responsibility. Just look at the roads, pet projects, and money spent on balloons and old bowling alleys that are wasteful. It would take more than 1000 characters to delve into that. The changes instituted for the NIJO accreditation have had a detrimental effect on staffing and their morale. They are coddling the inmates so they don't mind being in jail. There are also large amounts of money owed to the county from other government entities that are not being paid. Collect those fees to update the facility. Also, send an independent auditor (not NIJO) to evaluate the facility. I'll bet there's many inefficiencies. Taking Nanos' word is stupid.

Dec 28, 2023

Renovation and maybe adding on to current facilities would be better rather than building one. The non violent inmates could help build and renovate the current jail which would teach them skills they could take with them once they are released and used in future jobs. Dec 27, 2023

I do hope Pima county voters realized that the jail needs updating, but we do need to consider new facilities soon. Either way, something is needed. I think a special tax might be a way to do it. Good luck!

Dec 27, 2023

The community of Tucson needs to acknowledge there are many issues that are not being addressed for those let back on the streets due to lack of many items are ongoing breakdown at the jail. Staff don't care about the inmates they just want a paycheck. The intake is a joke and you sit for hours not able to sleep due to lack of space. Staff needs to realize you are a person not just someone taking space. Staff treat elderly person by Putting them in a cell & ignoring their

concerns. Staff laugh & are busy talking about you & others. The jail is small, cold & if it's your first time you are scared & feel indicate. The telephones don't work to call for a lawyer or family. You are presumed guilty & the area to discuss your situation with a Public Defender is small & doesn't provide privacy to discuss your situation.

Dec 27, 2023

It is important that the incarcerated be treated humanely and get the medical, educational, and rehabilitation services they need. Our jails must not be overcrowded or infringe the human rights of the incarcerated. So I recognize the need to invest in our penal system. Unlike many of my fellow county residents, I don't believe that less law enforcement is the answer. But we must also invest in the kind of services (mental health, substance abuse, homelessness, jobs) that prevent the circumstances that lead to much of the crime.

Dec 27, 2023

The population projections are inflated and do not include diversion and deflection programs. We should REDUCE the jail population by providing substance abuse treatment and other services in the community.

Dec 27, 2023

The PCAO needs to prosecute felonies rather than trying to find ways to decline the cases. The jail needs to be larger to accommodate the amount of inmates that "should" be held rather than releasing people to reoffend almost immediately.

Dec 27, 2023

Defund the Pima County Adult Detention Center and do not build new prisons. Invest that money in incarceration alternatives. If you refuse to defund Pima County Adult Detention Center, then take that money from the police budget, especially the helicopter unit. Defunding the police will decrease the incarcerated population. Investigate other methods of decreasing incarceration like funding for food services, healthcare, education, and especially housing. Providing actual homes without restrictions, not shelters, are the best solution for mental health, houselessness, and public safety. Not only can you get money for this from defunding Pima county's incarceration facilities but also defunding Tucson and county law enforcement. Decreasing the police budget is the quickest and most effective way to decrease the incarceration population. There is also an immediate need for providing aid (food and housing) to asylum seekers arriving on the border. Invest in universal housing and income. Dec 27, 2023

Build a new facility and then TAKE CARE OF IT!!!! Who was paying attention to the current building? Why did they let it get so poor? Close your eyes and click your heels three times? I'd like to go back and re-think who I voted for all those years. Shameful!

Dec 27, 2023

We need to remove punitive measures as a reason for jail or other incarceration. We should focus the money we have on reducing the need for jails through jail diversion programs, housing, education, post-incarceration support, and mental health assistance. This survey implies a solution based on the assumption that the demand for jail services is



rising and out of our control. Instead of simply increasing the supply of jails, let's reduce the demand for them. Dec 27, 2023

Other counties in Arizona are in the process or have completed a new updated jail. Pima county is within the top 4 largest county's in Arizona and should have a new jail. Dec 27, 2023

I do feel that the jail does need to be modernized cause of its age I've seen other jails in Cochise County and the new jail in Santa Cruz county and there very modern and can be ran with not as many personnel. In Pima county, there are a lot of people that get incarcerated that are addicted to narcotics and if we had programs in place to help them get sober, stay sober after getting out of jail and help them find housing and jobs. It would be a lot better on the community and its resources if the people that get out can be productive members of society. Don't get me wrong. I do know there are people that need to be in jail because of the seriousness of their crimes but a lot of people that do go to jail they made a mistake and could use some help. I don't know what's gonna happen with the jail whether it's being added to rebuild or what, but I feel no matter what happens there needs to be programs in place to help people after incarceration.

Dec 27, 2023

I don't believe that the facility is in bad shape. Working at the jail, I don't walk around thinking, "this place is ghetto or in rough shape." Professionally, I believe the jail is dated. Maybe if we have some upgrades. Obviously if the upgrades cost as much as a new facility, A new facility would probably be ideal, to make it a more direct supervision jail, with multiple two or more man post. Which would help with staffing. We should be a leader in corrections, rehabilitation.

Dec 27, 2023

Not knowing the condition of the current facility makes it unreasonable for me to make a recommendation as to upgrade the current jail or construct a new one. I recommend a study be performed by the professionals that are knowledgeable in jail operations and needs. The study should identify areas that can be renovated or those that should be replaced. The study should address cost estimates to maximize the resources available to address the needs . The study results should be presented to the Board of Supervisors or if the amounts require voter approval that should be done. The Board should consider current needs and future growth in making a decision.

Dec 27, 2023

The current facility does exactly what we need it to do. As a current corrections officer here for Pima county. We need upgrades and repairs to the facility. Other than that this facility is working just the way it was designed too.

Dec 27, 2023

Make the inmates earn money thru services to help off set the cost of tax payers burden and bill the families!

Dec 27, 2023

This survey and the Blue Ribbon Commission do not address the fact that many prisoners have died in the jail. It does not address that the Pima county jail inmate population is racially segregated, that corrections officers force inmate to

fight amongst themselves, or that corrections officers regularly beat inmates and encourage the racial segregation as a means of control. I worked as a public defender for five years. My very first client, [REDACTED], died in the hospital in a vegetative state after an incident at the jail. I believe his cause of death was blunt force trauma. The death was never investigated, and there was no accountability for his murder. He was not suicidal. The money to be used for building a new, unnecessary facility should instead go towards investigating and holding accountable those who cause deaths in the jail. I oppose this proposal. New walls and plumbing will do nothing if the people who work there can't keep prisoners alive.

Dec 27, 2023

The county and jail have failed incarcerated individuals by failing to understand systemic barriers and nuances. Individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders are never set up for success and the county and jail fail to educate and rehabilitate many very capable individuals. Numerous crimes are overcharged and several of the individuals charged are indigent, a combination that is causing jail population increases. The county attorney's office and law enforcement are failing, period.

Dec 27, 2023

Tucson needs to be a front runner in the rehabilitation of those struggling with addiction, traumatic brain injuries and mental health issues. Jails and prisons have become holding facilities, for those with addiction, traumatic brain injuries and mental health issues. So, we need to provide the services so that they can return to society as productive citizens.

Dec 27, 2023

I believe the MacArthur grant for SJC has been a failure, despite the good intentions. A large group of repeat offending misdemeanants were set free to victimize innocent residents. Criminals were emboldened, knowing there were little to zero consequence for stealing, and citizens became hesitant to report increased crime, as there was no enforcement mechanism in place. The jail staff and administrators do a good job of providing services, but the jail itself is aging poorly, and would best be replaced.

Dec 27, 2023

My home needs improvements. I've worked my whole life. I can't afford to fix my own house. Prisoners shouldn't get a new facility to live in. They'll just destroy it anyway. UPDATE the facility where the STAFF WORKS ONLY!!! They will appreciate it. PUT THE PRISONERS BACK IN A TENT!!!

Dec 27, 2023

I don't support shiwing the cost of any renovations or improvements to residents. If funds are needed the reconsider the budgets to allocate funds appropriately to the needs. The Council should first be fiscally responsible with the money we already give them before seeking more. Aside from that, any improvements to detention centers, as the ones presented in this survey, should come in the form of community service, programs, and support to prevent individuals ending up in jail. Also, rehabilitative services and programs should be available to prevent recidivism. Dec 27, 2023

I do believe that the entire building needs to make more sense. Most most importantly safe and clean for everyone. It's just old and gross. Nothing in that building makes sense Dec 27, 2023

Please prioritize the adequate support needed for current populations over expanding to accommodate more people. Invest in diversion and housing programs first. Dec 27, 2023

Since the prison on Silverbell and Sanders is being closed, is it possible to review that facility for updating rather than the current facility

Dec 27, 2023

Building a new jail has an outsized risk of being a self-supporting argument for more incarceration. In no circumstance should taxes be raised to support this. The only funding that makes sense is a voter approved bond, which hopefully voters would reject. This is why I answered the funding question as I did. The reality is there are too many people arrested and held. Building a new bigger jail will only make this worse. It is obvious that the jail is poorly run right now. Illness suffering and death at the jail are at an all-time high. This is largely due to incompetence of those managing the jail, not because of the facility itself- the answer there is a change/improvement in leadership. The other reason is excessive arrests/holds. It is true that drug use has exploded. The answer is not incarceration. Find other ways. The jail does need maintenance. This can be done on the existing County budget process.

Dec 27, 2023

Being a prior Deputy Sheriff In Corrections in Oregon. I believe remodeling an old facility costs more than a new structure. There have been a lot of deaths in the current facility, and I believe you need to update surveillance on the inmate population. Better trained officers and up to date equipment for medical, mental health and detox. Programs to educate the inmates so they can go back into society and function. I don't know how many times I've seen a person be out for a few hours then recreate a crime to go back into the jail. Being a corrections officer is not an easy job.

Dec 27, 2023

Detainees are lumped together in general categories. They need to be individually evaluated as to what they need - medical care, counseling. Better food.

Dec 27, 2023

Before building a new jail the Pima County Board of Supervisors need to address the 800+ personnel that submitted appeals during the the county wage & compensation survey. These personnel have been waiting since October for the result of their appeals and what their titles and compensation will be. Sheriff Nanos has said he will take care of the civilians. The civilians should be taken care of before even considering asking for more money to build a new jail. Perhaps Sheriff Nanos and his command staff should take a pay cut to help fund a new jail facility. The Pima County Board of Supervisors are receiving a substantial pay increase. It is time for them to address and respond to the issues presented from the wage and compensation study. First things first...take care of the civilians that deserve a pay increase. Dec 27, 2023

We need an investigation into why felony charges are being brought against 95 per cent of inmates. And we need more aggressive diversion on people with mental illness out of the jail and into new facilities run by the city.

Dec 27, 2023

I've been a member of PCSD for 10 years. 2/5 years as a corrections. I have visited other corrections facilities in different states. Our jail staff operates perfectly but environments and buildings is in a poor condition. We need to be updated and modernized our buildings just like rest of the country

Dec 27, 2023

The priority for me is improving conditions (physical and mental health, detox, programming, etc.) for those incarcerated. I would not support construction/reconstruction unless it is coupled with improvement in services--in other words, unless legal commitments to those improvements before a dime is spent.

Dec 27, 2023

Criminals don't need to benefit anymore off of taxpayers. If they are uncomfortable in a jail, they shouldn't have committed a crime. Don't force unnecessary expenses on law abiding citizens to benefit criminals. Inflation is ridiculous right now, we don't need to pay more taxes for a new jail for people we don't even care about.

Dec 27, 2023

Improvement of mental health and substance abuse treatment is paramount. But these services, to be as effective as possible, cannot be in a carceral setting -- they must be provided off site. Needed at the Pima County Adult Detention Center are: overdue maintenance upgrades, vastly improved medical care. and adequate officer staffing of trained professionals. Dec 27, 2023

Do not build a new jail. There needs to be LESS people in jail.

Dec 27, 2023

All indicators say a new facility is both required and probably desired. Discussions, considerations, and decisions need to be made relative to the requirements for a jail!! Distractions, scale downs, compromises based on other societal needs and desires (defund law enforcement, reduce jail populations by simply turning people out, no incarceration for "lowlevel" crimes, and a litany of other "social justice" causes) are not appropriate to decisions about a suitable jail facility. If (and it is) one of the key elements in providing for the safety of the citizens of the county is a jail, then we need a jail. Figure out the best way to pay for it and get on with it.

Dec 27, 2023

Skip the whole new complex and opt for modern additions and renovations to the existing campus. Hopefully with the cost savings here, it can result in more funds for better support of breaking down the incarceration cycle and offering permanent solutions for those struggling.

Dec 27, 2023

STOP POURING MONEY INTO THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM. INSTEAD FUND EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH SUYSTEMS AND LOW INCOME GOV ASSISTANCE SO THERE ISNT AN ABUNDANCE OF MINORITISED INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR JAILS/ PRISONS. THANK YOU. Dec 27, 2023

Plans need to be made not only for the immediate future but also the growing future including plans on how to fund the needs.

Dec 27, 2023

I strongly disagree with a new facility being needed. Nanos talks about how they are understaffed, yet he believes that a new facility will solve that problem, but the question is how? Inmates are dying and not because the facility is causing them to die. Inmates are dying due to lack of staff, lack of staff training and due to staff not following procedures that are put into place to not only protect them, but the inmates. I have yet to hear of an inmate death or a staff assault being caused by the facility falling apart and causing an accident. That being said, I

strongly disagree that a new facility will solve the problems of the Pima County Jail. Dec 27, 2023

There should be multiple new facilities - one a detox detention facility; another a facility for those who are non-violent and non-dangerous; another for violent and dangerous individuals. There also should be a center to manage electronic monitoring with active supervision.

Dec 27, 2023

If there was going to be a new correctional facility the staffing would need to be fixed for the current one before the new one is operational.

Dec 27, 2023

My husband was in pima county from 8/22- 8/23 from day one we didn't get a phone call because his birthday was in the system wrong we had to wait about 3 weeks before our first call he said he could go just about a week before they would open the doors for showers and the water was always cold because only one shower has hot water he had an inmate pass away and brought back in front of him because the guards wouldn't come to help when they were calling for help the internet service is horrible not just for communication with family but to get classes done is impossible at times and the amount of drugs he seen these people passing you have very young people overdosing in a place that is supposed to be drug free now some one is not doing the job right and you have people crying out for help with mental issues and they say fill out a paper and we'll see if it's good enough to even deal with infection happen so fast it's disgusting he almost lost a toe from a scratch the guards sleep

Dec 27, 2023

A new facility will end up in the same condition without adequate staffing

Dec 27, 2023

A new detention center is needed in our community. Growth of the population of Pima County alone supports this.

Dec 27, 2023

No money should be given to this Sheriff until deaths in the Pima County Jail subside. A new building does not fix the internal systems and staffing that have caused the Pima County Jail to have one of the highest death rates in the ENTIRE COUNTY.

Dec 27, 2023

If you break the law you should go to jail. Instead of raising taxes, make the inmates and activists pay for it.

Dec 27, 2023

This was an extremely frustrating survey to complete. I'm okay with y'all taking all the taxes you want from me so long as people stop dying in the current Pima County Jail, but I don't see how just building more beds will make anything better. Additionally, the BRC findings are premised on the conclusion that the population of the Pima County Jail will increase exponentially year-to-year. This assumption is belied by efforts at the City and County level to interrupt cycles of incarceration and to relocating services in the community. Pursuing action on the basis of this assumption means that the County will be trapped in a constant cycle of expanding jail space—feeding into the very institution that weakens our ability to lower carceral rates.

Dec 27, 2023

It is obvious from the Commission's report that the current facility is not appropriate in it's current condition to house inmates and provide the kind of services that are needed. I would hope that whatever is decided, that there is funding to maintain/support included, so that the facility can continue to be repaired and upgraded as needed.

Dec 27, 2023

None

Dec 27, 2023

Allow voters to decide if they want to improve the facilities at the PCADC. The funding required to pay for any improvements will be the responsibility of taxpayers. I would support any improvements to meet the needs of the county and facility. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully, voter and taxpayer.

Dec 27, 2023

Provide a no-build scenario to submit to the BoS. Expanded incarceration should not be a priority but instead the focus should be providing safe and humane spaces for an existing population and a measured draw down of the jail population at Pima County ADC. Dec 27, 2023

People housed should be comfortable and safe but is the community doing anything to prevent people from ending up in jail? Instead of building a new jail maybe we should be building affordable housing? Community gardens. Daycares. Free college. Any and all things that improve people's lives and diverts them from jail.

Dec 27, 2023

Any improvements should be in line with similar modern facilities of comparable size around the country.

Dec 27, 2023

If there was more concern from the Sheriff for his civilian staff in general at the Sheriff's Department, maybe he would get more support for an improved jail facility. I do not believe that Nanos truly cares and just wants to look good to the public. While this would be a BOS/voter decision, I believe the entire department needs to be looked at and scrutinized. Rules only apply to the lower end civilians and no rules apply to the upper tier. We are a pyramid standing upside down on the point and the ones at the bottom are getting exhausted. The jail is a sore subject since they got huge increases in pay when other areas do more work and have been downgraded and now fall below the jail staff. Support from the department members is not as strong as it should be. Also, why were the mental health dogs taken away? Mental health in the jail is terrible.

Dec 27, 2023

We need improvement and enlargement

Dec 27, 2023

There definitely needs to be better support programs for inmates. Better supervision of staff. Inmates are humans with rights and need to be treated as so.

Dec 27, 2023

We should get back to our old west ways and make the detainees build the jail. It worked for the Yuma territorial prison.! We definitely need to get tougher on crime and lock up a LOT more scum bags and drug users!!

Dec 27, 2023

It was known for many years that the jail needed regular maintenance. Instead of focusing on improving the jail throughout the years while things would break, they would ignore it and just shut certain areas/cells down. The neglect from the administration is at fault for the current state of the jail, and now is asking tax payers to potentially pay for a new facility. It is not fair to the tax payers, and the current administration should be held responsible and accountable for the condition of the jail. They should improve it, but without help from the public. When I don't maintain my house, and

let things fall apart I can not simply say I need to new house and ask for others to pay for it. It is up to me to maintain the house, and pay for the cost as they come. Thank you for your time.

Dec 27, 2023

Taxation of citizens is getting out of hand. Other funding sources such as grants should be pursued. Dec 27, 2023

These questions were very leading and clearly intended to be interpreted as support for new facilities. While conditions in the current detention facility are abysmal and need to be improved in regards to safety and quality of life for incarcerated individuals, building a new facility or expanding the existing one is not what I would want millions of dollars to go towards. The best way to reduce the number of criminals in a society is to provide robust social support in communities so that people don't feel the need to commit a crime in the first place. Incarceration has repeatedly been shown to be ineffective at reducing rates of recidivism. A bigger jail will not fix the problem. Affordable housing, quality education, access to food, and affordable healthcare in communities can address incarceration in more meaningful ways. Additionally, those who are currently incarcerated deserve dignity, medical attention, and additional support while I'm the care of pima county.

Dec 27, 2023

The Sheriff needs to take responsibility for this failure of deaths and inhumane conditions- not the Board of Supervisors just giving him a blank check to continue the status quo. Dec 27, 2023

I do not support any new construction on this project. I urge you to reject the Commission's findings and proposed course, and to focus the County's attention on investments into community-based services that will reduce the population of the Pima County Jail. The only moral, fiscally responsible path forward is to address root causes of incarceration. At this moment, Pima County has the opportunity to be a leader in evidence-based solutions— investments in housing, healthcare, and community-based services. While these programs go underfunded and overburdened, investing over ti650 million dollars into more cages is an admission of failure. It is an admission that we can't do better, that the future of our County will be an unmitigated expansion of the jail and a deterioration of the social safety net. That is not the future our community, and our children, want or deserve. No new jails. Dec 27, 2023

The jail is outdated and is in need of a bigger Detention center. Repeated offenders are out instantly due to the population inside the jail and are back on the streets repeating the same crimes. Keep your community safe and keep your families safe by just building a new jail. Dec 27, 2023

The county population has grown and I believe that a proper rehabilitation is needed for the inmates and safety is a strong concern for law enforcement working in the jail. I think all should have good conditions and a jail that can intake jail population as Pima county grows. I am willing to pay extra taxes to make this happen.

Dec 27, 2023

Homelessness increases with the cost of living. The housing market has been hijacked by people who already own housing and have a vested interest in keeping it scarce. Pima county should work with the city of Tucson to upzone.



There should be no more R-1 neighborhoods. We should be able to build quadplexes on all lots by right. We need to remove mandatory parking requirements. We need to make sense infill development much easier. These FREE actions will increase housing development which has been proven to slow and even reduce housing costs. The city & county should support unions so that wages can increase. Viable economics will lower the# of people in detention and reduce the need for a new jail. For every ti100 increase in average rent, 9% of our population become vulnerable to homelessness. Fix that problem with newly raised funds. Incarcerating more residents is a disgusting way to deal with the unaffordability problem in Pima County.

Dec 27, 2023

Didn't the county get over ti200 million from the American rescue plan act for covid stuff? Didn't they use some of it to encourage people to get the jab and fight jab hesitancy? What a waste of money. Use the leftover money or cut budgets to other things like providing people who don't pay their rent with free legal services to fight eviction. Pima county already has the highest property taxes of any county in Az. and you are driving people out of the county taking their retirement money with them. You guys are the worst

Dec 27, 2023

I think Pima County needs to get a new Sheriff .....

Dec 27, 2023

We constantly receive phone calls from people who can never get through to anyone at the jail. It is extremely frustrating to the people needing to add money to an inmate's account, find out the specific time of release etc. We direct them to the website for any look up information if we cannot help them. It is also frustrating to us and other offices to have to field all those calls when it appears there is a sufficient number of employees to answer calls. My personal opinion is that if we improve those relations, we can gather more support. Personally, I think we should first start with people to just answer calls for the jail if other employees are not able to provide that support that is needed. We are so frustrated right now that all we can think about is improving the first line of contact at the jail.

Dec 27, 2023

Tax the 9.9% people.

Dec 27, 2023

The problem is not the BUILDING. The building condition is not what makes the current facility a DEADLY place for many incarcerated people. The county needs to invest in abolishing poverty and inequity rather than in a jail building. The goal should be abolition. Also, there is a MAJOR methodological flaw in the BRC report that projects a need without properly factoring the DECREASE in inmate population that actually happened with the McArthur Grant. The decision to spend money on jail facilities is not supported by evidence. There IS clear evidence that significant efforts like McArthur actually WORK. Reduce incarceration rates, save capital costs and instead invest in social programs that prevent incarceration and also in supervision and programs to PREVENT INMATE DEATHS. The current system is a national disgrace and there is zero evidence that a new shiny building will solve that problem. The BRC should be ashamed that inmate deaths were not even mentioned.

Dec 27, 2023

We need a higher annual budget as well as a new detention complex

Dec 27, 2023

Fixing and redoing what's already there and adding on more would be terrific

Dec 27, 2023

The county can utilize some already acquired property for a new facility that is up to date, up to code and up to standards for a rehabilitative facility to eliminate the need for long term stay by providing the tools inmates need to transition.

Dec 27, 2023

Ultimately renovating the current jail is only a temporary solution to a permanent problem. The jail must be able to house the dangerous offenders in our society and do so safely and effectively for both staff and inmates. Building a new jail that can hold a larger population while ensuring the safety of those within it through building design and security measures should be the goal. If there is better security the likelihood of more inmate programs being implemented will be more feasible due to efficient operation of the jail on a daily basis. Renovating and building a new tower isn't operationally efficient either. The new building will be built to the standards of today while the existing infrastructure would just get the bandaid fixes that can be done but not everything that needs to be done. The sheriff department also needs a new training facility, the current one is unacceptable for the needs of modern law enforcement and corrections

Dec 27, 2023

The Pima County Detention Center was renovated several years ago but the people in charge did not want to hear about programming and education to incarcerated individuals. I know because I use to work there for 19 years. The recreational areas are very small and hazardous. There is little to no mental health, drug and alcohol programming, and reintegration programming. The Correctional Officers also need training on how to work with the inmates in these specialized pods. The jail needs to be completely dismantled and rebuilt to meet the needs of the staff and inmates.

Dec 27, 2023

We need to incarcerate fewer people, not more people. We need to invest in our community supports to avoid the costs of incarceration. It is less expensive and more humane to avoid incarceration. We need to address the bias and inequities that lead to prison, and know that incarceration is a sign of failure on the part of the community and the individual.

Dec 27, 2023

I worked at the PCADC as a corrections officer for 6 years and I am now a law enforcement officer who frequents the facility for my current position. During my time there I have noticed many of the facilities are outdated and in dire need of improvement. Heating and cooling are two of the biggest problems faced in the facility during the hottest times in the summer and the coldest times in winter. The main tower does not circulate air properly and is overly hot in the summer and cold in the winter. This creates an unpleasant environment for not only the staff but the inmates who have to live

there while awaiting an outcome for their case. The plumbing system also seems to be old and outdated, as there are frequent problems with that as well. The layout also seems outdated, as there are many common areas out of view of the cameras where lots of incidents would take place between inmates who were aware of this issue. The facility is always facing the issue of overcrowding as well.

Dec 27, 2023

I do not support the building of a new jail. An existing building can be added to the existing jail if necessary and this should only be for extreme measures in the future but it is not needed at present time. County funds should be used for road repairs and the development of a workforce center for Pima County residents, regardless of age, such as a mini trade school but with county funding for applicants and no FAFSA used as a pre-requisite. The workforce development center can have various trade developments such as plumbing, electrical, maintenance program, etc. and successful students would earn a direct work certificate or proper certification for the trade so citizens can work in the community. The projected funds for a new jail facility are too much to place on taxpayers for the county during this time especially with inflation in the mix. It is clear that citizens of Pima county simply do not support funding or the idea of a new jail.

Dec 27, 2023

If you commit a crime, you should not have comfortable quarters and access to lavish amenities paid for by the taxpayers. If they needed or wanted health care, rehabilitation, mental health treatment etc., they had both the opportunity and the access to that before they committed a crime and were detained and should have utilized that option on their own and not depend on someone else to pay for it especially for repeat offenders who relapse. People with mental health issues such as bipolar, schizophrenia, drug/alcohol addictions etc., should not be detained with "mentally fit" people, they should be in an insane asylum. This would result in lower numbers of adults being detained and if you make it not a place to look forward to staying or visiting frequently, the recidivism numbers will also drop in the county. The needs of the inmates should come after the needs of the staff. Jail should not be a pleasant place to be. Stop making it "nice" and make it safe for the staff.

Dec 27, 2023

The jail should be a working and stable facility, while also being a place people DO NOT want to be incarcerated in. Jail is not supposed to be comfortable. Take away the inmate tablets and popcorn and soda, and other additions our homeless and veterans do not even get. Make the county attorney actually charge people and send them to prison, to help deter people from committing crimes.

Dec 27, 2023

As a former Corrections Officer at PCADC and a current Law enforcement officer in Pima county, I will say that if a new jail cannot be built then our current jail needs some serious remodeling and updating. Several areas of the jail need to be completely demolished and rebuilt (west and tower sections). The jail needs far better surveillance coverage with new up to date cameras, the jail would also benefit from a larger more capable Mental Health unit and indoor exercise area for inmates. I would suggest that all BOS member take a detailed tour of the jail to see the conditions for themselves. The tower and west section are a huge liability to the county. Dec 27, 2023

It will be more beneficial long-term to build a new purpose-built facility with proper infrastructure to accommodate the increasing intake, detox, and mental health demands than to continue Putting band-aids on an aging facility. The new facility should also make considerations for staff parking and security which have been lacking at the current facility. Dec 27, 2023

Improving on the areas for mental and medical health, as well as enrichment activities and education areas that improve the standard of living for incarcerated people have proven to be effective means to create a safer environment for both inmates and guards as well as increasing rehab, and reintegration.

Dec 27, 2023

Improvements need to be made. Additional new facilities and improvements on current buildings must be done to improve the safety of all employees and the inmates themselves. The ability to adequately watch, monitor, and assist inmates (yards, day room, medical, etc.....) will greatly reduce inmate drug use, self-harm, and altercations between all involved. Dec 27, 2023

Weather or not I am Hispanic or Latino, or of Spanish decent is completely irrelevant to this survey and honestly offensive. Society already pays for the failed policies of government a bigger jail or rehabilitation of the old one won't change bad policy or raising human beings that no longer feel obligated or connected to society or something greater than themselves. Regardless of the burden of the cost for either option BOTH offer no further security or deterrents to general population against further crime. The funds you are asking for would be better spent on crime prevention through the creation of better humans. That will never come from building more jails or prisons. Work on solutions to these bigger issues, not how to push a jail on the people so those in power can skim off the top.

Dec 27, 2023

This system is tied to private capitalist ventures much like the for-profit health"care" industry. Forecasting increased incarceration, increased criminalization and increased illness is good business for those invested in financial systems - not for the every day humans trying to make it in society. Pretending that constantly increasing these systems does any good - while monetizing every aspect of incarceration from food to phone calls to bail - is a purposeful griw by every adjacent industry that springs up to profit off of human suffering. There cannot continue to be abusive and horrific systems where massive profits are distributed to the wealthy and every day humans pay the price. No more. Take some of the money back from all the grifters who have monetized carcerality. You know who they are. The C-Suites and private money behind abhorrent food and rations - phone systems, bail systems - this has siphoned off our communities for far too long.

Dec 27, 2023

I think that Pima county Board of Supervisors should take a pay cut along with the Pima county Sheriff's department command staff. . To help pay for a new jail.

Dec 27, 2023

I feel the current detention facility fits the needs of the county for now and will for many years to come. I believe a new facility is a waste of county resources as the new east unit is less than 20 years old. Also the county is currently spending

millions to upgrade the camera systems in the jail. The facility has plenty of housing available for inmates and staffing is adequate for the number of inmates. I feel that any changes or upgrades would be solely for political gain and not for the betterment of the facility.

Dec 27, 2023

Develop new structure that incorporates modern correctional design, incorporate courts, mental and medical health, detoxication, and rehabilitative areas; upgrade with modernized technology to include video court, other; upgrade specialized housing options as jail population has changed significantly.

Dec 27, 2023

From my own observations while visiting the jail in a work capacity, it is dated. At times, there were several leaks from the ceiling, some of the pods were extremely old and smelled of mold. The facility was cold in temperature. The facility needs a major upgrade for the safety and wellbeing of both the inmates and the employees.

Dec 27, 2023

The Pima County Adult Detention Complex has done an outstanding job of making due in what resources have been available to them. Staffing shortages have caused for unsafe working conditions to those that remain employed with the facility. I would call for attention to updating and improving the infrastructure to the jail to make for savory conditions to those that wish to stay with Pima County.

Dec 27, 2023

I think the inmates should be held accountable for the fees incurred for their visit to the Pima county Jail. Unless you get the county attorney to start going through with the charges inmates are arrested for, I will always vote NO for money going into a facility for criminals most of which are repeat offenders to stay in luxury. We have families who don't break the law and are forced to live in even worse conditions. MAKE the CRIMINALS PAY FOR THEIR STAY!!! Putting money into a facility is pointless prosecute them and move them into federal prisons.

Dec 27, 2023

We should not turn Tucson into San Francisco with thresholds and no accountability. I am a democrat, but still have conservative views when it comes to crime and the public being held accountable. Laws and rules are in place for a purpose and must be followed. lackadaising laws and rules will cause repetitive behaviors and reoccurrence of crimes. Unfortunately we have a county attorney that doesn't believe in accountability. As a responsible member of society, I am fine with paying a sales tax to fund a new jail.

Dec 27, 2023

Not sure about cost or anything in that nature however, it would seem to be sensible to build a new jail instead of replacing certain areas where the risk can become greater. When dealing with in-custody individuals, and after reviewing all information provided, the risk would seem greater than the reward especially since the current conditions appear out dated. Dec 27, 2023

IF, a new facility is needed to be constructed, I believe the new facility should be created to better care for those with mental health issues and/or drug addictions. Therefore allowing more rehabilitation and help resources for those that need it versus the incarcerated that commit much more serious crimes against persons.

Dec 27, 2023

Although some reports indicate ti600 million to renovate the current facility; I strongly disagree with renovating it. Although its ti200 million less than a new facility. Renovations will only delay the inevitable decision to eventually having to replace it at some point. The County staff deserve a modern and safe workplace.

Dec 27, 2023

Most of my knowledge comes from working with people who have been incarcerated in the Pima County Jail. If you want to create more humane living conditions, please start with adequate medical care-the system currently in place is not adequate, meaningful program offerings, and proper nutrition. The amount of money being talked about to build a new jail or update this jail is unacceptable. We need more affordable and supportive housing and social services in Pima county, if we invested more into our community and the residents here, there wouldn't be a need to increase the jail size.

Dec 27, 2023

The overpopulation in our jail is not a crime problem - it's an over-incarceration problem. Locking people up for being homeless or addicted to drugs is a waste of public resources. There needs to be diversionary options with rehab and housing support. The only people who should go to jail in the first place are violent offenders and they should be given full support and opportunities to change their life/become a value to society. I do say this because I believe all humans deserve basic human rights, but it's also practical. Punitive jail sentences with no rehabilitation services are a drain on our resources. We pay for people to stay there and we pay when they leave in worse shape than they went in and have to resort to crime or drugs to get by. The only thing that will improve everyone's quality of life in Pima county and save dollars is to invest in the real physical and mental health of any one of our community members who finds themselves on the wrong side of the law.

Dec 27, 2023

Money should be invested in rehabilitation and programs to support inmates in rejoining society. There is not a need to construct a new jail. Invest in decreasing the inmate population through outreach. Recruit for staff to support the programs necessary to support inmates. Dec 27, 2023

A recent memo released about medical care in the jail confirms that the healthcare provider cannot adequately address chronic health conditions, substance use or mental health care planning and confirms that people leave the jail more traumatized than they came in. This jail has devastated thousands of our community members and perpetuates the harm to and criminalization of houseless folks, people of color, low-income communities, people with mental illnesses, and people who use drugs. It is COMMON KNOWLEDGE that incarceration does not help crime rates and causes significantly more harm and trauma. Pima County currently has thousands of people living on the street, dying of preventable illnesses, losing their homes, not getting enough food, etc. We HAVE to demand that our county

and taxpayer money be used to ADDRESS these crises and we will not spend hundreds of millions of dollars on incarceration that will make these crises worse and continue to kill our community members. Dec 27, 2023

Invest in our community. Create programs that help vulnerable people within the community. Invest in existing programs that help vulnerable people within the community. Invest in community outreach programs that help with addiction and mental health. Stop incarceration as a means to get rid of people who need to be helped in a greater capacity than our current systems can offer.

Dec 27, 2023

Do the right thing, listen to the stakeholders and experts in the field.

Dec 27, 2023

What I hear is it really needs work. If it doesn't get done soon, even the the improvements will go much higher.

Dec 27, 2023

my son was in there for 3 months and the day i put ti50 on his phone he was released and i never got my money back.quite a system there made to rip people off.i have put money on his phone at other times and he never recieved it.so unfair to me on a limited income Dec 27, 2023

The current jail facility is aging, of an outdated and antiquated design, and requires high levels

of staffing to meet the current needs of the facility. Adding on or renovating the existing facility will only prolong the inevitable building of a new facility. I believe building a new, modern facility like what was done for the Pima County Justice Court is the responsible choice for the future of all of Pima County and the most cost-efficient option in the end. The needs of law enforcement, the incarcerated offenders, and the entire justice system have changed dramatically since the current facility was built and expanded. Having a facility that meets the current and future needs of the many communities within Pima County is the most responsible spending choice and the best way to make Pima County a safe and desirable place to live. Dec 27, 2023

Unfortunately facilities like county jails are needed in society today. Human conditions, even for those committing heinous crimes should be the responsibility of any agency providing such a facility. Additionally, specialized care and treatment for incarcerated individuals is absolutely the responsibility of the facility staff and those governing its operations. Our aging facility needs to be razed and replaced with one that meets both current needs and the needs of the future. As construction goes, rehab is expensive and is only a short term fix. For the long term, a new purpose designed and built facility will better meet the needs of Pima County now and in the future. Lets do the right thing and pay for what is necessary and not going to go away. Dec 27, 2023

I think the Pima County Jail is outdated and does not meet the capacity needs of Pima County. Spending ti600 million to repair the facility is not the best option. Spending ti800 to construct a new jail seems to be the better approach. Funding for the new jail should come in a sales tax, not property tax.

Dec 27, 2023

Regardless of the path forward, I would highly suggest the board consider that jails will always reach capacity. If you build a bigger jail more people will become incarcerated. The larger the jail, the larger the population; that's just what has happened across the country, and without understanding the (failed) social systems that drive resolution towards incarceration, the jail will continue to be filled with folks who are better suited in medical or behavioral health settings.

Dec 27, 2023

Don't skimp on the personnel budget for Sheriff employees. Doing so will increase hazards for employees and inmates.

Dec 27, 2023

The jail currently has a high mental health population, maybe consider a larger mental health unit/ hospital. These individuals do not receive the necessary services needed due to the size of the jail and lack of mental health staff.

Dec 27, 2023

In-person visitation options should be provided for. Video visitation (without in-person) is

insufficient to maintain family ties, is a cruelty to those incarcerated, and is hard to manage and afford for many families. It enriches the vendors and undermines community ties. Dec 27, 2023

You might as well build a new facility for how much it costs vs refurbishing the old one.

Dec 27, 2023

Unfortunately we have quite a few criminals to house and rehabilitate. A combination of better or more sufficient facilities and tools for staff and/or new staff may be needed. I feel those that can be rehabilitated need to be from the start. I do not think that those that cannot seem to be rehabilitated should have a chance to resurface in the community and staff needs to be safe as well from those that are dangerous! On the other hand we need to ensure there is little to no corruption in the jail whether it be via inmates or staff and I would hope new technology, improved areas, rehabilitation and maybe some new staff/management would benefit. Dec 27, 2023

Safety should be priority for both inmates and staff over convenience. This jail was built I believe in the 80's when I lived here in 1982, could be wrong on that, but it was already there when I lived on Cottonwood Lane across from the jail. It has to be deteriorating and something needs to be done. Pima County already has one the highest property tax rates in Arizona and do not approve of my property taxes going up again. I am not sure how to fund this project but I will vote down anything do to with my property tax. Already paying for school taxes when I don't have any kids. In the past or now.

Dec 27, 2023

I do not believe convicted felons deserve hotel quality living. A Billion dollars! My tax bill is already astronomical.



Dec 27, 2023

Safety of staff and detainees should be primary concern.

Dec 27, 2023

A new facility is required due to the continuously increasing population in Pima County.

Dec 27, 2023

I support a new facility for the safety of all people. I am a public safety official and I have seen the building which is in shambles.

Dec 27, 2023

Inmates are charged for being in the jail, it also falls under PCSO. Make them pay for it.

Dec 27, 2023

Rather than invest millions of dollars into incarceration rather than preventative community services is backward thinking. Incarceration should never be the goal

Dec 27, 2023

I am aware from a previous job that staffing is most of the issue. We need to pay our correctional officers better in order to keep them employed at the jail, instead of promoting up. The jail itself does need modernization, however the largest issue is the lack of staffing, programs, and inability of whomever is in charge to take advantage of the ankle monitoring program for low level offenders. In addition, the jail should not be used to house those with mental health issues, they should be taken somewhere for help instead of dropping them into the mental health ward of the jail.

Dec 27, 2023

Joe Arpaio had the right idea house them outside in tents stop pampering them

Dec 27, 2023

The Commission's report is eye-opening and seems thorough enough. The aging of these kinds of facilities is always going to be problematic. Preplanning is essential, with qualified professional help provided by experts in planning and construction of detention facilities. Now is the time to hire an outside professional firm to meet with the Supervisors, Sheriff and staff, visit the facilities and provide a report together with cost estimates that help provide direction on which option(s) to embark upon. What option(s) are eventually decided upon, please allow for "future added space" as the future growth will ALWAYS impact the operation of the facility beginning on the first day they occupy the facility. This may seem just additional expenses to avoid, but you'll be happy you did when the time

comes. Also when the time comes to hire a firm to design and build (or renovate) please hire those who have done so for other communities and have a professional track record.

Dec 27, 2023

While agreed something needs to be done, finding a balance between focus on reducing underlying need for facilities and incarcerating those convicted of violent offenses would be in the interest of all concerned.

Dec 27, 2023

Rehab does not work but incarceration does work. Jails & prisons are needed for a decent society to safely function & thrive. Pima County's Sheriffs & jail system has always had staffing levels as an issue. More Sheriff's Deputies & Corrections Officers are definitely needed. Without more Officers neither the city & county streets nor the jail can function very well. Criminals are predatory animals who do not care for themselves & certainly do not care for civil society. More jails, more social services are not going to improve anything.

Dec 27, 2023

I think that the focus should be on rehab and reintegration into the community... and physical, psychological and emotional health

Dec 27, 2023

i think the folks controlling the facilities right now are doing an adequate job for those who break the law.....and i do not believe those folks who are living here and do not break the law should be penalized financially!!!!!! Dec 27, 2023

i believe there was error in training new employees., you went to firing rather than training and the inmates get a lot of stuff, such as tablets, etc.

Dec 27, 2023

Would the prison being closed in Marana be an option to purchase or lease? Cheaper than building a new facility?

Dec 27, 2023

My Son was BRUTALLY murdered at the Pima County jail. It wasn't an accident, overdose or anything he did to cause his own murder. The jail needs to focus on inmate (stop treating them like throw away people) and staff safety before spending millions to create a high end death trap for staff and inmates. There is absolutely no reason for tax payers to have to pay for another facility when the existing one already serves a purpose.

Dec 27, 2023

Staffing! Current staffing levels, especially civilian staffing at the jail, would not support the construction/and opening of a new facility, in terms of efficiently running of a 24/7 facility. In addition to renovations and creating new programs for incarcerated individuals, county administrations should consider continued training efforts for staff, especially

supervisors and managers, in regards to effective communications and supervisory skills, to increase efforts of maintaining and increasing staffing levels at the jail.

Dec 27, 2023

The Mission facility should not have ever been given back to the county, the juveniles should have been moved to the Juvenile courts which do have such ability to be staffed for felony juvenile custody.

Dec 27, 2023

Why don't you build a new jail where the old greyhound station downtown is. Then you could transport inmates underground to court. That would save so much money on transport and could then be used to offset the 200 million difference (the cost between the new and remodeling. Dec 27, 2023

Safety for all concerned is most important.

Dec 27, 2023

The county supervisors should look into purchasing or leasing the recently vacated prison complex in Marana Az. This alternative could prove to be concededly cheaper than building a new jail or rehabbing the existing jail.

Dec 27, 2023

The workers would need to uphold basic rights to those arrested. No one is allowed to make ANY calls. Workers think it's funny to put addicted & mental patients in a room 45 degrees. Workers need to not torture those arrested!! Workers need to be monitored & I think surveillance should be installed. The current facilities would need to be sterilized. The workers have let the jail deteriorate. The current facilities would work if bathrooms were updated. In the end it's the workers who are the problem.

Dec 27, 2023

Increase the interest fee for all fines criminals currently owe to the city and county to help pay for maintenance and upgrades. Aggressively look for those who are not paying and allow them to encourage jail time and help work on the construction and maintenance for free until they can pay their fine

Dec 27, 2023

Have a great day

Dec 27, 2023

We need to build a new jail appropriate to the size and anticipated growth of Pima county.

Reducing the Jail Population is a temporary fix that endangers the non criminal population of Pima County. Additionally, staff areas must be made mor accommodating to improve morale, attentiveness, and retention.

Dec 27, 2023

According to the blue ribbon report, PCADC books about 19,000 people per year. Assuming PC population of roughly 1 million, that (19,000) is just under 2% of the population of PC. How much of the total PC operating budget is spent on corrections - what percent? It disgusts me that the taxpayers spend (waste) so much money on a few bad apples. think that many more within our county are criminals that have managed to evade much, if any, consequences due to liberal policing policies forced by liberal PC Attorney Conover. Look at San Francisco - that's Tucson in the future if we don't get a handle on vagrant criminals and their drug and alcohol related crimes. I have resided here since 1970 - the change has been depressing. TPD/PCSD used to be hard-nosed crews . Now, they are hamstrung by policies advanced by the current PC board, mayor, & Conover, as well as idiots in the state houses. There is no easy solution. Hardnosed no nonsense enforcement of (all) laws is a start.

Dec 27, 2023

There are too many criminals, dangerous / violent drug addicts, and violent gang members legally running Tucson's streets. There are also thousands of vagrants who "boost" (illegally steal) millions of dollars in products each year in Tucson legally out living in Tucson's streets.

Upgrade the existing jail AND build a new one for housing these people that are obviously destroying Tucson's quality of life. Quit emphasizing rehab - alcohol detox and drug treatment should be secondary to punishment for crimes committed. Quit spending so much money on programs, administrators and integration programs. They're obviously not working - punish the offenders Dec 27, 2023

Pima County Jail should not be a 5 star hotel. The Justice System in Pima County needs to be overhauled Dec 27, 2023

Please focus on the minimum requirements to have a safe, secure facility. Majority of rehabilitation programs can be completed after time is served and criminals are on probation. After working for the government for 40+ years, to include responsibilities aligned to several multi-million dollar facility new builds, I have experienced how easily the nice to haves drive up unnecessary costs versus staying with meeting the basic requirements. Please stick to the basics and not make it a place where people are rewarded when breaking the law. Thank you for your time in reviewing my position.

Dec 27, 2023

Make the jail bigger to accommodate the increased crime in Tucson, not letting criminals out because we don't have enough room in the jail and also the safety of the officers in the jail been way too long and coming

Dec 27, 2023

Paper arresting individuals and not taking them to jail causes them to reoffend repeatedly and officers won't take suspects in even when they have multiple arrest warrants. I deal with the public on a regular basis and officers refuse to arrest shoplifters and trespassers even being repeat offenders. I've been told multiple times that it's due to overcrowding

and the fear that the suspect will die from an overdose on fentanyl and "make the jail look bad". I don't know if that's true or if the officer just doesn't want to deal with the booking procedures. Either way, something needs to change.

Dec 27, 2023

The jail is in very poor condition for persons to be housed. It has mold and unsanitary conditions. It is also very outdated; I fully support the construction of a new jail. Dec 27, 2023

I think we need more accessible drug treatment centers. NOT JAILS

Dec 27, 2023

Jail is where people go when they have broken the Law. It's not a resort. They need to make life harder for the offenders, not easy.

Dec 27, 2023

High level of mental health and addiction services

Dec 27, 2023

Before any work is done on the actual jail there needs to be a change in leadership. Too many people go to this jail and die under strange circumstances.

Dec 27, 2023

As retired military physician for years saw "mental" patients fake and malingering to get out of duty and eventually boarded out of military (receiving tax free monies for life); quite the scheme! Similar to migrants all know exactly what to say to get asylum! Always better to build state of art building , but am certain old buildings , some less than 20 years old can still have some life left in them!

Dec 27, 2023

The facility has not been maintained, failure of those who oversee its operation. Waste of taxpayer's money and the taxpayers foot the bill. Will the same thing happen to a new facility. Someone needs to be held accountable.

Dec 27, 2023

The jail is a decrepit facility and not worth repairing. The inmates do not have adequate access to outdoor recreation or library facilities. The jail is unsafe for employees and the air quality is poor.

Dec 27, 2023

The current facility is newer than my home! I'm open to some modifications of the current structure. I am not however in support of raising taxes or bond usage, the funds WILL be mismanaged or misused.

Dec 27, 2023

The absurd cold temperatures kept year round in the jail is a MAJOR factor in attitudes towards guards as well as fellow inmates. It is cruel and enrages inmates causing MANY fights to happen most of which go unnoticed cause they take place in the showers or when no guards are in the pod. Dec 27, 2023

A new modern facility needs to be built. Once built the old facility could be fixed and modernized. Then Pima County would have 2 modern jails to support the growing population. Dec 27, 2023

your surveys choices are junk. No more than 100 million is needed. must house repeat offenders in cheaper tent cities on grounds. we have a drug crisis - mandate proper weeks and months in jail for repeat offenders, contract with a better medical services company- dont keep the current one that kills our drug addicted. recall Nanos who pushed out anti-covid vaccine employees and others who saw their bad treatment - now its hard to recruit like the military. americans shall not be forced into being test rats for big pharma. your blue ribbon members are untrust worthy.

Dec 27, 2023

Regular maintenance can prevent the need to have costly renovation in the future. I would like to see a commitment and maintenance plan along with renovation plans. Also, evaluate the current spending and maintenance habits that exist. There is a lot of spending waste that exists today. Dec 27, 2023

Decisions are being made by leadership that decrease the current efficiency of the Jail facility for seemingly no reason at all. The Sherriff's department had the mission facility two years ago but gave it away in a misguided attempt to rely mostly on home detention for sentenced Inmates. The Butler building where Supply had stored products that cannot be ordered quickly was closed. Supply was forced to move everything from the Butler building and find a way to store it all at the jail cluttering the back dock and several areas within the jail. While I am sure there are legitimate reasons for these decisions to be made absolutely no communication has been passed down the line to explain to those affected why they are being made. Dec 27, 2023

Pima County needs a new detention facility, for the safety and security of both the detainees and the sheriffs. The current facility is a hodgepodge of construction styles and I suspect that implementation of option C has far more hidden costs than the commission has estimated. Also option C is going to simply push back the implementation date of something that has to happen eventually: the construction of a new facility that can better serve the detained and better protect CO's and staff. A new, better, facility is already long overdue

Dec 27, 2023

The old jail is worn down and cost too much to repair. Spend the money and build a new one, estimated repairs never cost what they say it will cost.

Dec 27, 2023

Pima county needs to increase capacity. Existing facility desperately needs to be renovated as well as a new facility to reach this goal.

Dec 27, 2023

Jail can easily be paid for if you charge the arrested for jail costs prior to release and hold arrested until trial date. A redesigned jail should be able to accommodate the mandatory jail shiws if you design the jail to be run with less staff. If you build new jail you can make other agencies book their own people and prevent several hour wait times at jail but should be at a reduced cost to outside agencies using jail for their arrested individuals. Have a drunk tank section or this can be used at old facility if new one is built at separate location. Dec 27, 2023 More healthcare staff is needed to improve care delivery at the jail. The facilities there are in disrepair and the mental health units leave much to be desired. The people that come into that jail are often very sick, and require more than just "housing."

Dec 27, 2023

Poll families of inmates, ex-inmates & employees for better insights. Voters are going to be duped into paying for a "new" jail when it will likely be used as an "additional" jail. I don't buy Nanos' BS 95/5% breakdown, and think it was used to mislead and persuade voters. Fix the existing jail, utilize inmate labor to offset costs, hire more/better staff to improve current conditions and employee turnover/morale, improve safety thru better communication and surveillance network, and suicide-proofing. Prevent recidivism through: CBT, job training, connecting inmates to their support systems via regular tele-visits, restoring voter rights, and expunging records of nonviolent criminals. Dec 27, 2023

Safer facilities for staff and incarcerated individuals is a must. We must invest more in the staff of the jail. They are overworked and under appreciated.

Dec 27, 2023

You obviously don't want public opinion limiting comments to 1,000 characters! We

(taxpayers) pay but county supervisors want to make the decisions and want no public input. This survey is only to say you got the community involved. Stop Putting on band aids and fix the problems. That is why you all ran for office Community service. We deserve safety. Drug problems have gone on for generations and should be addressed! Stop offering plea agreements especially for repeat offenders of DUI's. We deserve safer streets. More officers needed on the streets to protect. Stop all political fighting and do your jobs as elected officials! Vote for the better of the community and why you are in office not party lines. Don't allow the building of the jail to be a slow process. Get it built and now without added costs. Get the plans on paper and move forward and don't be dragging your feet. Building or repairing the jail facility should be done now not in years while you all debate.

Dec 27, 2023

We need legal justice system reform. We should evaluate what type of offenders need to be incarcerated. Only dangerous offenders should be incarcerated.

Dec 27, 2023

Support service areas need more room. We need more room for inmate population and for the service that take care of them.

Dec 27, 2023

My name is [REDACTED]. In my own experience from being an addict and having been in the old jail and the one we currently have. Our citizens when in custody must have the same level of care as any member of the community! The stigma a drug addict deals with while incarcerated is 10x worse in jail than out! While a person is in jail is the best time to rehabilitate and get to the core of there problems. Not just label them! Push for mandatory medical attendance and mental health care! I believe had if gotten the proper care 25 years ago while using drugs in the county jail, my addiction wouldn't have sent me to prison 4 times and have 52 failure to appears! Thank you for your time

Dec 27, 2023

First and foremost, there should be a focused effort on interviewing/surveying the inmates in the jail now, many of whom have been there longer then some tenants of houses in Pima County. Additionally, there needs to be a focus on releasing many of those with mental health and other health related issues (i.e. substance misuse disorder) through diversion type programs. The County Attorney and Judges have the power to do so, the Board has the power to do so, and yet no one wants to out of fear. Those in charge of the criminal justice system (all aspects, including Defense) are too complicit and afraid of their own shadows to ever make any real change. I pray for Pima County leadership to change and one day take on the real responsibilities of leading as opposed to placating small cadillac-like programs that serve minimal populations.

Dec 27, 2023

The problem isn't the facility, it's staffing! You are already severely understaffed, you build a bigger jail and that gets worse and leads to worse care. The focus is on the facility because it's an easier fix but it's all covering up the real issue.... a horrible lack of staffing and inmates who lack basic care because of no staff and the staffing environment within Pima County and the jail. Do better Pima County.

Dec 27, 2023

Need new jail, often times certain housing areas are overcrowded and just need some revision. New jail style with open bay type for all areas except for disciplinary housing. New jail style causes less issues with inmates I.e fights, easier on CO to do certain aspects of jobs which then keeps focus on safety and security issues.

Dec 27, 2023

Tents, if there is any construction done it should be done by the inmates. I believe this should be a deterrent, they should not live any better then the victims.

Dec 27, 2023

Make one thing clear, the County takes money away from the public and gives it away to various entities. Many people need their money to support themselves, not given to people that make bad choices. Staffing and upkeep of any facility



is necessary for effective administration. Pima County already has funding in the form of sales tax, fines and property taxes so a full accounting of current and past spending should be made public, so we know how our money is being allocated. If the current facility isn't being correctly staffed or maintained, then throwing more money at it isn't going to fix anything. Mold growing in a building is a result of poor maintenance so why not use inmate labor to maintain and repair the facility?

Rehabilitation should be a result of skill building so inmates can get a job, pay taxes, and quit soaking the working class with their poor choices.

Dec 27, 2023

We make jail way to comfortable for people. People need to be afraid to go to jail.

Dec 27, 2023

Get a competent medical provider, that hires people with common medical sense. Pay staff more to attract more staff. Fire the current Sheriff, he is incapable of running anything. Its a Jail, if you don't commit a crime you won't have to go there, we all know the laws don't break them Dec 27, 2023

Dear Board of Supervisors; As I watch you all convene on this subject, most of you are always condemning our Sheriff, without justification for his going over budget. Yet, we create socialized programs and vote on them to approve, even with a missing supervisor, not even giving the people courtesy to have that post filled and that vacancy vote would not be. So, in lieu of this form of "sneaky" government, the hate you have towards our Sheriff, we must build, supply and seek a more modern institution and maybe then, you'll all stop condemning him for going over budget. You all at times, act like children playing with the citizens money. Dec 27, 2023

Re arrange your mental thoughts with respect to other facilities used by Pima County. Pima County is building new and leaves the old to the way side. You are spending too much, trim back and reuse the facilities you have now!!!!!!

Dec 27, 2023

The board of supervisors should not have "sticker shock" over this at all. They need to commit to dealing with this issue, support the law enforcement community and the citizens of Pima County by redistributing the appropriate funding to this area. I am sure that the funding is available if other programs which cater to the illegal immigrant problem were reallocated. They need to focus more on recruiting and maintaining law enforcement personnel instead of focusing on the comforts of prisoners. This sounds like an issue that has just been ignored for too long. A jail (detention center) doesn't get into this bad of shape overnight. Dec 27, 2023

I do not believe that the current operational staffing could support the transition of renovation. I am also concerned about the safety and security of a renovation.

Dec 27, 2023

There should be no additional taxation of Pima County citizens- Nanos needs to better manage his budget and resources that are available

Many people do not know that this is one of the top detention centers in the whole country and other locations come to Tucson to see our model and learn. It is commendable that this has been done within the infrastructure they have had to work with.

Dec 27, 2023

We need more and better training for employees regarding sexual orientation, respect of other cultures, sexism and racism, mental health issues, etc. We can still be tough on criminals and help them at the same time. Refresher courses, for instance; periodic interviews of employees with questionable behaviors; rotation of assignments so employees don't get burned out. Dec 27, 2023

Pima County and the Sheriffs Department is asking for nearly \$1 billion dollars for a new jail facility when the previous board couldn't manage the money right the first time? This isn't new that the jail is old and should have been updated years ago but with the current direction of inmates and criminals being released immediately through pretrial begs the questions of why you need a new facility if they are just going to get released prior to booking to go out and commit the same crimes again right away. I'm not supportive of paying more in taxes with my hard earned money for people like Huckleberry to give himself a large raise when others were losing their jobs or struggling. I know he is not in charge anymore but when it was mismanaged before, what makes me believe that it will be done right this time and why should I be the one to bail the County out again when I know there is tons of money Pima County has that is allocated for things that don't need it.

Dec 27, 2023

As a property owner I don't think it's fair to only tax us for the construction of a needed new jail. All residents of Pima County need to contribute to the cost in some way shape or form. Dec 27, 2023

Arizona's strict minimum sentencing for relatively common crimes coupled with unethical and shameful prosecution practices (e.g., "over charging crimes to force defendants into unfavorable plea deals") that have become commonplace within our local community have lead to overincarceration of the local population - a problem beyond the scope of what a local government or Board of Supervisors is able to influence yet worth mentioning for appropriate context. Given the severity of many of the punishments (relative to other states) for crimes, even in first time offenders with no prior criminal history, the county has a responsibility to do anything it can do to better support the population held under the custody of correctional facilities. It is also critical to expand programs that enable home detention with remote monitoring as well as any other alternatives to serve the underserved severely mentally ill (SMI) population. Dec 27, 2023

A new jail is not the way to fix any of the community issues caused by crime. Instead of holding non-violent offenders on bail before they are even convicted of a crime, the county should instead spend the money on services and programs that prevent crime. This new jail is not drug treatment, it is not mental health treatment, it is not housing, it is not even proper staffing levels to help incarcerated individuals when they do experience a health crisis. This new jail and its absurd sticker price is not a project the community supports.

Dec 27, 2023

There's no ifs or buts on the deteriorated condition of the jail. Had the facilities been maintained on a yearly basis, we wouldn't be addressing this matter now. I'd like to know why the facility got to its current condition! That has not been discussed or have I seen it discussed in the local news networks! We need to agree to vote for a new/modernized facility, but also needs to be maintained on an approved maintained schedule. Thank you. Dec 27, 2023

Mental health care and proper medical care, including detoxification and substance abuse treatment is absolutely necessary to meet the needs of these people. Our county has grown and our needs have changed. Updating an outmoded facility is a costly solution that will only buy time until these problems must be addressed again. Accepting responsibility and really here will save the County heartache in human cost as well as money in litigation. Dec 27, 2023

It seems that spending 75% of the cost of a new facility to "rehab" a 40 year old facility would be a financially irresponsible decision on the Board's part. Taking into account the increasing county population, and evolving technologies, methodologies, and philosophies related to prisoner management basic reasoning should indicate that at the completion of an upgrade project, we would still have a 40 year old facility with "band aid" fixes/solutions. A "new" facility with inclusive forward looking anticipated room for growth to accommodate evolving changes in ideologies seems the most fiscally responsible approach to solve the problem. Dec 27, 2023

Medical providers at the jail need's to be reviewed yearly. Tax payer money is wasted due to the medical provider not being able to treat in house. The facility plumbing needs to be redesigned as parts are not able to be ordered and are broken. Cell doors and windows need redesign due to inmates causing security issues. Ability to disable individual cell water to prevent inmate flooding. Encased ceiling lights and night lights to prevent inmates from covering them and limiting officers ability to verify their safety. Remove metal beds and desk from cell and replace with "hang free" plastic frames to improve safety for inmates and decrease suicidal opportunities. Speak to PIMA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INVEST TEAM on how to decrease recidivism.

Dec 27, 2023

Staffing levels and technology infrastructure require much improvement. The professional visitation area is adequate, but in person visits could be reduced by having a better video visitation system.

Attempting to incarcerate away dire realities-a critical shortage of affordable housing, a serious lack of accessible mental health care, cycles of addiction and poverty- has never worked and has, in fact, only worsened the situation. Even Nanos said the jail "shouldn't be expected to handle every problem society has."

Dec 27, 2023

74 year old Tucson native. Have had immediate family members involved in City of Tucson law enforcement. Live in close proximity to jail facility. Daily use of the Loop sections that are located next to jail facility. For all of these reasons I have always been interested in, and have kept abreast of any media releases regarding local law enforcement and the jail. Due to unacceptable inmate deaths, and poor management of jail I have no confidence in Sheriff Nano. His call for a new jail facility sounds like a political ploy rather than a real consideration for both inmates and staff. That said there is

no doubt that an upgrade is absolutely necessary. At this time with the available information a renovation of the existing facility along with some new construction would be my preference. The cost of a totally new jail would be closer to \$1B by the time a decision is made and construction starts as wheels turn slowly. This is ludicrous as taxpayers will ultimately foot the bill.

Dec 27, 2023

Build new and don't waste time and resources on the old.

Dec 27, 2023

I worked at the jail from 1987 to 2011, I saw how overcrowded the jail has become and how it has been falling apart. The jail has been under staffed for years.

Dec 27, 2023

A new construction facility makes the most economic and futuristic sense. It is high time that Pima County moves forward into the 21st Century with a more modern facility. Cost and benefits analysis best supports a new facility.

Dec 27, 2023

Would be a concern of not doing nothing. Can't kick the can down the road any longer. Inmates dying and lack of staff are both indicative of a dilapidated jail.

Dec 27, 2023

I would build a new facility on minimum site size of 15 acres, along south Wilmot Road. This is the same area of the existing State and Federal facilities.

Dec 27, 2023

Recently closed Arizona State Prison Marana could be used to house inmates without requiring additional construction of a new jail.

Dec 27, 2023

Difference of 200 million does not significantly impact the costs over a long term bond. All public facilities eventually need replacement. 800 million in 2024 will be cheaper than a full replacement 10 or 20 years from now.

Dec 27, 2023

NA

Dec 27, 2023

I do not support

Dec 27, 2023

Please don't use jail conditions as a reason to release more dangerous criminals back into our community. Dec 27, 2023

A jail is probably one of the least exciting things to bond and spend taxpayer ti on, but this is a piece of our society as well. I can't imagine what it's like to have to go to work as staff everyday at the current facility.

Dec 27, 2023

PCJ needs more staff. Also better medical care for inmates. Increased hours and accommodations for professional visitation. Frequent lockdowns occur because of age of facility and lack of staff.

Dec 27, 2023

The jail isn't too bad of condition to modernize and needs to be completely redone with the brand new facility and the city sales tax it's being taken from people needs to be put towards that but taxes do not need to be raised.

Dec 27, 2023

The time has come, and we must accommodate for the growing population of Tucson, this includes our jails. Tucson must not sacrifice the safety of our community because of the lack of jail space, by simply releasing offenders back on the streets. The safety of jail personal is paramount, the safety of the inmates is a necessity. The city needs to set an example and be a leader in this issue and do what is necessary for the future.

Dec 27, 2023

Cannot keep Putting this off...the cost will never get better

Dec 27, 2023

Old outdated facilities are used cars..bottomless pits of money. New facilities with updated and modern services and design I have always found cheaper in the long run. Pay now not later and on and on. Goodluck for whatever the choice becomes

Jail improvement must be done in the most cost efficient way possible. Government tend to disregard the voice of the taxpayers who are footing the bill. The taxpayers are bottomless wallets to be used and abused.

Dec 27, 2023

I think it would be a waste of money to refurbish the present facility for a period of 20 years. It will still need to be replaced eventually and that money should have been spent on a new facility that will last much longer. In the mean

time, while you are waiting, the old facility will need constant repairs and more updates. New technology updates to the old system do not warrant the cost, either, as they will be outdated in 10 years or less. We should spend the money for a new facility now, taking into consideration the future cost of a new facility. Dec 27, 2023

Newer jail facilities are better at handling the current needs of inmates and staff. The current facility is very outdated and the logistics of housing inmates while infrastructure is updated would be complicated. Different emphasis on how to treat inmates needs to be included in design either way. More opportunities for the public to be part of the rehabilitation process would be beneficial.

Dec 27, 2023

I know this topic is difficult but we must treat others as we would want to be treated. It costs less money to reintegrate people into society rather than recycle them back and forth. Plus, some just need to have stronger social bonds and support to help them. Let's do the right thing even if it costs a bit of money. We will make that money back in less crime. Dec 27, 2023

This Jail is older than I am. Every 35-50 years you NEED a New Jail because there will always be a need for one.

Dec 27, 2023

Unfortunately in this day and age I think that the mental health and health area in it's entirety need more attention, by this it also include all these people coming in under the influence. We are battling addiction and these people are coming in and we are failing them because we can not provide the care they need and they are dying while in custody.

Dec 27, 2023

Take care of the issues that are needed to address the needs of those that are incarcerated, including the working conditions for staff. Have appropriate facilities to support the right space to provide programs that helps inmates return to their lives.

Dec 27, 2023

The jail needs complete reform - from facilities to operations to HEALTH CARE to adequate staffing and training to detox and rehabilitation and SUPPORT.

No support for a new jail. limited funds to repair existing jail. Pima County tax payer taxes should be better spent on road repair, job development, and Pima County employee raises, especially Corrections Officers that work in the jail everyday; they should be making the same or more than deputies and cops because of the daily issues they face and challenging career they face long term. No new jail is supported and limited funds on repairs to the current jail. The current jail is not that bad and the disrepair claims are being "gaslighted" to start the new jail campaign that is not locally supported.

Dec 27, 2023

Jail is for punishment NOT for comfort. Our property taxes continue to go up already along with our sales tax pushing 8.7%, not to mention state tax. The price tag of over 800 million is ridiculous! Along with paying for the influx of immigrants, not to mention the homeless. Where are our priorities? There are roads in such bad shape it does damage to your car when you hit the pot holes on 22nd. We are definitely over our heads already.

Dec 27, 2023

I feel torn about this because Pima county already has higher taxes. Though I support more modern facilities I am on a retirement income and cannot continually afford paying increased taxes for fire, jails, schools, etc. I feel the county needs to better manage the money coming in. Dec 27, 2023

More information is required as to what is needed regarding space and additional treatment programs. Also why has the current facility been allowed to deteriorate. Are county maintenance personnel not capable of maintaining such a facility or is outside help needed? Dec 27, 2023

The budget has not been provided to maintain the present facility. The funds needed to bring it up to desired levels of operation are 2/3 the cost of a new facility. The future only holds the prospect of more inmates and more problems. A new modern facility would provide the county a new starting point to keep up with demands. I hope you are smart enough to not only upgrade the current facility or build a new one, but also provide the required funds to keep it up to date, or we will be back in this situation again.

Dec 27, 2023

I do not think that you need to spend any money on this facility this is for people who are being incarcerated this is not a posh Hotel for people that do bad things there is no reason to reward people to a nice hotel like stay when they are in there for getting in trouble I do not think that this has to be put on the taxpayers to pay for anything I'm sure there's plenty of money in the Arizona State account that can pay for the renovations. If you text the people to have to pay for refurbishing the jail this is going to be a hardship on all of us we are having enough problems trying to pay our bills as it is and buy food for our houses I do not support any funding that goes towards this from us taxpayers

System is failed. People serving their time should be given resources to improve their life once served. Innocent until proven guilty should not mean incarceration until trial if unable to pay fees. First time offenders should not have lengthy sentences unless outright murder. A new or updated facility would not be needed if the prison population were managed better. Dec 27, 2023

The phone system should be brought in house to create a revenue source to support jail programs rather than a for profit company. Inmate and staff safety and health are of the highest priorities.

Dec 27, 2023

I would like to see an additional facility. It is fine to consider updating the current facility, but I believe planning of a new (additional) would allow for sufficient areas for drug/alcohol/ mental health rehab areas, placement for high risk defendants, Want security for Pima county residents as well as inmates, with an added benefit of no recurring offenses by those released. Dec 27, 2023

They are inmates. They are in jail. They are already a burden on the local taxpayer to support three hots and a cot. Jail should not be comfortable, they are given shelter and a shower, as well as, the aforementioned, three hots and a cot. Other than that, put in a meat grinder and make the felons into animal feed.

Dec 27, 2023

Renovating the current facility will just make an old facility look new, but it'll still be an old facility with a face liw. Go all new!

Dec 27, 2023

Nanos is an incompetent buffoon who should be removed as sheriff. Tear down the jail. House inmates in a tent city with minimal comfort

Dec 27, 2023

the private prison in Marana is going to become empty ..... use this already built 500 person facility vs a new build

Dec 27, 2023

Are we considering moving the training center to the range off of Rita road? There is really no reason deputy recruits need to be trained next the the jail and corrections recruits rarely enter the jail during the academy and could be driven by van when needed. A new building could be placed where the training center is and the range has plenty of open space and is surrounded by open land, as well it is close to where deputies are trained to drive, shoot, plenty of space to run, obstacle course on site, etc.

As a supervisory employee, I believe that the jail does not currently have enough space to properly segregate inmates based on status, keep separates, and classification. Our administrative segregation and medical service areas are currently constantly in a state of overpopulation. I believe that building a combination of a new facility that has all the needs general population inmates require, along with renovating the more secure areas of the jail, like the tower, for use with dangerous individuals that require their own cell will give the most benefit. I also believe that by extending the areas we have access to will help with the end goal of rehabilitation and reintegration of individuals back into society. Being able to separate the consistent reoffenders that are unlikely to be reintegrated from first time or low classification individuals can help stop newer individuals from acquiring a "convicts" mindset and potentially reduce the odds of them reoffending when released.

Dec 27, 2023

Hire Joe Arpaio and put him in charge.

Dec 27, 2023

Detainees need room to live (by themselves), to exercise, to have meals, to have medical attention when needed, including mental health, additional protection not only from other detainees but also from staff, and safe areas where detainees can go when they don't want to socialize with the other detainees for whatever reason, and other factors



that enable the detainees can find solitude. They also need to be separated from those serving murder sentences or those serving life sentences or serving life sentences of life without parole. Dec 27, 2023

I'm really not sure whether tax dollars should be used. We are already taxed more than others in the state. Until I know where all the tax dollars are going, I really wouldn't support additional taxes. Maybe somebody just needs to reallocate existing money.

Dec 27, 2023

They keep going toward the more inmates to a cell design but this just makes it so much more dangerous. The assaults are now more often several inmates against one. They need to revamp the plumbing system in the tower and build another with more single cells for our more problematic inmates.

Dec 27, 2023

If we don't do something now it will just cost more later when we have to do it anyway. Let's be responsible and get a new facility built now. That is the most cost saving long-term. If not at the very least remodel the current structure to help with mental physical and disabled needs as well as addiction.

Dec 27, 2023

As the Chaplain on staff at the PCADC I hear from the inmates how they are doing mentally and spiritually quite often. I believe their overall well being would be improved if they were in a facility that was more conducive to their mental, emotional and physical needs. Thank you. Dec 26, 2023

Jail is fictional and just needs some improvements. No need for new jail/

Dec 26, 2023

The PCADC was planned and built over 40 years ago. Since then expansion and growth projects have not been planned or in over 20 years. Pima County has nearly doubled its population since the inception of the PCADC. We need to plan and build for the current and future growth and needs of the county and its constituents. We need a facility that is modular and adaptable as well as expandable to accommodate future needs.

Dec 26, 2023

The community deserves to know their loved ones are in the safest and most secure place. The staff deserves to have the safest and most secure facility. Jails are unquestionably a part of this community. We have a duty to ensure both staff and inmates safety and security. There are expectations from the community regarding the health and safety of inmates. We are wasting money repairing buildings that will not be serviceable in a few years. We must prepare for the future of our community by building to meet the needs of rehabilitation and reentry, and meeting the needs of those who are not going back to our community. You can't direct us to fit every person kept by the courts and address the needs of mental health persons and those with serious medical needs while we are trying to find enough space to keep them off the

floor. How to we explain we knew this was problem, but we are just going to ignore it? It causes distrust and disgust in those we promised to serve and protect.

Dec 26, 2023

More available beds are needed. More cells are needed to improve the conditions. There are sufficient housing units that are open dorm housing.

Dec 26, 2023

The current facility is at the end of its life cycle in every way. I'd hate to face a court mandated decision to do what we all know needs to be done (new facility) the facility is abused by inmates and needs improvements. Starting now is still a long process. The plumbing, electrical, medical, ware and tear is unlike any other public property. I support repurposing the current facility for homeless and migrant concerns, and with outdated design and concepts, modifications are not an option. The proposed expansion is conservative at best. Society has changed and I feel if a new jail is approved, the need for future expansion is required. I believe a remodel will only give us 20 years, versus a new jail, would give the voters of Pima County 4050 more years of relief.

Dec 26, 2023

Most of the facility is old and deteriorating. It has now become more of an issue for

Maintenance to keep up with all of the service requests. With the population growing, the current jail will not be able to properly house inmates. There also needs to be better mental health and medical sections to accommodate this particular population. Dec 26, 2023

ti800 million is an unbelievably high amount of funds to spend on a county jail ( with 2000 inmates per year that's \$400,000 per inmate) if most of the improvements can be accomplished for less tax money. A \$600 million renovation should be accompanied by a contract that is schedule incentivized to reduce the contract costs even below 1/2 a billion dollars. Both of the numbers will still give the county a Cadillac jail, which only the staff deserves, not the inmates!! Dec 26, 2023

There needs to be more space to allow for all of the different statuses and classifications. Open dormitory styles do not suit most inmates and closed dorms and/or closed cells are more appropriate. Yards attached to each housing unit or shared between two would allow for more outdoor time for the inmates. Increased officer safety considerations. More specialized housing units for detoxing inmates, mental health inmates, security status inmates, etc. Medical unit centrally located for quicker response to emergencies.

Dec 26, 2023

Money was spent to upgrade a facility that is currently outdated and in need of repeai the upgrade does not match the current t facilities needs or technology causing further issues with doors and computers.

Dec 26, 2023

After hearing from the local media regarding the condition of the current facility I believe it is wise to build a new facility, The new facility could and should take into account the potential increase in incarcerated people, the needs of the mentally unstable and the safety of the officers as well as the inmates.

Dec 26, 2023

No increase tax on taxpayers

Dec 26, 2023

Train all LEO's better so they are ALWAYS courteous and professional. Too many tyrant blue line BAD cops in Pima county. Arizona is NOT a police state.

Dec 26, 2023

I believe it's not a good economic time to be asking Arizonan's for more taxes and more money. Pima county is on tax increase burn out. Fix what we have already like the jail and streets instead of building more. More isn't always better.

Dec 26, 2023

STOP BUILDING AND PROFITING OFF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS. Prison should not be expanded. This is a get rich quick scheme for the companies that profit off slave labor and incarceration of black and brown individuals who deserve to be with their families for support. I AM AGAINST THE JAIL EXPANSION. PIMA COUNTY LEADERS SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF THIS PROJECT. I AM STRONGLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL. I VOTE.

Dec 26, 2023

Build a jail facility that is adaptable to future needs and methods of incarceration and rehabilitation. Do not build a facility large enough to accommodate outside (non-Pima) inmates. Dec 26, 2023

Those who getting locked up should be paying fines for that time locked up. Doesn't seem right they get medical, housing, food for free while locked up. Bond and billing for stay sounds good to me before they get let out, we need to make them responsible for actions. Dec 26, 2023

At a time when the Santa Cruz River floodplain is experiencing a great amount of momentum around the long term conservation and sustainability of our Sonoran Desert ecosystems, further depleting the little undeveloped space in our urban floodplain in the name of carceral systems. Dec 26, 2023

This detention center has been a problem for years. The death of several inmates over the last year is confirmation that the facility is unsafe. From what local media says, the buildings are crumbling and overcrowding has become a constant headache. Not only does this negatively impact inmates and programming, it affects employee satisfaction. The county needs to fulfill its responsibility to maintain a humane environment in the jail. This can only be achieved with enough safe space and adequate programming to its population.

Dec 26, 2023

The state should help in the funding and some level of taxation that is proportional to the income levels of residents of the county rather than property taxes which may hit fixed income residents inappropriately.

Dec 26, 2023

I am in full support of expanding and modernizing the current facilities, but there should be other ways to pay for this. Enough taxing goes to the prison system in this country, instead of shelters, education, teachers, gun control, and other social programs to prevent crime in our country. Please think of the societal effect when deciding- will this reflect Pima County progress? Will this be what kids are visually exposed to see in the city instead of more green areas or recreation spaces? Will this help our economy? How about invest in schools to teach kids about being responsible and reduce crime mentalities?

Dec 26, 2023

I am hopeful that if the space is expanded, people who are incarcerated will have better access to services and treatment. Most of the people in jail need mental health and/or drug treatment and the current jail is not doing as well as it could be at providing those services. Dec 26, 2023

Not from tax payer dollars

Dec 26, 2023

I recognize the need for expanding and improving PC adult detention facilities. However, asking taxpayers for more money without evidence the County can be trusted to improve incarceration processes and outcomes to benefit the taxpayers will be a hard sell. Dec 26, 2023

There seems to be no immediately available alternative to incarceration that would put off a need for jail expansion. The County needs to provide its corrections professionals with the facilities and tools to best perform their function and keep its citizens safe. Dec 26, 2023

No new jail.

Dec 26, 2023

If you request a jail tax, PLEASE make sure you account for the under estimated cost. Also PLEASE, PLEASE make sure the tax includes money for upkeep. While you probably don't care to hear it, the failure of sheriff and county to maintain the jail facility is the cause of this problem. Dec 26, 2023

With many of the crime committed by people who are intoxicated (61%!!) and/or have mental health issues, it seems like it would be better to expand those programs or units to get to the root of the reasons people are jailed. It doesn't make sense to keep them in the jail without help because when they are released, they will just go back to their old

ways. Creating units to detox people or receive mental health care, and providing support services to help them once they are released seems like a much better way to reduce the jail population than being punitive to sick people.

Dec 26, 2023

I feel the county needs to focus on bail bond reform. Non-violent offenders who can't afford bail should not be held in jail pre-trial. There need to be adequate facilities and staff to separate medical, drug and alcohol withdrawal inmates and appropriate treatment provided. It's obvious commercial providers don't/can't do the work needed. If someone is detoxed in jail it's a good chance they will OD on release (or inside if they have access). If a long term follow up program is not in place for that individual, it's likely they shouldn't be "detoxed" in the first place but medicated to avoid withdrawal. Detox is only effective if someone decides they wish to commit to a long term recovery program. This is a community wide problem before, during and following incarceration. Where are the community members on the commission? The culture needs change but the community also bears responsibility. [REDACTED] BS  
Criminal Justice Administration, American University 1976

Dec 26, 2023

It's outdated and dangerous. Staff needs better facilities as well as those incarcerated

Dec 26, 2023

The Board of Supervisors needs to put in the work of evaluating the County's current budget obligations and identify where to make the necessary cuts to repurpose those funds in support of renovating or improving the jail facilities. You can't continue to burden the citizens of Pima County with more taxes. Do your jobs and figure out how to pay your bills within your current budget just like your constituents are having to do in this poor economy. Dec 26, 2023

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I implore you to pursue solutions outside of incarcerating non-violent persons.

Dec 26, 2023

The building, care and maintenance of correctional facilities should be part of the state and local budgeting system. The overall goal of the system should be lowering costs, making government smaller. If more funding is needed for prisons, then other departments' budgets need to shrink. These are tough, complicated decisions for sure. But since this is a "blue ribbon" commission I expect you have the brain power and leadership skills to solve these problems. The government has sufficient funds to solve these problems. What's lacking is efficiency, transparency and the elimination of wasteful spending and corruption.

Dec 26, 2023

Far too many people are incarcerated when they should be in a treatment facility or mental health facility getting the care they need to get back on their feet. I know of people who commit property crimes to get a roof over their heads

and food in their belly at the jail. If we had the appropriate and necessary safety net for people who are in deep poverty and suffering from mental illness, we wouldn't have as many people in our justice system. Please consider this as you are directing funds to a new facility.

Dec 26, 2023

Pima County government always underestimates requirements and costs associated with any project. Take the projected prisoner population and double it, take the projected construction costs and quadruple them, and don't assume that a new facility will require fewer employees to operate it properly. Pima County voters will approve a well-planned new facility. Dec 26, 2023

Too many people are locked up. At the same time, there should be good conditions and proper services for those who are.

Dec 26, 2023

I believe that expanding detention centers inadequately addresses the needs of the community and population served. I would like to see more funding going towards education and social support programs to prevent crime over time on the front end.

Dec 26, 2023

A new building is not the solution to the many issues the jail experiences. The many deaths reported are not because the building is old but because the system is old. Mental health is not a priority, physical health is a luxury. Rather than spending on a new building, invest in providers that are prepared and not jaded in caring for those going through one of the toughest times of their life. The jail is not prison.

Dec 26, 2023

Have good, safe, and modern facilities. Have good medical care. Real medical care. No over crowding. Good programs, so individuals can truly start fresh. Treat everyone as human beings of worth. Help for families and friends of the incarcerated person, so they aren't punished. Especially when children are concerned, so they won't repeat history. Dec 26, 2023

No other factors to consider.

Dec 26, 2023

NEW IDEA

Dec 26, 2023

Have none

Dec 26, 2023

I saw the facility once to pick up a census worker in 2000 it stank of urine even in the entrance lobby. It needed to be cleaned and aired properly.

Dec 26, 2023

Most of these questions seem to be directed towards "improving services" in the jail. The more services one puts in jail, the more likely government agencies and agents put people in jail to get those services. A jail should have the barest of services and the purpose of the jail should be to hold people for their court dispositions and for misdemeanor sentences. Rehab should be done at rehab centers in the community. Education should be done at education agencies in the community. Treatment should be done at treatment.

Dec 26, 2023

No feedback at this time.

Dec 26, 2023

PCSD should continue to work closely with community partners to educate and hopefully prevent kids from becoming future residents of PCJ.

Dec 26, 2023

No new jail!

Dec 26, 2023

It's not the Old West, people! The SIZE of the physical jail is NOT the problem. It's the unwillingness of the system to drastically reform itself. The bail system is a joke! At its core, the system needs relatively little new money, rather it needs new leadership beginning at the County Admin, Council, County Attorney levels. It needs a new vision that reduces incarceration times that will reduce all the universally-agreed pressures inside the jail. The bureaucracy seems resistant to organic change, favoring more public money for expanding the jail building, all the while the daily population continues on a DOWNWARD track. More bricks and mortar is not a remedy. If it's bricks and mortar that's needed, make it for AFFORDABLE HOUSING! Finland is making the connection between those who are shelter-insecure and release from the local jails.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jt\\_6PBnCJE&list=PLI8tS1zBznqOIOvYC5dLg9vQYtvNO\\_JF5o&index=38](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jt_6PBnCJE&list=PLI8tS1zBznqOIOvYC5dLg9vQYtvNO_JF5o&index=38)

Dec 26, 2023

Please consider having a new facility built, hire more honest correction officers that care about people incarcerated. My friend female was in there and served 2 months there was a girl in there having a seizure AND THE FEMALE CORRECTION OFFICER WAS LAUGHING AND DID NOT HELP THE LADY. AS SHE WAS HAVING A SEIZURE, SHE KEPT HITTING HER HEAD. THE CO DID

NOTHING BUT LAUGH. THIS IS SOME REASONS WHY THERE ARE SO MANY DEATHS IN THERE. the facility has little maintenance employees and a lot of work in there. The facility is very old and feel a new facility all the way around needs to be redone for the safety of all. Dec 26, 2023

Use of Federal Grant money should be used.

Dec 26, 2023

n/a

Dec 26, 2023

It's imperative that the main jail facility be modernized to meet the needs of all its users: inmates, staff, visitors. Whether that requires construction of an entirely new facility, a concentrated rehabilitation of the current complex, or a hybrid of the two should be left to experts, not politicians. The funding will come from the taxpayer one way or another. I am concerned about the estimated. 20-year life-effectiveness of any option. That means that we must continue to find and implement ways to reduce jail populations, constantly fine-tuning our criminal-justice system, from custodial, sentencing and release requirements to legislative reforms for our courts with a focus on our justice courts.

Dec 26, 2023

Incarcerating humans is not a solution. Seek the root cause and we need behavioral scientists to work on human behavior.

Dec 26, 2023

None

Dec 26, 2023

New jail is needed

Dec 26, 2023

none Dec 26, 2023

Law breakers don't need "great" facilities, but they deserve humane care. After all incarceration is supposed to be a penalty for being a law breaker. It should be uncomfortable enough to discourage returning.

Dec 26, 2023

I don't know much about this facility. I only know what I read in the commission's report. I'm not surprised to read that the facility is old and in need of repair and/or a new facility. When infrastructure gets old, I think people are often slow



to realize the improvements needed. I'm glad this is being reviewed, and I support new and upgrading facilities both for the incarcerated and the staff that work there.

Dec 26, 2023

I like the option in the commission proposal of pay-as-you-go for the modernization (remodeling and possibly new construction) for the adult detention facilities. I've seen this method used by the Pima County Public Library system and it seems to work. Using existing funding, instead of Putting an additional tax burden on the citizens of Pima County who already pay considerable taxes with property taxes and city sales taxes in many communities, I think would be the most responsible way to get facilities that meet current and future needs. Dec 26, 2023

A new jail is the high road. I trust it will not be the one less traveled.

Dec 26, 2023

Vote a sheriff into office that will uphold his or her oath of office and be non political.

Dec 26, 2023

The jail in it's present condition is abysmal. I'm not sure what all needs to be done, but something must be done to improve conditions at the jail. Interestingly, most inmates are poor because they can't make bail. Yet, conditions are horrid. I know no one wants to help poor people, but this is a crime in itself.

Dec 26, 2023

It is perplexing that the jail could be in such disrepair since Sheriff Nanos last term in office. Either he ignored the condition of the jail in his last term, or he is exaggerating the current conditions of the jail. In either event it is a good reflection of his leadership. Dec 26, 2023

I have no questions.

Dec 26, 2023

I believe that Sheriff Dupnik, along with his highest-ranking deputies, including the current Sheriif Nanos, deliberately neglected the maintenance requirements of the Pima County Jail. I do not trust Sheriif Nanos to competently supervise any of these proposed projects as I believed he played 'deaf, dumb, & blind' to all the malfeasance that existed towards the end of Dupnik's tenure when Nanos was the Chief Deputy. I also think that during Sheriff Nanos' current term as sheriff he continues to demonstrate gross incompetence. I believe most of the problems can be solved by enhanced maintenance.

Dec 26, 2023

The Board of Supervisors should stop leaning on constituents to make this decision and approve a sales tax. The jail is necessary for those both inside and outside of the court system. It will cost a lot of money, but most things we need do.

Dec 26, 2023

ALL areas of the jail needs to be improved on. There's so much overcrowdedness that is overlaps into other units.

Dec 26, 2023

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A new jail is needed.

Dec 26, 2023

Use the existing jail

Dec 26, 2023

Far too much of the County's budget already goes to policing, prosecution, and incarceration. Most people locked up in the jail are non-violent and are pre-conviction, and they and the community would be much better served by not locking them up. Put that money into real community security - education, workforce development, and healthcare.

Dec 26, 2023

There are random pipe leaks near the intake unit, which hinders both COs and other county employees. Dec 26, 2023

Our knowledge of the effects of incarceration, even for brief periods, on the individual, the family and the community has increased greatly in the last several years. Updating or replacing current facilities to allow more rehabilitation inside the jail and to address physical and mental health issues should result in less recidivism. In addition, we must find ways to allow those who are in jail pre-adjudication (especially those who are there only because they can't afford bail) to remain connected with the community including jobs and families. Perhaps this is done through more work furlough programs. In addition, we must be able to separate adequately those who may be a danger to themselves or others from other populations . This is an opportunity to create a jail that supplements outside programs designed to reduce recidivism, crime in our community and the jail population itself. We must not waste this chance. Dec 26, 2023

What is there now is no longer adequate. We need to fix it!

Dec 26, 2023

Thank you.

Dec 26, 2023

The statement above is absolutely correct. These issues are complicated and represent tradeoffs since we can't do everything. May I suggest that the public sentiments collected by this survey be put aside because they are piecemeal perceptions from a non statistically represented sample (and in fact it's not even a sample at all but just a haphazard collection from folks who care to reply). Relying in any way on this "survey" is unwise. Please allow the professional community to assess our needs, explore design options, and consider cost and financing trade-offs in moving forward. The issues are too complicated and the long-term implications too important for any other approach. Thank you.

Dec 26, 2023

Effective rehabilitation, education, and re-entry programs in humane setting are critical for those imprisoned.

Dec 26, 2023

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Jail should be for the more serious crimes that threaten the safety and lives of the community. Most nonviolent and low-level crimes should not lead to jail time. Doing this could keep the overall jail population down and save taxpayer dollars in the need for expansion. But we need to work to make sure those incarcerated are given the treatment and tools to avoid the need to commit crimes and return to the jail. There needs to also be a county effort to get those rehabilitated and integrated back into the community with housing, jobs, etc. Dec 26, 2023

I believe that at the beginning of the survey, the better or more appropriate option for the responding answers should include "I'm not sure", instead or as well as "I don't know". In conclusion, the Jail Facility should be updated and maintained with future intake considered always as obviously, there will be an increase as the population grows in the future. Especially in the program's facilities such as work release and other rehab facilities which sometimes or usually require openings to become available before qualifying inmates can be entered into the programs when declared as qualified by or after sentencing .Also, no money or crazy considerations for anyone who has gender-identifying issues other than designated male or female identities as this ridiculous allowance is bizarre and generally mishandled therefore promoting further conflict. Keep it real and they will comply. Thank you. Dec 26, 2023

I prefer not to elaborate.

Dec 26, 2023

Unfortunately, with the population increasing. Crime will increase. Therefore the necessity for a newer, larger facility is a true reality. There's a wide, huge open piece of desert on the 85, south of La Paz Valley for an interesting stay for anyone wanting to be incarcerated (?). Creating funds for this build should be a 1% tax on all purchaser items. Not a property tax. We do need an influx businesses in Arizona. We do not want to scare businesses off and away from our state.

Dec 26, 2023

The cost of detention should be paid for by labor from the incarcerated.

Dec 26, 2023

Mmmmmm

Dec 26, 2023

We do not support any MAJOR expenditure that would further TAX local citizens, especially property owners. We are over taxed already with WASTEFUL spending by Sheriff Nanos, County Mgr. Leshner and others in the State and Federal government. We are especially his hard as Seniors on "fixed income". We barely can afford day to day expenses. Pls find ways to improve conditions if truly needed, and not because Nanos just says so! Again, we are over burden by other recent local taxes.

Dec 26, 2023

I do not believe, a new detention facility should be built. Do the repairs, move inmates to prisons MUCH faster, speed up court dates. Quit spending our tax money on the long stays with inmates that need to be imprisoned. there are so many other ways of keeping the jail population down. I say yes to MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS, REHAB PROGRAMS, MEDICAL.

Dec 26, 2023

Everything in that jail is old and gross. Everything is falling apart and the water cannot be trusted. Inmates have to drink that water.

Dec 26, 2023

None.

Dec 26, 2023

Luckily we are not seeing a lot of what other cities and counties are in the way of crime and jail population. I do feel the release of arrestees occurs prematurely, and with little in the way of consequences, but that is more of an issue with the criminal justice system and the early releases under the grant Pima County participates with. The location of the current complex is geographically appropriate for police agencies, and close enough for downtown transports for court. Building a second tower or a support facility to supplement the current operations might be an item to consider. Moving the jail could increase logistical aspects, such as transport, staffing, and/or equipment.

Dec 26, 2023

None

Dec 26, 2023

No new sales tax on the people it's high enough already. Probably more cost effective to build a new one rather than renovate the old one.

Dec 26, 2023

This has been addressed in previous question, but I can't emphasize the need for assessing and addressing all inmates for mental health, behavioral, and addiction issues. I have worked with the Pima County Probation officers for many years as a mental and a licensed substance abuse and behavioral health counselor and have found that those that can participate in mental/behavioral treatment concurrent with their incarceration or probation yields benefits not only to the inmate/probationer, but to the community as well since they can access services or given the option of accessing services as part of their pretrial plan or probation plan. To give options to receive treatment while on probation instead of being incarcerated for their entire sentence not only frees up resources at the PCJ, but provides rehab for those needing it, especially for those who's addiction, mental instability or domestic violence were part of their crimes. Dec 26, 2023

Our Pina County Jail does very little to foster change for the better.

Dec 26, 2023

If voted for taxation for construction on new facility, built it farther away from the city, and renovate the existing facility for rehabilitation of minor offenses.

Dec 26, 2023

Time to update the system !!!!!

Dec 26, 2023

A necessary evil. Safety of all is most important

Dec 26, 2023

Thanks for providing the opportunity to share comments. So many people have it so hard, want to do and be good but don't have the tools, have so much trauma, not enough good work and models for growth.

Dec 26, 2023

Pima County should focus on eliminating any prisoner from detention who does not pose a physical threat to others. Instead of a policy of "the beatings will continue until moral improves", we should focus on minimizing the number of people in jail, and maximizing the number of people who are aided to return to the community as positive members of society. NO BIGGER JAIL and NO MORE PEOPLE IN JAIL.

Dec 26, 2023

We should have appropriate housing options for all members of the community including those who are incarcerated.

Dec 26, 2023

We need to rehabilitate them. That's the problem with our Penal System. We have so many repeat offenders. Make them be responsible, no more freebies or special consideration to anyone. Totally sad to have a gang unit for 18 and under . They see so determined to be king of the block and to murder someone is nothing. Why do they think this way? We as responsible adults need to make decisions to help them correctly and make better choices. All the unprotected sex needs to be addressed and the young women and their parents need to be held responsible. This cycle has to be broken. Education is needed as education at home isn't happening. Change has to take place. We all need to be responsible.

Dec 26, 2023

Those incarcerated should have needed medical care, be treated humanely, and be helped to reenter society with improved means to be productive, law-biding citizens. Dec 26, 2023

A forensic audit is needed

Dec 26, 2023

No additional taxes should be levied against Pima County residents for a new detention center or improvements to the current detention center. Pima County tax dollars are not managed effectively and efficiently at this time and a complete top to bottom, zero cost basis budgets should be adopted by the county to deliver necessary services while reducing the per capita tax burden on Pima County tax payers on a continual basis.

Dec 26, 2023

Society. Community. Educational. Political and parental ignorance issues(one and all listed) are driving people to do the previously known as unthinkable crimes. Crimes will continue to increase, people relying on society to care for them will increase as seen by increasing mental issues and drug dependance.. Law enforcement,first responders and Mental care Worker numbers will continue to decrease drastically and continuing to ask someone to work in the current jail will drive them elsewhere. Health and safety of the work force has certainly been compromised in the current jail.

Dec 26, 2023

A new detention center needs to be built

Dec 26, 2023

Fix the old jail and add new features for health care, mental health and drug detox.

Dec 26, 2023

New construction has a longer lifespan and can include state of the art ideas not just juryrigging old facilities

Dec 26, 2023

There comes a time where it is not cost-effective to repair and repurpose outdated structures.

The projection for the 2024 economy is that it will be "normal" (See Axios newsletter dated 12/26/23). This appears to be a time to make the necessary investment in corrections infrastructure. I would like to see an equal amount of money invested in addressing the causes that lead to people seeking crime as a lifestyle. Such as programs for at-risk individuals, treatment for mental health and addiction issues. Let's address the root causes of these problems. Dec 26, 2023

More everything. The whole system needs financial support. Better working conditions. Better detox. Better living conditions. Better mental health. Better at almost all levels and I'm willing to pay for that.

Dec 26, 2023

The County's approach to law enforcement needs to shiw to be less carceral in nature. Fund community based programs to meet individual and population behavioral health needs, support basic needs related to housing, job training and placement, schools and child care.

Focus on supporting people to live healthy lives and create safe and self sufficient communities. Stop locking up people.

Dec 26, 2023

None at this time.

Dec 26, 2023

We need to stop imprisoning so many people for too many minor offenses, especially personal drug use. A lot of people in jail should instead have been given community volunteer mandates or stays in rehab facilities, and parole, instead. Some people who are in jail should instead be in mental health facilities. People in jail need more fresh air and sunshine time outdoors, and better food, and free time by phone and email to keep in touch with loved ones. Most important of all, jails MUST provide education/training programs and counseling to effective reintegrate prisoners into society upon their release.

Dec 26, 2023

In combination with a jail district property tax, I support the alternative that has new construction and renovation of existing facilities. This would show a commitment to improving jail operations while emphaizing some reasonable constraint on expenditures for the facility and its ongoing maintenance needs. I do not favor a bond issue as this would require the payment of interest, increasing the cost of the facility without providing any additional services or personnel. Also, the renovation/new construction alternative would, most likely, allow for work to begin and for completion of the project within a better timeframe. Dec 26, 2023

I worked near the center for over 5 years and we would often have released retainees use our facility. They often were at loose ends and obviously needed more help before going back into society. I don't know enough to recommend solutions but I do think changes and improvements need to be made. Thank you

Dec 26, 2023

A family member was incarcerated for 30 days back in 2005. Conditions even at that time were bad. The family member did not receive daily meds that were provided in official prescription bottles. The family member returned home with bed bug bites and sores and in an extremely demoralized condition. I sincerely doubt that conditions have improved in the last 15+ years. Dec 26, 2023

safe, tamper-proof cells, meeting areas and holding spaces with better monitoring to reduce suicide, overdoses, and violence.

Dec 26, 2023

It is incumbent on Pima County to provide safe and comfortable facilities for inmates and staff. The richest country in the world should not tolerate substandard conditions. Reports on European programs are enlightening.

Dec 26, 2023

This commission's work is inadequate and slapdash. A volunteer group of professionals with no real guidance or authority and ineffective and unknowledgeable staff support combined with Sheriff Nanos' refusal to cooperate with the Commission, make the report more of a WAG than informed professional advice. The County Administrator should throw this report in the trash and try again with a national consultant who will use engineers, architects and detention center construction experts who would do a thorough, top to bottom assessment of the facility. Moreover, an actual scientific survey of County voters and taxpayers is needed to adequately judge the public's appetite for funding new detention facilities. This review on the cheap is exactly that. Try again with real experts who have real authority. If the Sheriff won't cooperate, tell him good luck with his consent decree, which is where this is heading. Dec 26, 2023

You need to seek input from professional medical and mental health professionals

Dec 26, 2023

the original design was for direct supervision in the housing areas. this was changed during construction . major changes need to be made in state criminal justicestatutes to reduce jail and prison populations

Dec 26, 2023

I do not think now is a good time to levy more taxes. There is an empty center in Marana, could that be utilized?

Dec 26, 2023

We believe a new facility is warranted after all these years

Dec 26, 2023

The current Sheriff has demonstrated he cannot manage a budget. Perhaps a new Sheriff could manage the Jail better than the current one.

Dec 26, 2023



You're welcome

Dec 26, 2023

We have got to do something about drug use in our Country We ignore the importance of drugs in our Country

Dec 26, 2023

There are serious administrative shortcomings and repairing the exterior will do nothing if the interior is rotted.

Dec 26, 2023

The current facility is out of date, primitive, and cannot support the needed services. It is unsafe both for those incarcerated and for staff. I support bonding to finance a new, state-of-the-art facility. I was a member of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee for a 5 year term. This is far more worthy and necessary than many of the boondoggle projects the PCBAC recommended.

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Generally detention facilities have inadequate healthcare resources. No reason to expect Pima County facilities to be any different.

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none at this time

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The county needs to prioritize the need to incarcerate criminals and keep citizens safe. If a new jail is needed then let's get it done.

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I do not know

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Nothing else to add.

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While I was in Pima county detention center I was incarcerated for only a day but the conditions were awful. It was extremely unsanitary and outdated and no resources are given to anyone coming through intake.

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N/A

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I am not in support of a new facility. Our community needs funding in other areas.

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Expansion is unnecessary. Areas need to be renovated and updated for safe and sanitary conditions. Dec 26, 2023

I do not support taxation for a new jail.

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none Dec 26, 2023