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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 26, 2026

TO: Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

FROM: Steve Christy 
District 4 Supervisor

SUBJECT: Agenda Addendum Item

Please place the following item on the Addendum to the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting of March 3, 2026:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2026 Regional Transportation Authority Special Election

Discussion regarding Pima County's first all-mail, countywide election with Pima County's Recorder and Elections Director, and/or designees, updating the Board on election operations including, but not limited to, activity at early voting sites, ballot processing and tabulation, and further discussion regarding the Recorder's new "Votemobile", its acquisition and current deployment plan during the special election period. (District 4)

Thank you.

**March 10, 2026
Special Election
Events Calendar**

Event	Date	Time	Location	Explanation
Elections Department In-house Logic & Accuracy Test	1/30	9:00AM	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	Pima County Elections Department conducts testing on the central count system and voting equipment.
Political Party Logic and Accuracy Test Ballot Marking Begins	2/2 - 2/4	9:00AM	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	An appointed member of each Political Party has an opportunity to mark a test deck of ballots to further ensure the accuracy of the Election Equipment and Program.
Political Party Logic & Accuracy Test	2/5	9:00AM	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	Appointed members of each Political Party test the Central Count system and ExpressVotes.
Official Logic & Accuracy Test	2/6	9:00AM	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	Prior to the start of early voting, a Logic and Accuracy Test is performed to certify the Central Count System and ExpressVotes utilized for early voting.
Early Voting Begins	2/11	N/A	Locations established by the Pima County Recorder's Office.	Voters can vote early in person at any Pima County Early Voting site before Election Day.
Early Ballots Received from the Recorder's Office	2/16	TBD	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	Begin receiving Early ballots in the Elections office from the Pima County Recorder's office.
Early Ballot Processing and Duplication	Start:2/23- Continuous	9:00AM	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	Early Ballots are processed and prepared to be sent for tabulation. Early ballot processing will continue daily until the Recorder's office has turned over the last and final batch of verified ballots.
Early Ballot Tabulation	Start:2/27- Continuous	9:00AM	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	The tabulation center will receive batches from the Early Board Processing room to begin counting. No results are released until election night after 8:00 PM.
Begin Ballot Adjudication	Start:2/27- Continuous	9:00AM	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	Adjudication of ballots that have been processed in Central Count will begin as quantities warrant it. Observers will be notified ahead of time as the schedule is continuously updated.
Election Day *	3/10	N/A	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	All ballot by mail election.
Last Day to Process and Count Early Ballots	3/13	11:00AM	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	The Early Ballots will be counted each day as quantities warrant it until the last ballot has been counted.
Post Logic and Accuracy Test	TBD	Immediately following final ballot count	Elections Department 6550 S. Country Club Rd.	The post Logic and Accuracy Test will be performed after the final count of ballots. This will conclude tabulation.
Canvass of Election	3/24	9:00AM	BOS Meeting 130 W. Congress St.	Canvass is prepared and sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval and certification.

*The only date on this events calendar that is a certainty is Election Day. All others are subject to change.

Important 2026 Election Dates

March 10 - Regional Transportation Authority Special Election

Ballots mailed to Uniformed & Overseas Voters	January 23
Last day to register to vote	February 9
Early Voting begins / Early Ballots mailed	February 11
Last day to request mail ballot	February 27
Recomm. deadline to mail back your ballot	Mail by March 3
Election Day (Vote or Drop Off Early Ballot)	Tuesday, March 10

July 21 - Primary Election

Ballots mailed to Uniformed & Overseas Voters	June 5
Last day to register to vote	June 22
Early Voting begins / Early Ballots mailed	June 24
Last day to request mail ballot	July 10
Recomm. deadline to mail back your ballot	Mail by July 14
Election Day (Vote or Drop Off Early Ballot)	Tuesday, July 21

November 3 - General Election

Ballots mailed to Uniformed & Overseas Voters	September 18
Last day to register to vote	October 5
Early Voting begins / Early Ballots mailed	October 7
Last day to request mail ballot	October 23
Recomm. deadline to mail back your ballot	Mail by October 27
Election Day (Vote or Drop Off Early Ballot)	Tuesday, November 3



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Date: February 5, 2026

To: Jan Leshner
County Administrator

From: Ken Walker 
GMI Director

Steve Holmes
Deputy County Administrator

Monica Perez
Chief of Staff

Re: Requested information regarding Tohono O'odham Grant-In-Aid funding

Pursuant to Supervisor Christy's request, please see Exhibit I, below, listing the recipients of Tohono O'odham Grant-In-Aid funding from FY2021 – FY2026. The information is organized by recipient then by project or projects and amount awarded.

Exhibit I: Tohono O’odham Grant-in-Aid funding – 2021 – 2026

Tohono O’odham Grant-in-Aid recipients and amounts by year.						
Organization	Project	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Aja Gibson Volunteer Fire Department	Firefighting Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,899.00	\$ -
	Purchase new equipment. May include headset radios, chainsaws, firetruck tires, and flammable liquid cabinets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,511.70
Ajo Ambulance, Inc.	Critical Medical Equipment	\$106,435.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Purchase 10 Titan III WiFi Gateway modems	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,144.00
American Red Cross	Disaster Relief	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Disaster Cycle Services and the Home Fire Campaign	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Purchase Power Red Machine and a Sterile Tube Welder	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,321.00
Animals Facilitating Adolescents and Children Therapeutically (AFACT)	Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,994.00	\$ -	\$ -
Archaeology Southwest	Fund activities to resituate the San Pedro Valley conservation agendas	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00
Arivaca Human Resource	Hot Meal / Home Delivery Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children	Model Student Assistance Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Arizona Mining Reform Coalition	Mining Public ED Campaign	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,000.00	\$ -

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Organization	Project	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Arizona Superior Court in Pima County, Adult Probation Department	Ballistic Vests	\$ -	\$ -	\$17,082.91	\$ -	\$ -
Arizona Trail Association	Seeds of Stewardship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,013.00	\$ -
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum	Help fund development of Mexican Gray Wolf Exhibit at the Museum	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$100,000.00
Avra Valley Fire District	Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 228,393.00	\$ -
Banner Health Foundation	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Care Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,077.00	\$ -
	FC-NAS Care Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$100,194.09
Big Brothers Big Sisters-Southern Arizona	Mentoring Activity Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,300.00	\$ -
Boys & Girls Clubs of Tucson	Teen Tech and Workforce Readiness Center Digital Creator Studio	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,614.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Summer Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,691.50	\$ -
Catholic Community Services of Southern AZ	Medical Respite Center Campaign	\$ -	\$100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cooper Center for Environmental Learning	Facility Improvements to Increase Program Capacity at Camp Cooper	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Drexel Heights Fire District	Personal Protective Equipment	\$ 50,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Compressor and Fill-Station	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Thermal Imaging Cameras	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,000.00	\$ -
	Type I Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00
Friends of Pima Animal Care Center	Karn's Karing Van	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -

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Organization	Project	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Friends of Tucson's Birthplace	Celebrating Edible-Native Plants of the Sonoran Desert	\$ 15,995.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gap Ministries	Community Impact	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Warehouse Family Vouchers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	GAP Community Warehouse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona	Elementary School Programs	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Staff Supported Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Staff Supported Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,852.27
Golder Ranch Fire District	Fire & Smoke Alarms	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Integrated Community Solutions to Active Violence Events (ICSAVE)	Individual Bleeding Control Kits	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	First-Aid Medical Kits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	First-Aid Medical Kits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest	Refugee Youth Mentoring & Refugee School Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -
Mobile Meals of Southern Arizona	More Than Meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Native Seeds/SEARCH	Seed Germination	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,866.00
Our Family Services	Reunion House Passenger Van	\$ -	\$ 41,517.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Patronato San Xavier	Passive Cooling Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
	Genie Lift	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Pima County Recorder's Office	Mobile Early Voting/Ballot Drop-off Unit	\$ -	\$ 115,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Mobile Voting and Outreach Vehicle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Pima County Sheriff's Department	School Resource Officer Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,850.10	\$ -	\$ -
	Anti Ligature Furniture	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 317,010.03	\$ -
	Real-Time Crime Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,000.00

Tucson Community Grant In-Aid recipients and amounts by year.

Organization	Project	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Primavera Foundation	Primavera Emergency Shelters GED Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona	Operating expenses at Ronald McDonald House	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Operating Expenses at Ronald McDonald House	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sahuarita Food Bank	Mobile Welding Trailer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -
Sahuarita Food Bank & Community Resource Center	Nourishing our Community Capital Campaign	\$82,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Hydroponic Farm	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,000.00
San Xavier Mission School	Campus Renovations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,635.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sheriffs Auxiliary Volunteers of the Green Valley District	Automated External Defibrillators	\$ -	\$19,188.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Southern Arizona Rescue Association	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle	\$ -	\$ -	\$20,381.00	\$ -	\$ -
The Homing Project	Bathroom Shower Facility	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$34,152.00	\$ -
Therapeutic Ranch for Animals and Kids	Animal-Assisted Life Skills Program	\$ -	\$20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Three Points Fire District	Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	\$228,393.00	\$ -	\$ -
TMC Health Foundation	Emergency Department Capital Campaign	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$190,000.00
Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus	15-Passenger Van	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -
Tucson Indian Center	Free Bicycle Program	\$ 37,695.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Fund health education activities/ meal preparation demonstrations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,226.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Indigenous Visionaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,852.00	\$ -

Tucson Community Grants Recipients and amounts by year.

Organization	Project	2021-2021	2022-2022	2023-2023	2024-2024	2025-2025
Tucson Medical Center Foundation	Client Emergency Assistance Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Tucson Collaborative Community Care	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -
Total Grants Available by year		\$ 63,433.00	\$ 65,700.00	\$ 1,290,170.01	\$ 1,360,387.53	\$ 1,167,889.06

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Gabriella Cázares-Kelly, Recorder

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Wednesday, February 18, 2026

'Votemobile' to Launch for March 10 RTA Election

Pima County's Mobile Voting Unit is HERE! Designed to bring secure, convenient ballot access and reach underserved and remote communities across Pima County.

In our continuing efforts to make sure all voters have every opportunity to vote, the Votemobile will officially launch at a ribbon-cutting event at 9 am on Monday, March 2, at the Tohono Plaza, 1 Indian Route 19 in Sells (also known as *Bashas' Plaza*).

After the ceremony, the site will immediately operate as an active Ballot Replacement Site, allowing voters to securely receive and cast ballots for the March 10 Regional Transportation Authority Special Election.

The Votemobile is designed to meet the needs of voters and includes:

- Accessible voting device and wheelchair lift
- Three private voting booths
- Bipartisan staffing to ensure transparency, fairness and trust in the electoral process

After its debut, the Votemobile will continue serving voters at the following locations from 10 am to 3 pm:

- Wednesday, March 4 – Salazar-Ajo Library, 15 Plaza 179
- Thursday, March 5 – Sahuarita, La Villita Community Center, 71 W Sahuarita Rd
- Monday, March 9 – Nanini Library, 7300 N Shannon Road

At the end of each voting day, ballots cast at the Votemobile will be transported to our Ballot Processing Center using our standard chain-of-custody procedures that ensure integrity and security.

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The Votemobile will be available for voters who face barriers of geography, transportation or physical ability, and bring voting directly to communities where a traditional voting location is difficult to host. Between elections, the Votemobile will also serve as a Voter Registration and education vehicle.

"This has been a two-year project, and we couldn't be more excited. It has been one of my priorities to expand our services to communities that are traditionally underserved," said Pima County Recorder Gabriella Cázares-Kelly.

In addition to mobile voting services, voters are reminded that Early Voting, mail ballots and 24-hour Ballot Drop Boxes are also available for the RTA election, providing secure and convenient options for voters to return their ballots at any time, day or night.

This project was made possible by a grant from the Tohono O'odham Nation and in partnership with the Pima County Board of Supervisors, continuing their commitment to help expand voting access for communities throughout Pima County.

For more information, please visit recorder.pima.gov or call our Voter Line at (520) 724-4330.