

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 26th, 2026

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Chair Jennifer Allen
Pima County Supervisor for District 3 and Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors
33 N. Stone Ave, 11th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: **Resolution Opposing ICE Detention Center in Marana**

Dear Melissa,

Please add the following item to the agenda for the February 3rd, 2026 meeting of the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – XX, RESOLUTION OPPOSING ICE DETENTION CENTER IN MARANA

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN ICE DETENTION CENTER IN MARANA

WHEREAS Pima County recognizes the many positive contributions of our immigrant population to our community and we are committed to building a diverse, engaging, and prosperous community for all Pima County residents; and

WHEREAS it is our ethical and moral responsibility as County government to protect the welfare all residents and to be responsible stewards of our land and resources; and

WHEREAS immigrant detention centers have proven to have severe negative effects on the economy of the host community, including decreased median wages, reduced property values, depressed tourism, and lowered retail sales; and

WHEREAS operation of detention centers across the United States has resulted in increased activity by the Customs and Border Patrol (CPB) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) including the use of excessive force against community members, primarily targeting immigrants and people of color, and creating an unacceptable level of fear, preventing people from attending church, school, jobs, and other activities; and

WHEREAS frequent, ongoing protests across Pima County have demonstrated the deep resistance felt by the public for ICE presence in our communities; and

WHEREAS there are numerous reports and investigations into violations at the Management and Training Corporation's (MTC) prisons and detention centers for workplace safety and health violations, wage and hour violations, inadequate training of staff and staff misconduct, prisoner mistreatment and neglect, inadequate infrastructure and oversight, resulting in multiple fines and criminal prosecutions, creating a significant loss of public trust; and

WHEREAS private for-profit correctional and detention corporations are based outside Arizona, have no contract or agreement with the Town of Marana or Pima County, and are not subject to oversight by the Town, County, or State; and

WHEREAS unconstitutional, inhumane, and dangerous conditions in detention centers in Arizona and across the US have been documented, including medical neglect, physical and sexual abuse, threats and intimidation, excessive use of force and punitive solitary confinement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes an ICE detention facility in Marana, and directs the County Administrator to communicate to all relevant leaders and interests Pima County's opposition to the operation of any immigration

detention center in our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this ____ day of February, 2026.

Jennifer Allen, Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Attorney