

MEMORANDUM

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

Date: 4/28/2026

Re: Agenda Item for May 12, 2026 Meeting

From: Rex Scott
District 1 Supervisor
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Please place the following item on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting May 12, 2026.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RIO NUEVO

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING BY THE STATE OF ARIZONA OF THE RIO NUEVO TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT; AND DIRECTING TRANSMITTAL OF THIS RESOLUTION TO STATE LEADERS.

WHEREAS, the Rio Nuevo Tax Increment Finance District (“Rio Nuevo District”) was established by the Arizona Legislature to promote economic development, redevelopment, and revitalization in the Tucson area and approved by voters in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Nuevo District has, since its inception, facilitated substantial public and private investment in downtown Tucson and surrounding areas, resulting in job creation, increased tourism, enhanced cultural amenities, and a strengthened regional economy; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Nuevo District operates through a tax increment financing mechanism authorized by the State of Arizona, which reinvests a portion of state transaction privilege (sales) tax revenues generated within the district into further economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, projects supported by the Rio Nuevo District have contributed to increased property values, expanded business activity, and improved infrastructure, thereby benefiting residents of Pima County and the State of Arizona as a whole; and

WHEREAS, continued State authorization and funding of the Rio Nuevo District are critical to sustaining momentum in economic development, supporting local businesses, attracting new investment, and maintaining Tucson’s competitiveness as a regional economic and cultural hub; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Rio Nuevo District demonstrates the effectiveness of tax increment financing as a tool for targeted economic revitalization when accompanied by strong oversight and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of partnership among local governments, the State of Arizona, and economic development entities in advancing shared prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors, acknowledging the positive economic, cultural, and community impacts generated by the Rio Nuevo District, affirms its importance to the ongoing vitality of Pima County and hereby expresses its strong support for the continued authorization and funding by the State of Arizona of the Rio Nuevo Tax Increment Finance District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board urges the Arizona Legislature and the Governor to take all necessary actions to ensure the continuation and stability of the Rio Nuevo District’s funding mechanism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor of Arizona, members of the Arizona Legislature, the Rio Nuevo Multipurpose Facilities District Board, and other relevant stakeholders.

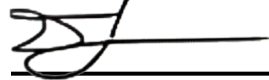
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the **Pima County Board of Supervisors** this **12th day of May, 2026**.

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Deputy County Attorney