



# MEMORANDUM

Date: September 27, 2022

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

From: Jan Leshner   
County Administrator

Re: **Pima County's Credit Ratings**

The County has received credit rating reviews by Fitch Ratings (Fitch) and S&P Global Ratings (Standard & Poor's) for the Certificates of Participation (COPs) and Sewer Revenue Obligations (SRO) that will be issued in November.

Pima County's conservative approach to debt management and aggressive debt retirement has once again been rewarded with both Fitch and Standard & Poor's affirming the current rating levels. Below is a recap of the current ratings for Pima County's COPs, General Obligation, Pledged Revenue Obligations, Street and Highway Bonds and Sewer Revenue Obligations:

Credit Ratings				
	Standard & Poor's		Fitch Ratings	
	Rating	Date	Rating	Date
Certificates of Participation (COPs)	AA-	September-2022	AA	September-2022
General Obligation	AA	September-2022	AAA	September-2022
Pledged Revenue Obligations	AA+	September-2022	AA+	September-2022
Street and Highway Revenue	AA	September-2022	AA	September-2022
Sewer Revenue Obligations	AA	September-2022	AA	September-2022

In their rating reports, the two firms spoke highly of the County's fiscal management and local economy. Here are some of the comments from the ratings reports released in September 2022.

- Standard & Poor's:
  - "Good management policies and practices support very strong credit quality." (S&P - COPs)
  - "Very strong liquidity..." (S&P - COPs)
  - Wastewater sewer "system benefits from the large liquidity position that provides a strong cushion, in our view, to absorb any potential financial stress..." (S&P - SRO)

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- Fitch's:
  - "Solid revenue growth prospects, strong expenditure controls, a low long-term debt liability burden, and superior operating performance." (*Fitch - COPS*)
  - "Fitch expects the county to continue to manage its resources prudently to maintain a strong financial cushion." (*Fitch - COPS*)
  - "Very strong financial profile..." (*Fitch - SRO*)

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#### Attachments

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Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer  
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator  
Ellen Moulton, Director, Finance and Risk Management  
Jackson Jenkins, Director, Regional Wastewater Reclamation  
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