MEMORANDUM

Date: December 23, 2019

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: **FY2019 Per Capital Debt Aggregated by Arizona County**

The Arizona Department of Administration annually produces an indebtedness report covering all of the taxing jurisdictions in the State.[1] The most recent report is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The report includes the following table that aggregates the debt of each of the taxing jurisdictions within a county, including the county, and cities, towns, school districts, and special districts within the county. It also shows statewide debt that includes state agencies, universities and other statewide districts.

FY2019 Per Capita Debt by County or State

County or State	Current Outstanding Principal	Current Per Capita Debt	Prior Year Outstanding Principal	Prior Per Capita Debt
Maricopa	$17,238,766,759	$4,014	$17,874,318,154	$4,234
Pima	$2,859,045,691	$2,764	$3,775,887,311	$3,680
Yuma	$509,782,282	$2,264	$519,064,698	$2,342
Santa Cruz	$104,160,036	$1,988	$109,412,999	$2,124
Yavapai	$453,350,987	$1,980	$484,405,120	$2,149
Mohave	$398,283,512	$1,870	$424,661,380	$2,024
State	$12,180,322,062	$1,721	$12,569,694,122	$1,804
Pinal	$750,723,261	$1,704	$727,477,698	$1,701
Coconino	$230,825,539	$1,586	$228,256,911	$1,584
Gila	$84,914,794	$1,545	$87,772,634	$1,597
La Paz	$31,767,332	$1,451	$30,031,330	$1,390
Graham	$48,429,634	$1,270	$52,670,530	$1,376
Navajo	$112,905,315	$1,001	$120,403,433	$1,082
Cochise	$120,972,271	$928	$109,940,238	$856
Apache	$19,774,896	$270	$22,521,551	$310
Greenlee	$1,552,117	$148	$1,604,174	$146
Grand Total	**$35,145,576,488**		**$37,138,122,283**	

[1] https://openbooks.az.gov/sites/default/files/FY2019%20Outstanding%20Indebtedness%20Report%20-%20Draft%20for%20Review%20-%20v7.pdf

The debt per capita for Maricopa County residents is 45 percent higher than that of Pima County residents.

The report also provides similar data for individual taxing jurisdictions. The table below shows the per capita debt for cities and towns in Pima County, as well as Pima County. The Town of Marana continues to have the highest per capita debt, while Pima County's is the lowest. Pima County's debt will continue to decline as we transition to pay-as-you-go funding for most capital improvements.

FY2019 Per Capita Debt in Pima County

Jurisdiction	Per Capital Debt
Marana	$1,707
Tucson	$1,502
South Tucson	$1,140
Sahuarita	$1,033
Oro Valley	$906
Pima County	$885

As I have previously indicated, our debt is being repaid rapidly. Based on the current analysis, as of June 30, 2019, our debt was approximately $845 million. As of June 30, 2020, six months from now, our debt will decrease to approximately $699 million (a 32 percent reduction), allowing the secondary property tax rate for debt service to decrease $0.18 cents.

The State report also discusses new debt. Of interest, as an aggregate of county, towns cities school districts and special districts, new debt increased by approximately $278 million in Pima County, but Maricopa County debt measured nearly 10 times or $2.3 billion. Of the total county and all jurisdiction new debt of $278 million, Pima County was responsible for approximately $67 million, which includes the issuance of lease purchases and revenue bonds. In Maricopa County, $422 million of their new debt was incurred through the Maricopa County Special Healthcare District.

Pima County's debt continues to be well managed and retired in a rapid timeframe.

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