



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 9, 2022

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

From: Jan Leshner 
Acting County Administrator

Re: **Resignation of Public Defender Joel Feinman**

Pima County's Public Defender Joel Feinman will be leaving on May 2, 2022. Mr. Feinman's selection as the Public Defender by County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on April 18, 2017.

Over this past five years, Mr. Feinman has been instrumental in ensuring that indigent individuals who rely on the Public Defense system have access to quality, timely and fair representation. He has been vigilant in his commitment to the unbiased application of the criminal justice system in Pima County and to advocating for clients and systemic criminal justice reform.

Mr. Dean Brault, Director of Public Defense Services, will be leading a team to identify Mr. Feinman's successor. It is anticipated that the recommendation will come to the Board of Supervisors on or before the April 19, 2022.

Mr. Feinman will be relocating to Victoria, British Columbia. Please join me in thanking Mr. Feinman for his service to Pima County and in wishing his family the very best.

JL/dym

c: Mark Napier, Assistant County Administrator
Dean Brault, Director, Public Defense Services