



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 25, 2014

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Information Related to Maricopa County Justice System Cost Increases**

Attached are two PowerPoint slides from Maricopa County related to their justice system. This information confirms much of what I have also indicated to the Board regarding our experience with cost increases in this area.

Our total cost of Indigent Defense in the County is now over \$30 million; in Maricopa County, it is \$116 million. Our cost increase last year was at least \$2 million; in Maricopa County, it was over \$15 million. Our largest area of increased expense was in juvenile dependency. Maricopa indicates their juvenile dependency cost increase was nearly \$6 million.

There is no relief in sight from these additional justice system costs.

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Attachment

c: Martin Willett, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Tom Burke, Director, Finance and Risk Management
Robert Johnson, Budget Manager, Finance and Risk Management

Public Defense System

- FY 2015 General Fund Operating Budget of \$116,440,373
- Significant caseload growth in nearly all areas of representation
- Operating budget increase primarily comprised of:
 - Dependency Representation (\$5.8M)
 - Parental Dependency
 - Juvenile Guardian ad Litem
 - Child Dependency
 - Adult Criminal Representation (\$9.4M)
 - Capital Representation
 - Capital Post-Conviction Relief
 - Probation Representation



Dependency

- Since FY 2007, the number of new annual dependency filings has increased by 124% through FY 2014
- Expenditures are budgeted to increase by \$5,792,212 in FY 2015

