Overview of Pima County Governmental Organization

The governmental and administrative affairs of Pima County are directed by a five-member Board of Supervisors with each member elected from a designated district to serve a four-year term. The chairperson, vice-chair and acting chair are selected by the Board from among its members. The other Pima County elected officials, often referred to as constitutional or row officers, are the Assessor, Clerk of the Superior Court, the Constables, County Attorney, Justices of the Peace, Recorder, Superintendent of Schools, Sheriff, and Treasurer. Presiding judges are appointed from appointed members of the judicial bench.

Reporting Relationships
Because of Arizona’s constitutional provisions and the requirements promulgated by Arizona Revised Statutes, the government of Pima County is organized to have a direct and indirect relationship with the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors has direct control over the County’s general government functions; Administration; Health and Community Services; Public Defense Services; and Public Works functions. These broad functions include the County’s internal governmental administrative/management activities; maintenance and construction of the County’s sewerage and sanitation infrastructures; County streets, roads, and bridges which comprise the County’s transportation infrastructure; natural resources, parks, community centers, recreational facilities, and libraries; community and workforce development, and public health and animal care. Indirect relationships are maintained with the elected officials.

Board of Supervisors
The Pima County Board of Supervisors is responsible for establishing the policies of the County that provide direction for the various departments and for appointing a County Administrator and the Clerk of the Board. The Board has the legal authority and responsibility to establish spending limits and approve the budgets of all County departments, including those of the elected officials. The Board also sets the amount of taxes to be levied in the County.

The members of the Board of Supervisors sit as the Air Quality Control District Board, Board of Deposit, Flood Control District Board, Library District Board, Rocking K South Community Facilities District Board, Stadium District Board, Zoning Enforcement Board of Appeals, and various Improvement District Boards. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors, or his/her designee, is a member of the Corrections Officer Retirement Board, County Attorney Investigators Local Retirement Board and the Public Safety Retirement Board. Members of the Board of Supervisors serve as appointees to the Board of Health and the Metropolitan Education Commission, and the incorporators of the Pima County, Arizona Municipal Property Corporation. The Board of Supervisors is represented on the Metropolitan Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau (Visit Tucson), the Pima Association of Governments/Regional Transportation Authority and Sun Corridor.

County Administrator
Pima County’s chief appointed official is the County Administrator who serves at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors and reports directly to the Board. With the exception of certain duties of elected officials’ departments, the County Administrator has direct responsibility for the oversight and operation of all County government functions in the areas of County Administration, Health and Community Services, Public Defense Services, and Public Works.
The County Administrator implements Board policy and has the responsibility for developing the annual County Budget and submitting a recommended budget to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. Subsequent to public hearings and Board approval, the County Administrator also complies and publishes the Adopted Budget.

SERVICES
Pima County governmental services are organized into the following five functional areas:

Administration/Central Services
- Assessor
- Clerk of the Board
- Communications Office
- County Administrator
- County Budget
- Economic Development
- Elections
- Facilities Management
- Finance and Risk Management
- Fleet Services
- Human Resources
- Improvement Districts
- Information Technology
- Pima County Public Library
- Policies, Ordinances and Procedures
- Procurement
- Property Taxes
- Recorder
- School Superintendent
- Treasurer

Health and Community Services
- Attractions and Tourism
- Behavioral Health
- Community and Workforce Development

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Health Department
Medical Examiner
Office of Emergency Management
Pima Animal Care Center
Pima County Wireless Integrated Network (PCWIN)
Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Justice and Law Enforcement

Clerk of the Superior Court
Constables
County Attorney
Justice Court Ajo
Justice Court Green Valley
Justice Courts Tucson
Juvenile Court
Safety + Justice Challenge Grant
Sheriff
Law Enforcement Agencies
Superior Court

Public Defense Services

Public Defense Services Home
Legal Advocate
Legal Defender
Mental Health Defender
Office of Children's Counsel
Office of Court Appointed Counsel
Public Defender
Public Fiduciary

Public Works

Development Services
Environmental Quality

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