

## **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](#)

[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](#)

[Flood Control](#)

[Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation](#)

[Office of Sustainability and Conservation](#)

[Project Management Office](#)

[Public Works Administration](#)

[Real Property Services \(Real Estate\)](#)

[Stadium District - Kino Sports Complex](#)

[The Loop](#)

[Transportation](#)

[Wastewater Reclamation](#)