



# TERM IN REVIEW



As we come to the end of 2024 and our first term in office, I want to thank our amazing D5 community for your support and trust. When joining the Pima County Board of Supervisors in January 2021, alongside a coalition representing education, labor, environmental organizations, non-profits, and others, our office began to create and implement the Somos D5 Strategic Plan, which has guided our work. It has been incredibly rewarding to recognize the impact of our plan, in collaboration with our community, my colleagues on the Board, and Pima County staff who

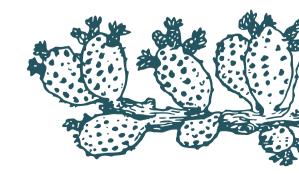


are all committed to protecting and enhancing our beautiful environment and unique cultural heritage while finding innovative ways to support our community and its needs.

We have preserved and protected our Sonoran Desert and its valuable riparian habitat, developed other protections and strategies for clean air and clean water, and promoted measures to slow and mitigate the negative forces of climate change. We have elevated and amplified Indigenous voices and partnerships, developed affordable housing, and created and funded quality early childhood education. We championed protections and policies that provide our community with programs to improve mental health, broaden access to healthcare, and expand critical public services. Our past four years demonstrate that government can do great work through collaboration, perseverance, and ganas. We look forward to our continued partnership in the years to come.

Mil gracias,





## LOOKING BACK



Adelita Grijalva is the first Latina elected to the Pima County Board of Supervisors and served in leadership roles for all four years of her first term (Vice Chair in 2021-2022 and Chair 2023-2024). Chair Grijalva has been a strong advocate for the needs of Pima County and has championed working with coalitions to address the major issue areas facing our community, including housing people can afford, public education, environmental quality and climate resiliency, and healthy and safe communities.

### Under her leadership, some of Pima County's most significant accomplishments include:

- Prioritizing health, safety, access to resources and community engagement for all Pima County residents through policy, including prioritizing affordable housing through the establishment of dedicated funding, the expenditure of millions of dollars in federal recovery funds, expanding broadband network access, establishment of tenant assistance and eviction prevention legal services programs, removing barriers to voting through creation of vote centers, and pursuing resolutions and ordinances on firearms regulations and on limiting tobacco use and vaping.
- Strengthening Pima County's stance on climate change and associated environmental concerns, recognizing the need to preserve and enhance our community through the development of water conservation, wildlife and riparian protections, policy changes to accommodate sustainable practices and the acquisition for protection of sensitive lands and important open space. Recognizing the reality of extreme weather conditions and droughts, and continuing to oppose further destruction or damage to our natural environment by harmful practices like mining, destructive development, and pollutants-emitting industry.

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- Partnerships have allowed for opportunities through shared funding with community and government organizations. Improving and expanding the collaboration with the City of Tucson, and other municipalities, gave Pima County the ability to address regional issues and resolve and manage extreme challenges, including the fentanyl and opioid crisis, an unprecedented number of asylum seekers, the rise of region-wide homelessness and the Covid-19 pandemic and recovery.
- Promoting Pima County as the employer of choice by improved benefits and compensation, enhancing and strengthening Pima County policies and practices, employee health and safety protections and regular public recognition of employee contributions, as well as highlighting exemplary employees in Pima County.



## **PRIORITIES**

**EDUCATION** 



HEALTHY & SAFE COMMUNITIES

HOUSING THAT PEOPLE CAN AFFORD

PIMA COUNTY AS A CHOICE EMPLOYER

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COLLABORATION



## **NEXT STEPS**

Where do we go from here?



#### Sign up for our newsletter

Visit www.adelitasgrijalva.com to sign up for our newsletter.

#### **Action or commitment**

Volunteer with us at events, mutual aid efforts, and more!

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### **ABOUT ADELITA**

Adelita Grijalva, Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors and District 5 Supervisor, was the first Latina elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2020 and the first Latina, and only the 2nd women, to serve as Chair. She is a native Tucsonan, educated through public schools, and has served in elected office for nearly 24 years, with 20 of those as a Governing Board Member for the Tucson Unified School District, Southern Arizona's largest public school system.

Adelita is a strong advocate for the needs of Pima County and has

championed working with coalitions to address the biggest issues facing our community, including housing people can afford, public education, environmental quality and climate resiliency, and healthy and safe communities. She is proud that organizations dedicated to diversity, inclusion, education, and equity for all have supported her throughout her career.

Adelita worked at a non-profit organization for 26 years before joining Pima County and was dedicated to helping court-involved youth and their families through a juvenile court diversion program. She believes strongly that private and public partnerships can bring



positive change in our community. Adelita currently serves on the YWCA of Southern Arizona Board of Directors, the Parent Advisory Board for Mariachi Aztlán de Pueblo High School, the Visit Tucson Board of Directors and the Pima County Board of Health.

Adelita is currently serving her first term on the Pima County Board of Supervisors and lives in Tucson with her husband Sol and their three children, Adelina, Raúl and Joaquín. She is the proud daughter of Congressman Raúl Grijalva.

### **THE D5 TEAM**



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