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From the Desk of Jan Leshar, Pima County Administrator

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Dispute with think tank over World View development agreement comes to an end with

new lease

The Board of Supervisors approved a new lease with aerospace firm World View Jan. 10, ending lengthy litigation begun in 2016 after the County signed an agreement designed to keep the growing company in the region. The new lease keeps the high-wage employer in the Aerospace Research Campus south of Raytheon where it will soon be joined by American Battery Factory, which plans to build a \$1 billion lithium battery manufacturing facility. The World View lease is structured similarly to the American Battery lease, which the Board approved last month. Both leases reflect the settled legal issues of the World View lawsuit.

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You checked out 1 million digital books from County library last year

Pima County Public Library reached a record-breaking 1 million digital book checkouts in 2022. This milestone illustrates the continued growth and importance of library lending of ebooks, audiobooks and other digital content as well as the library's success in serving all members of the community. Pima County Public Library is #51 of all stand-alone public libraries, one of 129 public library systems worldwide, and second in Arizona that surpassed 1 million digital checkouts last calendar year.

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Diversity makes the County better

Seven in 10 County employees surveyed on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives said that recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce makes Pima County a better workplace. The County conducted the survey from Sept. 2 to Nov. 16. Employees also gave the County good scores on other key indicators for an inclusive work environment: 66% of respondents felt respected by their colleagues, while more than 70% said they expect to be working for the County for the next two years. We hired our first DEI Program Manager last year and we will continue to work diligently to make sure the County's workforce reflects the community it serves.

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