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## UNDER THE DOME

The Pima County Administrator's Newsletter 

*From the Desk of Jan Lesher, Pima County Administrator*

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### County accepts \$1 million EPA grant to reduce pollution

The Board of Supervisors at its Sept. 5 meeting accepted a \$1 million [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant](#) from the Environmental Protection Agency. By providing \$250,000 per year over four years, this grant will help the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality develop plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution.

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### Open house marks Transition Center progress

On Thursday, Sept. 7, I joined District 1 Supervisor Rex Scott and representatives from numerous other County departments and agencies at a celebration for the opening of the Transition Center at the Pima County Jail. The Center, operated by the County's Justice

Services Department, aims to reduce recidivism by connecting people being released from the jail with support services such as addiction treatment, transitional housing, and employment assistance.

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## Credit reports for Pima County cite strong economy, sound financial management

In preparation for planned issuances of Certificates of Participation and Sewer Revenue Obligations in October, the County obtained credit reports from Fitch Ratings and S&P Global Ratings. The reports reflected positively on local economic conditions, noting a strong housing market, low unemployment, and substantial new corporate investment. The reports also reflected positively on the County's financial management, noting conservative budget practices and ample General Fund reserves. High financial ratings result in low interest rates on borrowed funds.

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## JobPath celebrates 25th Anniversary

Board of Supervisors Chair Adelita Grijalva will be one of the featured speakers at JobPath's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary breakfast later this month. The County is a major supporter of JobPath, which is a "workforce development and advocacy agency that helps adult students succeed in job-training programs and start meaningful and lucrative careers." Workforce development is one of the primary objectives of the County's Economic Development Plan.

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