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The Pima County Administrator's Newsletter

From the Desk of Jan Lesher, Pima County Administrator

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Bronson retirement closes a chapter in Pima County history

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to accept the resignation of District 3 Supervisor Sharon Bronson, who resigned after being injured due to a fall. Bronson's resignation marks the end of a historic career on the Board. She was the longest-serving supervisor in Pima County's history and the first woman to ever serve as chair. She also spent more time as chair than any other supervisor. The Board is expected to appoint someone to the vacant seat at its December 19 meeting.

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Chair Grijalva visits DC for meetings with lawmakers, Biden Administration officials

Board Chair Adelita Grijalva visited Washington D.C. last week to meet with members of Congress and senior officials in the Biden Administration to advocate for urgent federal action on key Pima County priorities. Most urgent among these is a requested extension of the FEMA funding that has allowed the Southwest Border Coalition to shelter asylum seekers at Pima County facilities, averting a humanitarian crisis on Tucson's streets.

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Board approves \$100K contract for rural food bank services in Marana area

The Board of Supervisors approved a \$100,000 contract with the Sahuarita Food Bank, doing business as the Marana Food Bank & Community Resource Center, to provide nutritional foods and educational resources for Pima County residents in the Marana and surrounding rural areas. The contract is funded by the General Fund. The new food bank will primarily benefit vulnerable populations and seniors. It will be required to document its activities in monthly reports.

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Introducing the Conservation Lands & Resources Department

A transition team has been formed to establish a Conservation Lands & Resources Department. This new County department will absorb conservation and sustainability functions currently performed by a range of existing departments, including Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation, the Office of Sustainability and Conservation, and the Pima County Departmental Quality. The County is a national leader in ecological, environmental, historical, and cultural conservation. All those efforts will now be managed in one department.

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