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### Aug. 26 PickPima: Celebrating small businesses with awards, new funding and more

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## Nominations open for Small Business of the Year Awards

The Pima County Small Business Commission is accepting nominations through Sept. 20 for its 2024 Small Business of the Year Awards. The Commission will present one award in each of the categories: Urban, Rural and Nonprofit. Winners are honored each year at a meeting of the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

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# Federal rules require business compliance or fines are possible

To curb illicit finance and protect U.S. national security, many companies doing business in the United States are required to report information by the end of the year to the federal government about their beneficial owners—in other words, the real people who ultimately own or control them.

Filing is quick, secure, and free, and most companies should be able to report without the help of an accountant or lawyer.





### New funding support available for small businesses



Community Investment Corporation (CIC), one of Southern Arizona's pioneering alternative lenders, is partnering with Groundswell Capital, Arizona's first green bank, as part of the recently launched Arizona Microbusiness Loan Program. The \$5 million initiative was launched by Governor Katie Hobbs in partnership with the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity.

CIC has already begun issuing loans to small businesses through this initiative, and Groundswell Capital's loan programs are expected to launch in late 2024.



#### SBC Profile: Meet Gabrielle David

The Pima County Small Business Commission (SBC) was created in 2003 to advise the Board of Supervisors on current and proposed County policies affecting small business. It also helps facilitate communication between the County and small businesses by providing a forum for issues to be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors.

We will be featuring each of the Small Business Commissioners in our newsletter. This month, meet Gabrielle David, an appointee of District 3 Supervisor Sylvia Lee.





## Hot dog! Pima County honors El Güero Canelo for partnership



For many Tucson residents, <u>El Güero Canelo</u> is synonymous with the Sonoran dog. Yet, throughout much of this year, the well-known Mexican restaurants have been highlighting a different type of dog.

When the Pima County Communications Office and Pima Animal Care Center began work on their joint Spanish-language campaign in late 2023, one of the biggest unanswered questions was how to build trust in a community that had traditionally been underserved in terms of pet resources. So they found

a partner that was already beloved by the people.



### **Food safety forums this week**

Pima County Consumer Health and Food Safety Division will be holding two community forums about food safety at temporary events on Aug. 29.

At the forum they will discuss how to apply for the different types of permits and guidelines for food booths. Refresh your memory on what an event coordinator or food vendor needs

to know to safely run a food booth. Plus, learn the difference between temporary/seasonal events and mobile food permits.

The forums will be held Aug. 29 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at the Abrams Public Health Center at 3950 S. Country Club Road in rooms 1106 and 1108.



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