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## Jan.30 Issue of "Under the Dome" – a newsletter from Pima County Administrator Jan Leshner

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# UNDER THE DOME

The Pima County Administrator's Newsletter 

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

*Jan. 30, 2025*

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## Housing Opportunities progress

I was pleased to forward to the Board of Supervisors the annual report from the director of the Office of Housing Opportunities and Homeless Solutions, which notes significant progress made in creating more housing opportunities for County residents and reducing the incidence of homelessness. Among the reports highlights were homelessness is down in Pima County despite being up in Arizona and the country; the County's housing gap funding helped leverage more than \$440 million in housing construction investment, adding more than 1,100 new housing units in the community; built the ministerial foundations and data capture framework needed to identify trends and problems and deploy the correct resources for success.

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# County tackling dangers related to the Wildland-Urban Interface

The devastating wildfires in Southern California have raised awareness to the dangers of climate-change driven wildfire in metro areas that border less-dense, rural or open space regions called the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). The County is taking a wholistic approach to addressing the dangers through multi-department review of County policies, programs, and initiatives led by the Climate Action Executive Committee. The director of the Conservation Lands and Resources Department submitted a report that summarizes all actions taken so far and outlines next steps to reduce the likelihood of wildfire events like those occurring in Los Angeles.

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## Pima County seeking public input to guide county development

Pima County's [Development Services Department](#) is preparing to publish the 2025 update to the County's Comprehensive Plan, [Pima Prospers](#). The plan is the 10-year comprehensive land-use document that provides guidance and policies for continued development in Pima County. State law requires the plan be updated every 10 years.

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## Pima County recognized as a national Digital Inclusion Trailblazer

Pima County's Office of Digital Inclusion (ODI) has been honored as a Visionary Digital Inclusion Trailblazer by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA). Established in August 2023, ODI is one of 60 municipal, county, and regional governments recognized by NDIA as Trailblazers for leading efforts to create digitally inclusive communities. Only 36 of the 60 received the more prestigious "Visionary" status.

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