

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **ORGANIZATION**

The governmental and administrative affairs of Pima County are directed by a five-member Board of Supervisors with each member elected from a designated district to serve a four-year term. The chairperson is selected by the Board from among its members. Other elected officials, often referred to as *constitutional officers*, are the Assessor, Clerk of the Superior Court, the Constables, County Attorney, Recorder, School Superintendent, Sheriff, and Treasurer. Presiding judges are appointed from elected members of the judicial bench.

### **REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS**

Because of Arizona's constitutional provisions and the requirements promulgated by Arizona Revised Statutes, the government of Pima County is organized to have a direct and indirect relationship with the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors has direct control over the County's general government functions; community services; indigent defense; medical, health, and welfare services; and public works functions. These broad functions include the County's internal governmental administrative/management activities; maintenance and construction of the County's sewerage and sanitation infrastructures; County streets, roads, and bridges which comprise the County's transportation infrastructure; natural resources, parks, community centers, recreational facilities and libraries (in cooperation with the city of Tucson); and Kino Community Hospital and numerous clinics. Indirect relationships are maintained with the elected officials.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Pima County Board of Supervisors is responsible for establishing the policies of the County that provide direction for the various departments and for appointing a County Administrator. The Board has the legal authority and responsibility to establish spending limits and approve the budgets of all County departments, including those of the elected officials. The Board also sets the amount of taxes to be levied in the County.

The members of the Board of Supervisors also sit as other boards such as the Flood Control District Board, Free Library District Board, Stadium District Board, Board of Deposit, Kino Community Hospital Governing Board, and the boards of the Improvement Districts. The Board is also the governing body of the County Municipal Property Corporation and the Tucson Airport Area Enterprise Zone Commission, and appoints the directors of those entities.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Pima County's chief appointed official is the County Administrator who serves at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. The County Administrator reports directly to the Board. With the exception of certain duties of elected officials' departments, the County Administrator has direct responsibility for the oversight and operation of all County government functions in the areas of County Administration, Community Resources, Justice and Law Enforcement, Medical Services, and Public Works.

The County Administrator implements Board policy and has the responsibility for developing the annual County budget and submitting a recommended budget to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. Subsequent to public hearings and Board approval, the County Administrator also compiles and publishes the Adopted Budget.