



## 2020 County Government Platform

Approved by Board of Directors November 19, 2019

### Fiscal Measures

1. **County Elected Official Salary Adjustment** – Apply a flat salary increase of \$12,000 to all county elected officials in A.R.S 11-419 and 12-281 (Attorneys, Assessors, Clerks of Superior Court, Recorders, School Superintendents, Sheriffs, Supervisors, and Treasurers), effective after the next election. **\*\*No state general fund impact\*\***
2. **Adult Jail Education Funding** - Increase funding for adult education programs in county jail, especially for those students between 18 and 21.
3. **Diversion Funding** – Seek \$17 million for diversion and Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison (DTAP) funding.

### Efficiency Measures

4. **Ballot-by-Mail** – Allow, not require, the county to send out all ballots by mail to potentially defray costs and improve efficiencies of conducting physical polling place elections.
5. **Election Omnibus** –
  - General clean-up to eliminate outdated and antiquated processes in election administration;
  - During the 2019 legislative session, the Primary date was moved along with relevant related dates. A few dates were missed and need to be updated to conform;
  - Allow the 20% random sample for party recognition procedures to apply to all levels (currently only at the state level);
  - Create parity by including candidates for school districts, community college districts, or joint technical education districts who were inadvertently left off the list of exceptions for the newly created Statement of Interest in SB1451 last year;
  - Allow counties to mail ballots using a bulk non-profit rate if they choose.
6. **Remove Presidential Elector Names from Ballot** – Remove the list of presidential electors that appears on the General Election ballot, therefore shortening the length of the ballot.
7. **Ballot Replacement Site** – Amend statute to allow the Recorder to make ballot replacement centers available at their discretion.
8. **Early Vote Centers** – Allow early voting to occur the three days prior to election date, as long as the precinct registrars and other election materials are revised for use on the election day to indicate who voted early.

**9. Expanded Settings for County Detention Officers Serving Warrants** – Expand the settings in which a county detention officer may execute an arrest warrant outside of the jail facility to include a hospital and courtroom under specified circumstances.

**10. School Superintendent Omnibus** –

- Provide an option for a 5-member school board, to go back down to three if needed;
- Establish a one-year residency requirement for community college and CTED board members to match the requirement that other governing board members have;
- Eliminate the requirement that Annual Financial Reports (AFR) are provided to the County School Superintendent since they are now available online.

**11. Data Sharing: ADE with County School Superintendents** – Require ADE to provide County School Superintendents with access to certain data maintained by ADE.

**12. Short-Term Rental Commercial Definition** – Establish a commercial definition of short-term vacation rentals to provide clear guidance for assessors to equitably and accurately classify these types of properties.

**13. Personal Property Tax Exemptions** – Refer to voters a constitutional change to re-authorize the veteran's personal property tax exemption after it was struck down in 1989 because it had a residency requirement. The exemption includes low-income qualifications.

## **Public Safety/Criminal Justice Measures**

**14. Class 6 Open Felonies** – A follow up to HB1221 from last year so that class 6 undesignated felonies would still be treated as misdemeanors yet:

- For probationary purposes, the probationary term would be treated and counted as felony probation
- While on probation, the probationer would be legally prohibited from possessing a firearm

**15. Incompetent and Non-Restorable** – Establishes a procedure to deal with those persons found to pose a threat to public safety as concluded by a psychological evaluation conducted by a mental health professional and incapable of restoration to competency for standing trial for charges of criminal offenses.

**16. Sex Offender Registration** – Clarify statute to reflect a recent court decision affirming the responsibility of a transient person who is a registered sex offender to report their current address and any changes in address with the appropriate party.