



## 2022 County Government Platform

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### Fiscal Measures

1. **American Disabled Vet Exemption** – Refer to voters a constitutional change to re-authorize the veteran’s property tax exemption after it was struck down in 1989 because it had a residency requirement. The exemption includes low-income qualifications.
2. **Diversions Funding** – Create a 3-year, statewide pilot program for diversion programs in all 15 counties. The program will require approximately \$11 million each year for the three years.
3. **Accommodation School Mileage Funding** – Allow accommodation schools to claim mileage from prior year due to forced COVID-19 shutdowns and requiring students to work from home.
4. **Tuition Consistency** – Create consistency in tuition formulas between school districts.
5. **Adult Jail Education Funding** – Increase funding for the education of young adults in the jail system who do not have a GED or high school diploma.
6. **Search & Rescue Funding** – Increase funding for Search & Rescue operations throughout Arizona. Amount to be determined.

### Efficiency Measures

7. **Title 28/42 Cleanup**
  - a. **Electronic Notice of Claim** – Modify statute to allow for the electronic submission of notice of claims.
  - b. **Remove In-Person Requirement to Claim Exemption**– Modify statute to remove the requirement that a person claiming property tax exemption appear in person and allow for alternatives.
  - c. **Clarification of Responsibilities** – Clarify statute related to the responsibilities of the Treasurer and Assessor in highway properties fund Title 28.
  - d. **Shopping Center Valuations** – Eliminate the Straight Line Building Residual (SLBR) valuation method from shopping center statutes.

## 8. Election Omnibus

- a. **General Cleanup** – Various clarifications to election statute.
- b. **Date Change (180 to 210)** – Modify dates that conflict with current candidate filing dates.
- c. **Equal Signatures** – Allow all filing offices to utilize the electronic signature filing system.
- d. **Write In Candidates** – Align the filing deadline for all write-in candidates.
- e. **Address Confidentiality Program Cleanup** – Clarify the procedure for processing participants in the program.
- f. **Confidentiality Notices** – Update statute related to public records redaction to streamline process.
- g. **ERIC Notices** – Allow counties to use ERIC reports as a first notice that a person has moved.

## 9. Title 11 Cleanup

- a. **Certified Copies** – Strike “copies of the original” from the recordable documents.
- b. **Lien Release Fees** – Clarify that there are no lien filing charges related to restitution, racketeering and child support.

**10. Early Voting Open Weekend Prior** – Allow early voting centers to remain open for three days before the election.

**11. Third Party Disclosure** – Require any external organization that mails or emails official documentation or applications from the County Recorder or Secretary of State that assists with voter registration, requesting an absentee ballot, or other election processes to include a disclosure that indicates they are not a representative of that government agency.

**12. Lien Expiration Cleanup** – Modify statute related to the tax lien expiration process to streamline the process, eliminate the uncertainty of the last-minute notice of intent to foreclose and ensure that no lien can live more than 10 years.

**13. School District Fiscal Review** – Require school districts to submit their plans to correct fiscal management issues to the County Treasurer and County School Superintendent for review.

**14. Gross Mismanagement Definition** – Create a definition of “fiscal mismanagement” in statute.

**15. Rule B Residential Exception** – Clarify that a change in property class (3 to 4 or vice versa) is not a change in use and thus a reassessment is not triggered.

**16. Short Term Rental Tax Parity** – Create equity between short-term vacation rental properties and hotels in terms of how they are classified and valued.

## Public Safety/Criminal Justice Measures

17. **Drug Homicide** – Adds a drug homicide statute that says that one is responsible for the death of an individual during the conduct of trafficking drugs.
18. **Dangerous, 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.
19. **Preemptory Challenges** – Modify statute to allow preemptory challenges a part of the criminal civil jury selection process. This will override temporary rule changes that provide judges with complete control of jury selection.
20. **Remove Spousal Liability** – Repeal statute making a widowed spouse of a Sheriff criminally liable for any actions they took before their death.
21. **Detention Officer Pay** – Increase the pay range for detention officers to remain competitive with other law enforcement agencies.