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MEMORANDUM

TO: C.H. Huckelberry
Pima County Administrator

CC: Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Barbara LaWall *BL*
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DATE: January 13, 2020

RE: FY 2020/21 Proposed Budget

I hereby submit the Fiscal Year 2020/21 proposed budget which is my final budget submission for the Pima County Attorney's Office. After more than four decades as a prosecutor, and nearly twenty-four years as the elected County Attorney, I will retire at the end of my 6th term on December 31, 2020.

First, I want to acknowledge all the dedicated women and men in my Office with whom I have worked over the years. Working for more than four decades alongside an incredibly talented group of professionals, including all of law enforcement, to deliver justice to the people of Pima County has been a richly rewarding experience. I feel very privileged to have been a part of such an incredibly committed and dedicated team.

I am extremely proud of the many innovative crime prevention, diversion, and public outreach programs we have created and implemented. Fighting for justice for victims of crime, being the voice for the vulnerable and voiceless, pursuing an unwavering commitment to public safety by holding accountable those who commit crimes and harm, threaten, and endanger others, while simultaneously being fiscally responsible and saving the County significant dollars are the hallmarks of my time in this Office. I am profoundly proud of my legacy.

I have had the privilege of working with many diverse members of the Board of Supervisors over the years and our combined actions working together and the support they have shown has benefited those we strive to serve each and every day. We have pursued and funded those initiatives that improve the health and safety of this community. Knowing our County Administrator's willingness to listen, explore, and fund resources necessary to implement change also provides for open discussion necessary to effectuate such change.

Our combined creativity and willingness to work through funding and operational issues demonstrates our collective commitment to the people of Pima County.

In developing my proposed FY 2020/21 budget, I have identified the resources necessary to continue to achieve the mission of my Office, which is to pursue justice, prosecute criminals, and protect this community. To achieve this mission, we provide services to victims of crime, protect the safety of those victims and the community at large by prosecuting those who have committed crimes that harm and endanger them – targeting for prison sentences those who are violent and dangerous, as well as repetitive, chronic, and habitual offenders.

We have successfully sought and funded new and innovative alternatives to incarceration for others with significant non-general fund grant monies, including treatment for those who are mentally ill and drug addicted. We also provide outstanding highly cost-effective civil legal services to enhance ethical, effective, and efficient county government.

Collaborative efforts with local, state and federal law enforcement, courts, and county administration over the past several years have reinforced the culture of ongoing and continuous improvement and the importance of embracing and implementing innovations in our criminal justice system.

Criminal Justice Reform Measures

Criminal Justice Reform measures are at the forefront both nationally and locally. I take great pride in the fact that my Office has been a leader locally, statewide and nationally in criminal justice reform for decades. I have been sought out as a leader and trainer to present on our leading edge criminal justice programs both statewide and nationally.

Under my leadership, this Office has originated, created and implemented numerous innovative and creative criminal justice improvements, including the first Pima County Drug Court, the Bad Check Program, the Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison Program (DTAP), the Community Justice Board Program, the SMART Program, the CARGO and Lock-Up-Your-Gun Program, the Arizona Amber Alert, the Safe Baby Haven, the Courthouse Dog program, as well as numerous Adult and Misdemeanor Diversion Programs. We continue to regularly suggest, promote, and implement significant innovative criminal justice improvements.

My budget transmittal last January detailed six separate Alternatives to Incarceration Programs including: Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison