

## Key Policy Actions and Board Items: 2021

### **January 5, 2021:**

- Appointment of Supervisor Grijalva as Vice Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors

### **February 2, 2021:**

- [Item](#) on the agenda to strike the word “alien” where it appeared in two places in the Pima County Code, and replace it with “person” in reference to those who are undocumented. This required a process resulting in the county staff bringing back a Code Text Amendment for final Board of Supervisors approval

### **February 16, 2021**

- Formal adoption of a [Pima Early Education Program \(PEEPs\)](#) and allocating \$10 million in the next fiscal year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) for it, including children up to age 5
- [Update](#) from the Pima County Administration on its progress in acting on the previous Board of Supervisors’ December 2020 “Declaration of Racial and Ethnic Health Inequities as a Public Health Crisis”
- [Report](#) for the Board of Supervisors on data on the percentage of residents who received COVID-19 vaccinations by age, gender, race, ethnicity, and location of residence

### **March 16, 2021**

- Direction to create an [Emergency Eviction Legal Services](#) program to help people avoid eviction
- [Renaming](#) of the El Pueblo Library for the late Frank de la Cruz, a beloved longtime librarian whose last years of service were at that library

### **May 4, 2021**

- Placement of the [PEEPs program](#), providing early education for children from low-income families in the 2021-2022 Pima County Budget at \$10 million, with an initial 23 public school classrooms
- [Resolution](#) acknowledging the need for broadband high-speed internet access for all Pima County residents

### **July 6, 2021**

- Request for a [report](#) from county staff on local efforts to control and clean groundwater contamination by PFAs, per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, and the roles that the Pima County Departments of Environmental Quality and Health are playing
- Discussion on the creation and operation of [summer cooling centers](#) for people with inadequate home cooling and for the unhoused

### **September 7, 2021**

- Advocating for the adoption of a [\\$15 an hour minimum wage](#), order to boost the local economy and to be in accord with the City of Tucson if its voters approved such a wage for within the city limits on its November 2021 ballot, leading to the adoption of a \$15 an hour minimum wage for Pima County employees

**December 7, 2021**

- [Request](#) for staff research in detail issues associated with the effort of New Jersey-based Becton Dickinson and Company to build and operate a medical equipment sterilization plant in Tucson that uses toxic and highly carcinogenic ethylene chloride and emits it into the ambient air. The plant would need an Air Pollution Permit from the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality. The company later abandoned its plans for the Tucson plant.