# **Biography for Adelita S. Grijalva**

Adelita Grijalva is a native Tucsonan, educated through the Tucson Unified School District and the University of Arizona. She is committed to improving the quality of life for our Pima County community. Adelita was elected in November 2020 to the Pima County Board of Supervisors in District 5 to a four-year term. She is the first Latina elected to this position and in 2023, she made history once again, as the first Latina Chair for the Board of Supervisors.

Adelita served on the TUSD Governing for 20 years and shares the honor of being the longest-serving TUSD board member with only one other person. She also served as the Director of Pima County Teen Court, a non-profit Juvenile Court diversion program, for more than 25 years before beginning her service as a Pima County Supervisor. That position helped her to understand that collaborations and coalitions that involve non-profit, business and government can bring about the best benefit. Adelita serves as a volunteer board member for the YWCA of Southern Arizona.

As Chair, Adelita makes a strong commitment to working with community to create a coalition to address the biggest issues facing Pima County, including but not limited to: housing people can afford, education, climate, and water resiliency, and healthy and safe communities

Adelita is proud that organizations dedicated to diversity, inclusion, education and equity for all have supported her throughout her career.

Adelita lives in Tucson with her husband Sol and their three children, Adelina, Raúl and Joaquín.