

## **2023 CSA Outcome Report**

### **2023 CSA Coalition Priorities for Consideration**

#### **Resolution 1-22: Supporting the State-County Partnership**

- CSA declares its commitment to providing high-quality analysis to inform state leaders' deliberations of proposed policies that impact county operations, responsiveness to constituents, and limited local resources, and
- CSA respectfully requests state law-makers partner and collaborate with county officials regarding pending legislation in order to promote efficient, high-quality state-mandated services at the regional level.

#### **Resolution 2-22: Increase Transportation Investment**

CSA urges the Governor and Arizona State Legislature to:

- Coordinate the drawn-down of federal resources, including providing matching funds for local projects, and
- Identify and implement a long-term funding solution for statewide transportation needs, including establishing fuel tax parity with alternative fuel vehicles and
- Allocate any additional one-time resources using existing distribution mechanisms for transportation funding, and
- Oppose the reduction or diversion of existing transportation revenues.

#### **Resolution 3-22: Expand Access to Broadband**

CSA urges the Governor and Arizona State Legislature to:

- Continue to provide state leadership that coordinates broadband efforts across state, local and tribal government and ensures the most effective use of resources, and
- Provide support, including matching funds, for local governments to access federal funds to expand broadband coverage to underserved communities.

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### Resolution 4-22: Protect Investments in Public Safety Pensions

- Urges the PSPRS Board of Trustees to complete the phase-in of a debt repayment schedule that properly funds the System by balancing short-term costs with long-term benefits, **AND MAINTAIN THE TARGET FUNDING FOR ALL PLANS TO THE PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE BENEFITS** and
  - Urges the PSPRS Board of Trustees to continue utilizing the Advisory Committee to perform data driven analysis of proposed changes with all system stakeholders, and
- Respectfully requests the Arizona State Legislature and Governor exercise restraint in enacting policies that increase costs or reduce contributions into the system without a clear, measurable benefit to taxpayers **AND PROTECT THE CURRENT STRUCTURE CREATED THROUGH PENSION REFORM TO CONTROL COSTS, SPECIFICALLY THE 50/50 CONTRIBUTION SHARING AND THE REQUIREMENT TO FULLY FUND ANY NEW BENEFITS WHEN ENACTED.**

### Address Challenges in Probation Funding

- CSA urges lawmakers and the Administrative Office of the Courts to continue evaluating solutions to ensure that the state probation function is properly resourced.

### Eliminate Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) Cost Shift

- CSA urges the Governor and Arizona State Legislature to permanently eliminate the county payments to the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections for all 15 counties.

### Reauthorize Flexibility Language

Ensure the continued inclusion of “Flexibility Language” in the State Budget.

## 2023 CSA Adopted County Submitted Proposals

**Mental Health Evaluation Modifications:** Update the requirements in A.R.S. 36-501 (12)(a)(i) to require a minimum of one mental healthcare provider to evaluate an individual undergoing a voluntary or court-ordered mental health evaluation.

**School District Legal Representation:** Make the requirement for the county attorney to provide legal services to school districts and community colleges permissive based on availability of staff and provided there is not a conflict of interest.

**County Completed Project Thresholds:** Amend § 34-201 to increase the base year amount used to calculate the current maximum threshold **TO \$300,000** for completing in-house work **AND** amend the statutory inflation factor to use the **ADOT CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX** better capture cost increases.

**Medical Examiner Safety Equipment Funding:** Seek financial resources from the legislature to provide special ventilation and upgraded personal protective devices to ensure the safety of staff performing an autopsy on an individual executed through the use of cyanide gas.

**Taxpayer Protection:** Amend statute to permit best practices for county advertising, publication, and printing contracts.

### **Strengthen the Public Health Authority:**

- a. Establish a minimum statutory pass through of Federal Public Health Funds to County Public Health Agencies. *(Move to Resolution)*
- b. Protect current local public health authority. *(Move to Resolution)*
- c. Authorize accredited jails to perform the services and functions of evaluation and Mental Health treatment agencies to allow individuals in detention to receive mental health treatment.

**Fortify Public Safety:** Support creation of a statewide Criminal Justice Data Reporting System to create uniform criminal justice reporting requirements for all counties.

**Court System Financial Responsibility:** Place the financial responsibility for the Court system on the State of Arizona, who directly mandates the Courts. *(Move to Resolution)*

**Biosolid Restrictions:** Establish a prohibition on the application of out-of-state biosolids on state land and exclude biosolid operations from agricultural exemptions. Require the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to coordinate a public comment period prior to the approval of new biosolid land application registration.