

## Resolution Number 4-24

**A Resolution of the County Supervisors Association of Arizona Affirming its Dedication to Providing Quality Analysis and Feedback to Inform State Policy Deliberations Affecting Limited Local Tax Dollars and Constituent Services, and Respectfully Requesting a Collaborative Partnership Between State and County Governments for the Benefit of Our Shared Constituents.**

**WHEREAS**, county governments are established by the Arizona Constitution, and state law mandates they provide essential services at the local, regional level to all Arizonans, and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Constitution establishes locally elected county officials to oversee and implement these state mandated services, and

**WHEREAS**, county supervisors in partnership with other county elected officials are dedicated to providing efficient, high-quality services to constituents, and

**WHEREAS**, within the confines of state law, county supervisors are elected to oversee county operations and to act as the legislative body for the county, and

**WHEREAS**, chief among the boards of supervisors' responsibilities is to manage local taxpayer resources by adopting the county budget and setting county tax rates, and

**WHEREAS**, county finances are bound by Constitutional and statutory restrictions, and cost drivers within county operations are heavily influenced by legislative and judicial policy decisions, and

**WHEREAS**, as administrative arms of state government, county roles and responsibilities are outlined in state law, and

**WHEREAS**, this statutory connection requires counties to seek legislative action to address policies affecting efficient and responsive service delivery at the local level, and

**WHEREAS**, this statutory connection also means that hundreds of legislative proposals introduced each year have direct implications on limited local resources and county services, and

**WHEREAS**, county officials seek to support informed decision-making by providing state policy-makers with analysis and feedback regarding how implementation of legislative proposals may affect local tax dollars and constituent services, and



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**WHEREAS**, a strong partnership and collaboration between county elected officials and state policy makers will promote principles of good government and improved service to constituents, and

**WHEREAS**, dating back to at least Feb 10, 1913, locally elected county supervisors, first as the Associated Boards of Supervisors and now as the County Supervisors Association, have partnered to forge this important collaboration with elected state leadership.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the County Supervisors Association of Arizona hereby:

- 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
- 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.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

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