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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 
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DATE: January 16, 2018

RE: FY 2018/19 Proposed Budget

I hereby submit the Fiscal Year 2018/19 proposed budget for my Office, which unfortunately reflects substantial reduction of federal, state, and local funds.

In developing this proposed FY 2018/19 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 the 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, while seeking alternatives to incarceration for others, including treatment, for those who are mentally ill and drug addicted; and provide excellent civil legal services to enhance ethical, effective, and efficient county government.

In determining what resources are necessary to operate my Office to achieve its mission, I have reflected on the significant financial obstacles we, like so many other criminal justice agencies, have endured during and since the Great Recession. We struggle to do more with less, while continuing to provide our mandated and necessary functions with excellence, despite diminishing funding for staff and operational expenses.

Budget Challenges This Year

As we enter 2018, even more budget reductions may be on the horizon. Over the past year, three grants on which my Office has relied have either been totally eliminated or reduced. These include: the Arrest Grant (Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program); the STOP Violence Against Women Grant; and the Arizona Victims' Rights Implementation Grant.