



April 4, 2025

Mayor Regina Romero and Members of the Tucson City Council
255 W Alameda Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mayor Romero and Honorable Council Members,

On behalf of the Tucson Association of REALTORS®, I'm writing to respectfully urge your support for increased funding for the Tucson Police Department in this year's city budget.

As REALTORS®, we understand that strong, vibrant communities are built on a foundation of public safety. It is one of the first considerations for families choosing where to live, businesses deciding where to invest, and residents assessing their quality of life. The Tucson Police Department plays a central role in maintaining that foundation—and they need the resources to do it effectively.

According to the City Charter, public safety is a core service of local government, and that must be reflected in how the city allocates its budget. We recognize the many challenges facing Tucson, but ensuring adequate police staffing, competitive compensation, and proper equipment must remain a top priority. When core services like public safety are underfunded, the ripple effects are felt throughout the community—from neighborhood stability to housing demand to overall livability.

Our members frequently hear concerns from clients about crime, response times, and safety. These are not abstract issues; they directly impact property values, consumer confidence, and long-term investment in our city. Fully funding the police department is an investment in the security and future of every Tucsonan.

We appreciate the opportunity for community engagement in the budget process and thank you for your continued leadership. We urge you to align this year's budget with the foundational responsibilities outlined in the charter and prioritize the resources and investment the Tucson Police Department needs to succeed.

Sincerely,

Shawn Cote

