

Who's Incarcerating Us in Maricopa County:

The Role of Sheriffs and County Attorneys in the Carceral State

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WEBINAR PURPOSE

- Learn more about the role of sheriffs and county attorneys in your community.
- Hear from directly impacted people how certain policies and practices resulted in racial profiling and other inhumane actions.
- Learn how to support campaigns to demand change and hold sheriffs and county attorneys accountable in your community.

SPEAKERS

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THE HISTORY OF POLICING

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What do we mean when we say:



COLONIZATION, ENSLAVEMENT, AND COLONIAL AMERICA

Sheriffs

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Watchmen

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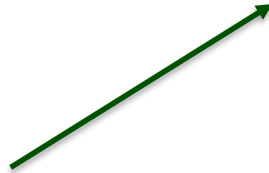
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New Industrial Economy.
The rise of labor organizing



THE PAST IS NOT PAST



MODERN-DAY SHERIFFS

Policing

Jails

Immigration

Civil
Enforcement

MODERN-DAY SHERIFFS

Policing

- Broad policing powers (arrests, investigations, warrants)
- Where does the policing occur?
 - Rural or unincorporated areas
 - Contracted cities or towns
 - Courthouses
 - Airports
 - Waterways, ports
 - Schools

Jails

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Civil Enforcement

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- History of racial discrimination in Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO):
 - 2013: federal judge found that the MCSO racially profiled Latinx people in operations to target undocumented people
 - In a 2019 traffic stop analysis, MCSO was found more likely to search, cite, and arrest Latinx and Black drivers, than white drivers

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- Manage county and regional jails
- Administers related carceral programs, like drug court or probation
- Responsible for transportation to and from the jail

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Manage county jails: decades-long record of civil rights violations in Maricopa County

- MCSO settled at least six large excessive force and wrongful death cases in the last 25 years
- COVID-19 exploded inside the jails from 6 to 313 positive cases in just two weeks this June. To date, over 1,600 people have tested positive in the jails

MODERN-DAY SHERIFFS

Policing

- Arizona has been ground zero for experimentation

- 287(g) agreements

- ICE detainers

- Anti-immigrant state legislation (SB1070)

Jails

- Maricopa County made the third-most ICE arrests of every county in the country

- ICE agents work directly inside the 4th Ave. Jail in Phoenix

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- Carries out the orders of the court
- Conducts evictions
- Civil asset forfeiture

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

MCSO jails have more COVID-19 cases than all Arizona prisons

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Detention officers concerned about COVID-19 risk in Maricopa County jails

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

HEALTH

Federal lawsuit filed against Maricopa County for treatment of inmates during COVID-19

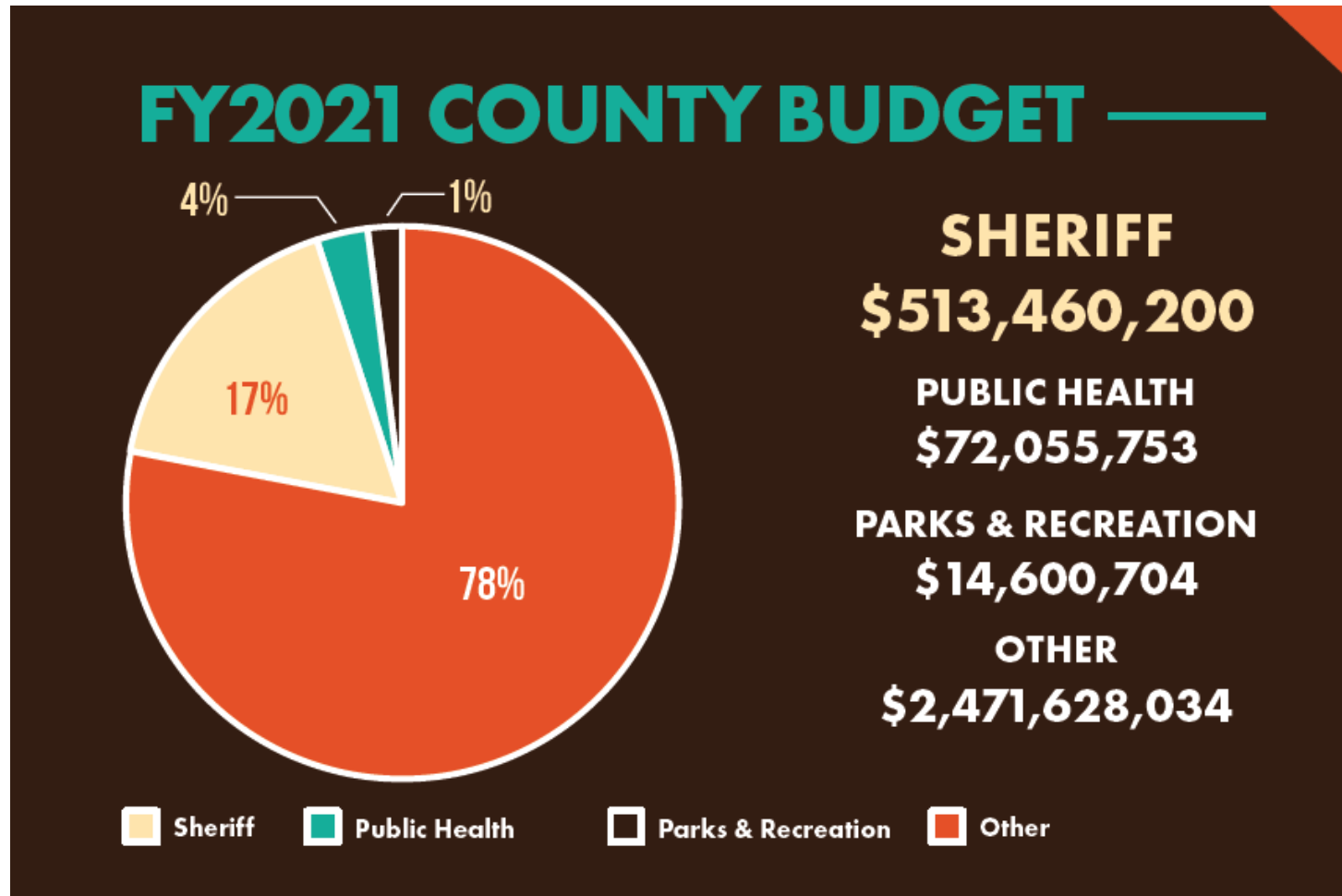
Lauren Castle Arizona Republic

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The suit claims Maricopa County and Sheriff Paul Penzone have not instituted "the most basic safeguards for incarcerated persons and staff."

"The COVID-19 pandemic has taken hold at Maricopa County's five jails, and the virus is spreading rapidly," the attorneys wrote. "In just two weeks, the number of positive COVID-19 cases has skyrocketed from six to 313 — an exponential increase of more than 5,000 percent."

MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF BUDGET



SHERIFF CANDIDATES

- Paul Penzone: Democrat and the Incumbent
- Jerry Sheridan: Republican challenger who worked closely with Joe Arpaio for more than twenty years

WHAT IS A COUNTY ATTORNEY?

- Prosecutor: the lawyer who represents the state in a criminal case
- County Attorney: Under Arizona Revised Statutes, § 11-531, the County Attorney:
 - Prosecutes all felonies that occur in the county and all misdemeanors that occur in unincorporated areas.
 - Serves as legal counsel for the county Board of Supervisors and all county departments.
 - Sets internal policies related to charging decisions.
 - Investigates allegations of police misconduct.
 - Influences what laws get passed at the state legislature.
 - Controls public information related to the criminal legal system
- Maricopa County has the 3rd largest public prosecutorial agency in the country, serving the 4th largest county in the U.S. and approximately 3 million residents.

WHO IS THE CURRENT COUNTY ATTORNEY?

- Allister Adell is the current Maricopa County Attorney. She was appointed in 2019 after County Attorney Bill Montgomery was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court.
- Some policies that occurred under Former County Attorney Bill Montgomery:
 - Prosecution of state identity theft statutes targeting undocumented people, laws that a federal court found unconstitutional
 - Allowing rampant raids and sweeps in largely Latinx communities by the police
 - Prosecuting noncitizens more harshly than US citizens

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Allister Adell, (R)
- Julie Gunnigle, (D)
- For more information, “How One Election Might Strike a Blow to Mass Incarceration in Arizona,” <https://theappeal.org/politicalreport/maricopa-prosecutor-election-mass-incarceration-adell-gunnigle/>, Sept. 22, 2020.

VOTING IN ARIZONA

Registration Deadline

- Arizona's deadline to register to vote was extended to Thursday, October 15, 2020.

Requesting to Vote By Mail?

- The deadline to request to Vote By Mail is Friday, October 23, 2020 by 5pm. You can join the permanent early voting list (PEVL) or make a one-time vote-by-mail request.

Early Voting Dates

- Counties have different early on-site voting options October 7 – 30, 2020. Contact your County Recorder directly to learn more about in-person early voting options. You can look up your County Recorder's website at <https://azsos.gov/county-election-info>.

Election Day

- Election Day is November 3, 2020 and the polls are open from 6am to 7pm. If you are in line when the polls close, you are entitled to vote.

Q&A

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Thank You!