

## City of Maricopa Home Detention Program

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## **Home Detention Background**

- Tonight Council is being asked to enact our first Home Detention & Alcohol Monitoring (HD) program for the City of Maricopa based on A.R.S. 9-499.07
- Until this past fall, Maricopa has not enacted an HD program because the law required that participants "shall be employed within the county in which the city or town is located"
- On March 27, 2012, Governor Brewer signed HB 2390 which eliminates the requirement for HD participants to be employed.



### **Home Detention Programs**

- Allows qualifying defendants the opportunity to serve a portion of their jail sentence at home
- Requirements
  - Must comply with travel restriction/GPS monitoring
  - Must comply with alcohol testing/monitoring
  - Is responsible to pay all costs incurred
  - Can be returned to jail for non-compliance



#### **Benefits for Defendants**

- Allows more sentencing options
- Defendant can minimize jail time (must serve 20% in jail)
- Defendant is able to return to work sooner
- Better able to maintain employment
- Cost 60% less than full jail term



## **Benefits for Maricopa**

- Maricopa is now allowed to begin a program that allows participation by all residents
- Allows judge flexibility to avoid disproportional sentencing consequences
- Maricopa benefits if defendant can maintain employment
- Maricopa benefits by lower program cost and the shifting of financial responsibilities to monitoring vendors



# Questions?

