The University of Arizona is located within the boundaries of the City of Tucson. You will likely want to contact the local Tucson government if you are interested in projects within the Tucson community.

- **The City Manager**
  The City Manager can be contacted for issues concerning administration, or questions about how an ordinance is being implemented and managed within the city.

- **The Mayor**
  The Mayor is the head of the legislative branch of Tucson. This individual works with the City Council to enact ordinances on a local level.

- **The City Council**
  The City Council is made up of six elected representatives, one from each of six Wards in the City. This is usually the best place to start to enact local policies. Depending on what Ward you live/work in, there are different people to contact.
    - For example, passing a plastic bag fee in the City of Tucson can require a lot of work and coordination between all of the Wards. The first step to pass any kind of bill/ordinance is for the City Council to introduce it on a meeting agenda. Contacting a friendly Ward office allows you not only to be on the agenda, but also to have a political ally when it comes to passing ordinances.

- **Departments**
  It may be more useful to begin your project by contacting staff within a specific department. Staff members will often have on-the-ground knowledge of issues, concerns, etc., along with direct communication with some elected officials. Developing relationships with department staff members can go a long way toward helping you make your project a reality.

- **Boards and Commissions**
  - Many boards and commissions work on environmental issues. These boards and commissions advise Mayor and Council, and bring items to the Council for consideration.
  - As a Tucson citizen, you can also serve on these boards to help promote your agenda within the City.