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May 19, 2025

Pima County Board of Supervisors 130 W. Congress Street Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Support for BOS Policy D 22.17 - Property Tax Increase for Affordable Housing

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a constituent of District 4, a property owner, and a nonprofit executive in Pima County for nearly 15 years, I am writing today to urge you to vote "yes" on the 3-cent tax increase for affordable housing funding proposed in BOS Policy D 22.17.

The number one public concern in our community and our nation is housing. The growing number of houseless individuals and families becomes more and more visible to each of your constituents every day. Nationwide the number of people experiencing homelessness rose to the highest level ever recorded since 2024. Locally, all available measures of homelessness and inflow into homeless remain elevated. The best evidence-based solution to this growing issue is to have affordable, accessible housing. Committing to this policy shows that you as our elected officials understand the critical timing and need for this.

It is very clear that traditional dynamics in our housing market have not and are very unlikely to address this specific shortage of very affordable housing. Currently, uncertainty in domestic and international markets is creating additional headwinds for homebuilders. This is nearly a perfect example of a situation where intervention by local government is warranted to ensure the availability of the basic human need of housing.

In December of 2023 this Board passed the Prosperity Initiative, an effort to focus strategically on solutions to intergenerational poverty. I was deeply involved in that effort and now sit within SVP Tucson, the organization that is supporting the Community Coalition for Prosperity (CC4P), an effort to align the broader community around the policies, actions, and ethos of the Prosperity Initiative. In this work, it is clear that housing is the number one concern.

The proposed property tax increase represents a modest investment from property owners that would yield significant returns for our entire community. Studies consistently show that communities with adequate affordable housing experience lower healthcare costs, better educational outcomes, reduced crime rates, and stronger economic growth. By investing in affordable housing now, we are making a prudent financial decision that will benefit Pima County for generations.

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I understand that tax increases require careful consideration. However, I believe this specific measure represents an essential investment in our community's future. The targeted nature of this funding ensures accountability and measurable outcomes in addressing our housing crisis.

I urge you to approve BOS Policy D 22.17 and take bold action to address our affordable housing needs. Our community cannot afford to wait any longer.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Jennie Grabel

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To All Board Supervisors:

I am a Pima County property owner in Rex Scott's district. Three cents for affordable housing is the way to go! It is a small price to pay to contribute to affordable housing and also provide a much needed stimulus for the economy of Pima County.

This investment will provide a return that is going to edify our community now and for the future.  
Please, please, please - vote yes for 3 cents for Affordable Housing.

Sincerely,

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