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## Pima County Board of Supervisors

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

From: Dr. Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2

Date: May 25, 2022

RE: BOS Agenda 06/07/22: Addressing Poverty; Joint Task Force

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Please add this item to the Regular Agenda for 6/7/22, including the attached presentation from Bonnie Bazata, Community & Workforce Development. Thank you.

### Board of Supervisors:

**Discussion/Direction/Action:** Request that Bonnie Bazata present "Poverty in Tucson: A Pre- and Post-Pandemic Picture" to the Board of Supervisors (attached). Take action to direct the County Administrator and appropriate County staff to join with the City of Tucson to form a Joint Task Force on Poverty; and, in collaboration with the City, provide the Task Force with the resources necessary to do its work. A similar item passed unanimously at the Mayor & Council meeting on April 19, 2022. The Task Force would involve both City and County departments, outside nonprofit partners, individuals with lived experience, and other private sector partners, and will identify strategies to make ending poverty in our community "everybody's business."

The Task Force should develop a Comprehensive Action Plan to address poverty in our community as we emerge from the pandemic, using a multi-jurisdictional, multi-sector approach to tackle the related issues of:

- 1) Preventing poverty in our community;
- 2) Addressing historic inequities and removing barriers to economic self-sufficiency;
- 3) Aiding the transition of Pima County families and individuals out of poverty and toward economic self-sufficiency; and
- 4) Addressing the structures and systems in our community that perpetuate poverty.

cc: Jan Leshar, County Administrator  
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Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works  
Dan Sullivan, Director, Community & Workforce Development  
Bonnie Bazata, Ending Poverty Now Program Director, Community & Workforce Development