

AGENDA MATERIAL

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ITEM NO. RA 21

May 16, 2025

To: Pima County Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors:

As someone who has worked, for many years, on the issue of housing and homelessness, I urge the Board to vote "yes" on the 3 cent tax for affordable housing. I have personally witnessed the positive results, in other communities, of increased funding for housing. We know that this has been identified as the number 1 need/issue for our neighbors living in poverty, for those who are housing insecure, and those who are experiencing homelessness.

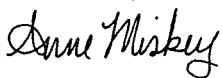
I thank this Board for having taken the bold and courageous step of passing the Prosperity Initiative. However, without adequate funding, it will be impossible to move our County towards increased prosperity. Housing is the foundation for health, stability and economic mobility. We know, through abundant evidence, that housing stability is the prerequisite for all other issues. Without housing, we cannot make a true impact in other areas of need in our County.

As we launch the Community Coalition for Prosperity - which is already gaining momentum with a cross sector of engaged individuals, sectors, businesses, non-profit organizations, faith groups and others interested in creating a community where all people can thrive, we believe that policies such as this will be truly transformative.

I am also writing to each of you as a homeowner in Pima County. My family and I are more than ready to pay a bit more if it benefits the entire County and the supply of affordable housing. A community where everyone is housing secure is a community where all of us can thrive.

I urge you to take another bold step and vote YES to the 3 cents for affordable housing.

Sincerely,



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