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DATE 7/7/20 ITEM NO. RA.22

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Honorable Ramon Valadez
Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress St.
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Zoning Code Text Amendment

Dear Chairman Valadez,

SAHBA appreciates ongoing efforts by Pima County to expand economic opportunity. Planning staff engaged the building industry earlier this year to identify potential amendments which would assist builders in meeting changing buyer preferences and help maintain the County as a regional leader in new home construction. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic, those discussions, and this amendment now before you are even more essential today and we ask for your support.

While builders have seen continued demand for new residential construction over the past few months, we remain concerned about the long-term impacts of COVID-19 on our local housing market. This text amendment will provide increased flexibility in lot design and allowable housing products in certain residential zones. We anticipate buyer preferences to further evolve during the pandemic and this amendment will assist builders in meeting those anticipated changes.

SAHBA and its members appreciate the efforts of the Board of Supervisors and County staff to maintain its support for business and sustained economic development during these uncertain times and we look forward to continued collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shawn Cote

cc: Honorable Board of Supervisors, Ms. Carla Blackwell

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