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Hello all,

These comments are regarding item #5 on the addendum agenda regarding the direction to the County Administrator to appropriate additional surplus money to affordable housing. Please distribute this to the Board for their consideration.

I support the proposed funding allocation of surplus funds and encourage you to vote yes and support the changes as well. These funds will help make housing more affordable for everyone in Tucson and Pima County, myself included. I am someone who has lived in Pima County for the past 8 years and I have seen my rent increase by close to \$350 in the past 3 years alone. Unfortunately, my wages as a nonprofit worker have not followed suit. I love living in Tucson and Pima County and have created a life for myself here, but now I fear not being able to afford it soon.

I currently work multiple jobs to survive - and it's just me and my dog. Unfortunately I know my story is not unique. One of my jobs is in a field in which I am supposed to be helping others - those facing hardships more severe than mine, yet I often hear my colleagues echoing the same concerns. The other thing I know from this job is that there are people and organizations out there who want to help address the affordable housing crisis - they want to create more homes for people and they can't because of regulations and a lack of funding. The approval of this item and the additional allocation of funds to help address this problem is a small way of the Board being able to show the most vulnerable people in Pima County that you see them, you hear them, and you want them to have the same protections and safety that you have. Wouldn't it be nice to lay your head down at night knowing you pushed this effort forward a bit more today, that you're addressing a crisis we are all aware of?

One of the best ways to get people off the streets is to give them a place to actually live and thrive. Approving the allocation of additional funds as outlined in this agenda item would help do so. Thank you for your time and consideration, and please support this item for additional surplus being directed to affordable housing. Thank you again.

Take care,
Elizabeth Miller
District 3 Resident