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We have two supervisors approaching this issue from two different places. Supervisor Heinz is behind the "Poverty in Tucson" presentation, which lacks sufficient resolutions for solving poverty and suggests providing legal assistance to fight evictions. This would wreak havoc on landlords in Pima County, destroy rental real estate, and ultimately result in the government becoming the landlord.

Supervisor Christy is suggesting the county spend up to \$775,000 creating a local task force to examine business and health-related data to see the impact of the county's response to COVID-19 pandemic.

We feel strongly that Pima County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated poverty in Tucson. For the county to effectively address the issue of poverty in Tucson, any report on the impact of Pima County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic needs to have actionable data. So, we recommend that Pima County first request an audit to get an accurate picture and fully understand the issue.

We want Pima County to use the free state auditor general or, at a minimum, a certified auditor to look at what percentage of people lost their jobs and fell into poverty during the pandemic as a direct result of Pima County's aggressive shutdown of small- and medium-sized businesses. Request the board to include the number of lost jobs, pensions, benefits, and homes that the vaccine mandates caused as well as analysis on the increase in drug addiction, drug overdoses, youth suicides, and homelessness.

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