



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

May 6, 2025

**Recommendation to Amend Housing Commission Membership and By-Laws to Include
Representatives from the Tohono O'odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe**

Background

The Affordable Housing Taskforce (Taskforce) recommendations identified two strategies for action 1) to quickly produce more housing across the housing continuum and 2) to improve access to affordable housing. Both strategies were supported by five (5) recommendations: 1) a regional housing body facilitates more housing; 2) streamlined development processes promote housing density, infill, and more affordable housing; 3) housing market dashboard drives investment across the continuum; 4) keeping people housed by reducing barriers to affordable housing; and 5) leverage innovation. On [March 20, 2025, I informed the Board that staff and the Regional Affordable Housing Commission would be preparing a regional housing strategy and funding plan](#) to address County-wide housing needs identified in ECOnorthwest's preliminary housing needs assessment. That work is now underway and will be prepared pursuant to the attached guiding principles and timeline through November 2025.

At the March 21 Commission meeting, members were informed of the recommendation to add two representatives, one (1) each, for representatives from the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Commissioners were strongly supportive of this recommendation, especially as the work on developing a regional housing plan should take into careful consideration the unique needs of our tribal community members.

Further, this recommendation also aligns with one of the 10 implementation directives in [Board of Supervisors Policy E 36.2 – "Reducing Generational Poverty and Improving Individual and Community Wealth"](#), which states, *"Continue to increase the partnerships with the Tohono O'odham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Native American organizations and community members."*

The recommended revised by-laws are attached in legislative form and clean copy, to incorporate revision to the membership, as well as conforming parliamentary changes to account for update to membership quorum when voting.

Recommendation

In continued support of the strategies and recommendations that guide and inform the work of the Pima County Regional Affordable Housing Commission (Commission), I am

The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: **Recommendation to Amend Housing Commission Membership and By-Laws to Include Representatives from the Tohono O'odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe**

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recommending the Board of Supervisors amend the membership and/by-laws to include two seats to be appointed by the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Leshur", with a stylized, cursive script.

Jan Leshur
County Administrator

JKL/dym – April 23, 2025

Attachment

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Dan Sullivan, Director, Community & Workforce Development
Jenifer Darland, Director, Office of Housing Opportunities and Homeless Solutions

Clean Version

BYLAWS OF THE PIMA COUNTY REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

SECTION I – NAME AND AUTHORITY

- 1.01 The name shall be the Pima County Regional Affordable Housing Commission.
- 1.02 The Commission was reauthorized as the Pima County Regional Affordable Housing Commission by the Board of Supervisors (Board) at their October 18, 2022 meeting.

SECTION II - MISSION AND PURPOSE

- 2.01 The mission of the Commission is to make recommendations to the Board to increase the supply of housing across Pima County that is affordable, sustainable, safe and promotes individual and community prosperity.
- 2.02. The purpose of the Commission is to:
 - a. Recommend actions and policies that increase the creation of more housing across the housing continuum while promoting desegregation, de-concentration of affordable housing, and balancing regional goals for water conservation and open space management.
 - b. Recommend actions and policies that help individuals access and retain safe and affordable housing that allows them to live and thrive.
 - c. Prioritize recommendations that reduce long-term demand for public subsidies for affordable housing, including those that address poverty, improve opportunity and create community wealth.
 - d. Monitor existing and projected housing supply versus demand across Pima County and across the continuum of housing (market rate, workforce, affordable, and bridge from homelessness) via a housing dashboard, and issue annual report to the Board.
 - e. Annually assess the impact of Pima County's efforts to promote service integration, improve financial access and reduce barriers to accessing and developing affordable housing.
 - f. Promote collaboration and coordination between governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, advocates and the housing development community.
 - g. Provide oversight and transparency for funding allocated by Pima County for the purpose of improving housing affordability across Pima County and recommend sustainable sources of funding.
 - h. Make recommendations to the Board to guide, change and improve the way Pima County develops solutions and innovations regarding affordable housing.
 - i. Share Commission findings and discussions with the broader community.

SECTION III- MEMBERSHIP

- 3.01 The Commission shall be comprised of twenty (20) members: two appointed by each Board member (for a total of 10), one by the County Administrator, three (3) by the City of Tucson, and one (1) by each other incorporated city and town, one (1) appointed by the Tohono O'odham Nation and one (1) appointed by the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe and the Director of the Office of Housing Opportunities and Homeless Solutions to serve as an Ex-Officio nonvoting member of the Commission.

- 3.02 Each member of this Commission will be appointed and serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority and may be removed without cause. All members listed above shall be voting members.
- 3.03 The Director of Community and Workforce Development and Development Services Department, or their designees, shall attend Commission meetings to provide technical assistance and expertise, and shall not have voting rights.
- 3.04 Qualifications: Members of the Commission must have demonstrated experience and expertise in at least one of the following areas related to housing: development, finance, management, planning and infrastructure, service delivery, or has lived experience as an affordable housing tenant.
- 3.05 Term of Office: All members serving on the Commission will serve four (4) year terms, unless appointed to fill a vacancy. Members appointed to fill a vacancy will serve the remaining term of the member's predecessor.
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- 3.07 Compensation: Members are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for travel expenses for the duties performed by the Commission.

SECTION IV - QUORUM

- 4.01 A simple majority of 11 or more Commission members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION V –VOTING

- 5.01 Each member is entitled to one (1) vote on all matters before the Commission. Members must be present at a meeting in order to cast a vote and will not be permitted to delegate duties to proxies or alternates for Commission meetings.
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- 5.03 At the request of any member, a roll call vote may be taken for any action of the Commission.

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- 6.01 Members who fail to attend three (3) consecutive regular meeting shall be considered resigned from the Commission. The Commission may, for good cause grant leaves of absence to its members or exceptions to this section.

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