

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 13, 2025

**TO:** Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Adelita S. Grijalva, Vice Chair and District Five Supervisor *K. Bequerra for*

**REGARDING:** Item for the March 18, 2025, Agenda Addendum

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Item for the March 18 Agenda Addendum:

### Board of Supervisors

Discussion/Direction/Action: Proposal to create an outreach and education program on the issue of removing racist language from the home deed covenants (CCRs) of Pima County residents, primarily affecting those whose homes were built before 1948. The U.S. Supreme Court declared these racist deed covenants to be unconstitutional in 1948, and they were explicitly banned by the federal Fair Housing Act of 1968. Although unenforceable, the racist language remains in thousands of local home deeds and many of these deed holders are rightfully offended. There is a process to remove racist covenants in the Pima County Recorder's Office, but it is nuanced and not well known. We propose creation of a Pima County Outreach Program, combined with a series of informational clinics that could enlist University of Arizona experts and local legal non-profits, to assist affected deed holders, and affected homeowner and neighborhood associations, in removing such offensive deed language. (District 5)

Thank you