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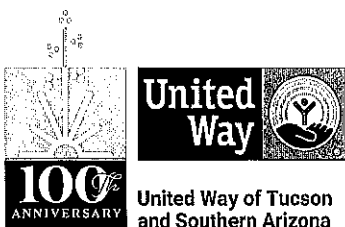
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I urge the Board to allocate the resources necessary to begin to actually meet the overwhelming need for more affordable housing in our community as recommended by Affordable Housing Task Force.

With average rents in our community having risen 30-50% over the past two years, we are in a crisis. Too many of our fellow community members simply cannot afford their rent, and the tight supply of rentals is making the situation worse. Older adults are particularly vulnerable and are experiencing evictions and becoming unhoused for the first time in their lives. We need innovative approaches to increasing housing stock, including examination of our land use and zoning, repurposing existing structures, creative financing and a variety of housing types including "missing middle" housing.

The County can work with private developers, both for-profit and nonprofit, to get this done. The County can also work with landlords to incentivize renting their units to more vulnerable families including very-low income families, and even help protect them against loss.

Please begin implementing the recommendations of the Affordable Housing Task Force. Housing is a basic human right.



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Dear Members of the Board,

Affordable housing continues to be the top issue that we hear about in our work at United Way. For the past two years, my department's efforts have centered on collaborative ways to impact the growing housing crisis – through emergency assistance, investments in eviction prevention and financial coaching, and education around policy needs and opportunities. But we continue to hear, day in and day out, from people who have seen their rents jump \$300-\$500, from case managers struggling to find housing for families, and from partners increasingly discouraged by the fact that long-term relief is not in sight. The need is overwhelming.

I am grateful to hear that proposals related to affordable housing investments are on tomorrow's agenda and hope that you will give these topics full consideration. No one action will solve our current crisis, but many recommendations, particularly those identified by the Affordable Housing Task Force, can make an impact.

Sincerely,  
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