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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. This begins with <u>fully funding</u> the initial recommendations of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

I am the mother of a woman with serious mental illness on Social Security Disability who receives \$1002.00 per month. Three years ago I had to co-sign for her to rent a one-bedroom apartment in a drug-infested neighborhood for \$800 a month. As I'm sure you're aware, you cannot rent an apartment for more than 30% of your income without having someone co-sign. Things have gotten much worse since then with availability and rental rates. Section 8 has an 18-month waiting list and my daughter cannot get a call returned from Old Pueblo Community Services for housing assistance.

Affordable housing is THE issue that needs most attention in our community. And it impacts every sector of the community as more and more people become homeless and spread throughout the County.

Please talk to Dan Ranieri of La Frontera who is an expert at developing affordable housing and can offer near-term solutions.

I support <u>Sup Heinz's proposal</u> to allocate \$37.9M in the FY24 Budget to begin implementing the recommendations of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Respectfully,

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