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Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress Street  
Tucson, AZ 85071  
Via email to [cob\\_mail@pima.gov](mailto:cob_mail@pima.gov)

Re: Agenda Item No. 33 — "P18TA00006, BUILDING, AND CONSTRUCTION CODE  
UPDATES"

Dear Chairman Elias and Supervisors:

Please accept these comments on behalf of the members and supporters of the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon (Arizona) Chapter. We have a significant interest in decisions that support more efficient homes and buildings in the state. Homes and other buildings in Pima County and in the U.S. are the largest sources of energy use and a major contributor to climate change. That is why it is critical for you to adopt strong energy-efficient building codes.

Sierra Club applauds the Tucson City Council's recent unanimous vote to approve the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (2018 IECC). We hope you will follow suit and adopt the 2018 IECC for Pima County *inclusive* of Appendix T, which will make solar-ready homes more accessible for homeowners.

We have so much more we can do to establish a clean energy future here in Arizona. A large part of Arizona's economy still wastes energy, and policymakers should do more to eliminate that waste and support investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency. Adoption of the 2018 IECC, inclusive of Appendix T, represents a crucial step for rewarding efficiency, discouraging waste, and supporting the deployment of renewable energy. It will strengthen efficiency requirements for commercial buildings; clarify the code's language to make compliance easier; and add new "pathways" that promote renewable energy and other energy-efficient technologies.

Transitioning to a clean, energy-efficient future is a huge opportunity that will pay dividends now and for future generations. Please help lead the way in Pima County to make sure

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improved building codes are passed. Invest in energy innovation that makes us more competitive, creates local jobs, and helps transition us to a clean energy future.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandy Bahr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandy" and last name "Bahr" clearly distinguishable.

Sandy Bahr  
Chapter Director  
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Cc. Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator

