

October 12, 2018

Dear members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Re: Support for Pima County's Adoption of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code with the inclusion of Appendix T, Agenda Item No. 33 — "P18TA00006, BUILDING, AND CONSTRUCTION CODE UPDATES"

Since our inception, the Arizona PIRG Education Fund has supported strong state, federal, and local energy efficiency initiatives because of the important customer, economic, and environmental benefits these investments deliver. We have been very encouraged by Pima County's efforts to advance energy efficiency, including efforts to reduce the County's energy expenditures.

Today, I write to offer the Arizona PIRG Education Fund's strong support for Pima County's adoption of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code with the inclusion of Appendix T to support "solar ready" homes. Our recommendation is consistent with the unanimous adoption of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code by the Tucson City Council, which Arizona PIRG also supported.

There are many reasons why the adoption of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code is important for Tucson residents and businesses.

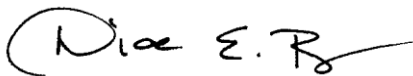
- The least expensive source of electricity is the electricity we don't have to use. When we reduce waste, the savings compound, in bill after bill, month after month, year after year. But when we fail to limit waste, the costs compound in the same way.
- Energy efficiency can help stabilize homeowner energy costs, improve homeowner comfort and allow homeowners additional space in their budget to prioritize other projects and expenditures.
- Efficient homes ensure economic resilience, making it easier for people to buy, sell and own a home; decreasing the likelihood that a home will default; and preventing surprise expenses like the need for new insulation.

In closing, we need robust building energy codes that ensure long-lasting, durable construction that has fewer surprises for consumers, less maintenance, and fewer repairs.

Please adopt the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code with the inclusion of Appendix T.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,



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