



October 15, 2018

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors:

Re: Item 33 on Tuesday, October 16th, 2018, Regular Agenda

Chispa Arizona encourages you to adopt the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code including the Appendix T "Solar-Ready" Provisions.

Arizona is home to some of the worst ozone pollution in the country. Nearly half of the counties in the state have failing air quality grades, according to the American Lung Association's State of the Air report. Ozone has been shown to aggravate lung diseases such as asthma, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis and to increase the frequency of asthma attacks.¹ Notably, Latino communities are disproportionately exposed to pollution and toxins on the job, at school, and in our homes.

Building energy codes can help reduce power plant emissions and improve indoor air quality. They touch nearly every aspect of our lives and influence our overall economy and health and safety. They shape how comfortable our work and lives are, how much we pay for utilities, and how much we invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy. Stronger building energy codes also help ensure that the air we breathe and the water we drink are cleaner.

As a program of the League of Conservation Voters, Chispa Arizona is committed to growing Latino voices, political power, and civic engagement for a cleaner future in Arizona. That means giving our kids and grandkids a better future, with better places to live and work, clean air to breathe and clean water to drink, and controlled costs and investments, so we can all afford to live in our community. Better building energy codes that reduce waste and invest in efficiency and renewable energy will help us transition to a clean energy future.

We hope you will adopt the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code including the Appendix T "Solar-Ready" Provisions as this supports goals laid out in the Pima Prospers comprehensive plan. In addition, it complements the adoption made earlier this month by the City of Tucson and would ensure building codes are standard throughout all of Pima County. Appendix T Provisions benefit all residents, businesses, and community members in Pima County.

Thank you,

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¹ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, "Health Effects of Ozone Pollution," <https://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution/health-effects-ozone-pollution>

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