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Hon. Ramon Valadez 130 W. Congress St. Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Suspension of Annual Indexing of Development Service Department Fees

Dear Chairman Valadez,

SAHBA appreciates the ongoing efforts by Pima County to maintain public and economic health during the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, we have valued the discussions with County Development Services staff regarding ongoing and possible future improvements that will benefit both the County and private sector including the effort to modernize the Department's fee schedule. We are optimistic a final fee structure which provides both equity and predictability to both parties can be achieved and will establish a fee structure which enhances our mutual efforts to encourage economic development in Pima County.

In the meantime, we greatly appreciate the decision to forego the annual 2% CPI increase and ask for your support. Any effort to maintain current fees and delay regulatory changes will provide much needed predictability for home builders as they navigate the current economy. We are confident this action, regardless of fee amount, helps encourage economic development in our community.

As we continue to move forward during these uncertain times, SAHBA and its members appreciate the efforts of the Board of Supervisors and County staff to maintain its support for business and sustained economic development and look forward to continued collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shawn Cote

cc: Honorable Board of Supervisors