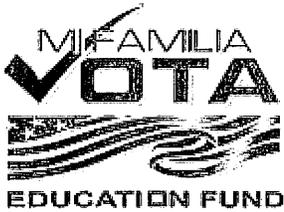


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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Mi Familia Vota is writing this letter in support of the Pima County Board of Supervisors resolution "Declaring Racial and Ethnic Health Inequities and Income Inequality In Pima County to be a Public Health Crisis". The COVID-19 Pandemic has shed light to the many cracks in our infrastructure, including the public health inequities in communities of color. In Arizona, communities of color are experiencing disparate impacts of both the health and economic crisis the likes of which we have not seen. Data from the CDC also supports the fact that communities of color are dying of COVID-19 related deaths at a disproportionately high rate. We are urging the Pima County Health Department to take the necessary measures to address the systemic racism that results in public health and disease outcomes within Latinx, and BIPOC communities.

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While this is a difficult and uncertain time for all, it also provides the opportunity to strengthen our public health system. We desperately need the Pima County Health Department to immediately take an aggressive approach to support communities of color as they try to survive and make it through these difficult times. It is time that we address the Racial and Ethnic Health Inequities and Income Inequality In Pima County. These disparities are a public health crisis and we need to treat it as such. We must set an example across the nation. These trying times test our integrity and we can no longer continue to fail our children, our students, and the underserved communities. Let's work together to find permanent solutions and set a foundation where all Pima county residents have an equal opportunity to prosper .

Sincerely,

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