

AGENDA MATERIAL

DATE 12-1-20 ITEM NO. RA 9



November 30, 2020

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

The Pima County Community Land Trust supports the "Resolution Declaring Racial and Ethnic Health Inequities and Income inequality a Public Health Crisis," which is on the Pima County Board of Supervisors agenda on December 1, 2020. PCCLT asks that you vote in favor of it, as this resolution is an essential step in unifying our community, improving health outcomes, and bringing people out of poverty.

Income inequality especially impacts racial and ethnic minorities who make up a disproportionate percentage of Pima County residents living in poverty. The majority of families in PCCLT's program are minority, currently 79%. The COVID 19 pandemic has brought the housing disparities that have long been present in our society sharply to the forefront. and the resulting housing insecurity exacerbates a family's ability to respond to the pandemic, increasing the spread of the virus among those most vulnerable, often also those who lack access to healthcare.

At PCCLT, we work daily to help individuals maintain stable housing, through this crisis and on an ongoing basis. Our programs improve family health and wellness, improve community quality of life, educate and support community members to become self-sufficient, and support underserved populations. This resolution seeks equal opportunity for all and we encourage you to take this critical step in ensuring Pima County works for everyone, and that equity is at the center of everything we do.

Respectfully,

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