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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I support and ask that you vote in favor of 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.

This resolution is the start of dismantling institutional racism in our society, an essential step in improving health outcomes and bringing people out of poverty.

The people need real, measurable, and flexible solutions that are tailored to our individual communities. To do this, I ask that you provide ample resources to combat the racial inequities present in our communities---diverted from the same systems used to perpetuate these conditions---in order to enact the radical changes needed to equalize and protect the most vulnerable.

Poverty exists in Pima County for all ethnicities but it is more pronounced in our communities of color. I ask that you take immediate action to find solutions that address this health crisis, and trust that you will work in collaboration with the myriad of institutions and community members that are already dedicated to the struggle for equality.

Thank you for your efforts and continued advocacy for the people.

In solidarity,

Sadie Shaw