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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for allowing me to speak today. I appreciate your time and the opportunity to provide information regarding the eviction process.

I was concerned in early February when the initial extension of the Eviction Moratorium was passed with so little information on the Agenda ahead of time.

I was equally confused today when the discussion related almost wholly to the Pima County Eviction Task Force instead of the reconsideration of the Eviction Ban when the agenda item read, "Discussion/Action regarding codifying, extending, and/or expanding a moratorium on evictions in Pima County. (District 2) In conjunction with or in addition to reconsideration as noted above, discussion/action regarding community/stakeholder input on codifying, extending, and or expanding a moratorium on evictions in Pima County."

As a member of the Pima County Community, it is quite confusing and difficult to anticipate what the board will be discussing and deciding when a vote is taken on the Eviction Task Force and a memo from Mr. Huckleberry when the agenda item appears to relate only to the eviction moratorium.

In reviewing open meeting law, ARS §38-431.09 reads "agendas be provided for such meetings which contain such information as is reasonably necessary to inform the public of the matters to be discussed or decided." When oral motions are presented at the board meeting that appear tangential to the topic listed on the agenda, it could be argued that the board has failed to provide the necessary information to inform the public of the matters to be discussed or decided.

Although I have not conducted any further research into the matter at the present time, it would appear logical to have Motions presented ahead of time in writing with the agenda as they were with other agenda items instead of relying upon oral motions that may or may not relate directly to the agenda topic to avoid violation of ARS §38-431.09 and to allow the public to be properly informed regarding the matters to be discussed.

Thank you again for your time today.

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