

# AGENDA MATERIAL

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AARP Arizona

Alzheimer's Association  
Desert Southwest  
Chapter

Arizona Center on Aging  
Caremore Healthplan

Casa Community Services  
Catalina In-Home  
Services

City of Tucson Housing &  
Community Development  
Community Volunteers

Flowing Wells School  
District

Interfaith Community  
Services

ITN-Greater Tucson

Jewish Family &  
Children's Services

Life Work Transitions

Lutheran Social Services  
of the Southwest

Our Family Services

Pima Community College

Pima Council on Aging

Pima County Community  
Development &  
Neighborhood  
Conservation  
Department

Pima County Health  
Department

Pima County Public  
Library

Southern Arizona Legal  
Aid

St Luke's Home

Sunrise Neighborhood  
Assistance Program

TMC Senior Services

Town of Marana

United Way of Tucson &  
Southern Arizona

Walgreens

To the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

The ELDER Alliance is a broad collation of more than 70 non-profit organizations, businesses, government agencies, community partners and residents. The alliance has established a strong system to support the rapidly growing older adult population, allowing people to stay healthy longer, remain active, involved, and maintain maximum independence.

The ELDER Alliance strongly supports implementation of a Home Sharing Program in Southern Arizona. Affordable housing for older adults was scarce before the COVID19 pandemic, and the stock shortage has risen to crisis levels because of it. In addition, people have become socially isolated, lonely, and depressed as secondary ill effects. Home Sharing is a unique opportunity to address multiple adversities for many individuals, including cost burden and social isolation. This is a sustainable housing option that allows older adults to age in place and can provide both household assistance and caregiving. A home sharing relationship is built on selective, safe process and is beneficial to both the homeowner and home seeker.

We urge you to support funding for this pilot program. The concept has gained much traction all over the country. Given the size of our aging population in Pima County, we have the opportunity to create a scalable model right here at home.

Thank you for your consideration,

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