



## COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

### Annual Report 2023

**Current co-Chairs:** Jim Tofel and Jay Young

**Mission:** The Commission will review, investigate, and recommend actions to the Mayor and City Council, based on research, data, and inclusive public input, to increase the number of housing units that will:

1. Develop and preserve affordability for all Tucsonans, including renters, homeowners, and those without housing.
2. Protect barrios and communities from rapid change and displacement as well as structural disinvestment.
3. Cultivate landlords and developers as partners in providing equitable, accessible, and quality housing.

The CEHD shall consist of fifteen (15) voting members and up to nine (9) non-voting ex-officio members, who shall serve without compensation. All members must be qualified to represent one or more focus areas:

1. Housing
2. Neighborhoods
3. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity
4. Economic Vitality
5. Cultural Vitality
6. Tucson Youth ages 18-24

**Membership:**

**Maggie Amado-Tellez**, voting, Executive Director Pima County Community Land Trust

**Wendy Ascher**, voting, Southern Arizona Legal Aid

**Maryann Beerling**, voting, Executive Director, Compass Affordable Housing

**W. Mark Clark**, voting, Executive Director Pima County Council on Aging

**Vicki Cuscino**, voting Director DirectAZ

**Mindy Bernstein**, voting, no affiliation

**Laurie Mazerbo**, voting, Youth On Their Own

Sharayah Jimenez, stepped down

**Tisha Tallman**, voting, Executive Director Primavera

**James Tofel**, voting, Tofel Dent Construction

KynBreanna Washington, youth representative, stepped down

**Raye Winch**, voting, Tucson Alliance for Housing Justice

**Kenny H. Wong**, voting, College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture, University of Arizona

**Jay Young**, voting, Director Southwest Fair Housing Council

**Ann Chanecka**, ex-officio, Director Housing and Community Development

**Koren Manning**, ex-officio, Deputy Director Planning & Development Services

**Marcos Ysmael**, ex-officio, Pima County Housing Program Manager

**Betty Villegas**, ex-officio, Director South Tucson Housing

**Mike Edmonds**, ex-officio, Tucson House Resident

**Current number of members:** 12 voting, 5 non-voting; Current vacancy as of Feb. 23, 2024: youth representative

**Meetings:** Held every first Thursday of the month, from 4-6 pm. Meetings were held virtually and broadcast live on YouTube. The meetings are recorded and archived on the [Housing and Community Development website](#) and through the [City of Tucson's Clerk's Office](#). Members of the public may listen and participate during "call to public." The Commission did not meet in January because of the holidays and the November meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

## Subcommittees: Affordable Housing, Housing First and Housing Desegregation



The CEHD December 2023 meeting on Zoom.

The Commission met 10 times in 2023 to discuss a myriad of complex and interconnected issues related to housing, policies, challenges, and paths forward for the City of Tucson. In addition, HCD and City of Tucson staff made various presentations on HCD programs, i.e., Housing First, Homeless Protocol, P-CHIP funding, Choice Implementation Grant, public housing financial stability plan, zoning and planning, equity, and provided updates with ongoing initiatives and affordable housing projects. The Commission also evaluated housing applications from developers for supportive funding, supported the Mapping Racist Covenants Project and the April celebration of Fair Housing Month, and provided HCD staff with input and feedback to HCD initiatives and programs.

Some of the work that the Commission engage in were:

- Collaborated with consultants to develop strategic planning workshop.
- Met with Mayor Regina Romero to discuss CEHD priorities and affordable housing recommendations.
- Developed several recommendations for Mayor and Council consideration to advance affordable housing.
- Studied various topics - ASU Equity Study, Homelessness (encampment protocols, Point in Time Count), Prosperity Initiative, public housing repositioning and financial stability.

- Made funding recommendations for the HOME/American Rescue Plan Rental Housing Development Request for Proposals
- Developed affordable housing 2030 goals.



The image shows a Zoom meeting slide. At the top left is the City of Tucson logo, which includes a stylized house and cactus. To the right of the logo is the text "CITY OF TUCSON". In the top right corner, there is a small video feed of Ann Chanecka, with her name "Ann Chanecka" written below it. To the left of the video feed, the text "December" is partially visible. Below the video feed, the text "Housing & Community Development" is displayed. The main body of the slide has a dark blue background with the title "Housing Trust Fund" in large white font, and the subtitle "Background & Moving Forward" in smaller white font below it. At the bottom of the slide, there is a thin red line on the left, followed by the text "before to really put this in motion and our goal is to" in white, and the Zoom logo on the right.

HCD Director Ann Chanecka presented to CEHD an update on a potential housing trust fund.



HCD Director Ann Chanecka presented the 2022 annual report to the CEHD.

**HISTORICAL DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE) SPENDING**

Program Year	Total Receipts	Amount Committed to Activities	% Committed	Net Disbursed	Disbursed Pending Approval	Total Disbursed	% Disbursed
2015	\$4,347.00	\$4,347.00	100.0%	\$4,347.00	\$0.00	\$4,347.00	100.0%
2016	\$97,059.00	\$97,059.00	100.0%	\$97,059.00	\$0.00	\$97,059.00	100.0%
2017	\$427,544.28	\$427,544.28	100.0%	\$427,544.28	\$0.00	\$427,544.28	100.0%
2018	\$507,565.44	\$507,565.44	100.0%	\$507,565.44	\$0.00	\$507,565.44	100.0%
2019	\$292,460.67	\$292,460.67	100.0%	\$292,460.67	\$0.00	\$292,460.67	100.0%
2020	\$496,284.11	\$496,284.11	100.0%	\$496,284.11	\$0.00	\$496,284.11	100.0%
2021	\$208,608.07	\$208,608.07	100.0%	\$208,608.07	\$0.00	\$208,608.07	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,033,868.57</b>	<b>\$2,033,868.57</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$2,033,868.57</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,033,868.57</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

  

**UPDATED HOME HOMEOWNERSHIP VALUE LIMITS**

	NEW CONSTRUCTION	EXISTING HOMES (RE-SALE)
HUD ORIGINAL 21-22 DETERMINATION	\$243,000	\$198,000
4/6/22 APPROVED INCREASED	\$334,680.25	\$299,250
<b>NET CHANGE</b>	<b>+\$91,680.25</b>	<b>+\$101,250</b>

CEHD viewed presentation on homebuyer assistance program.



Tucson Mayor Romero issues proclamation in support of Mapping Racist Covenants Project. CEHD vice chair Jay Young on left and UA Professor Jason Jurjevich middle.