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# COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT Thursday November 6, 2025, 4:00 pm

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Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (11/06/2025) 4:01 pm via Zoom meeting.

#### **MINUTES**

## 1. Call to Order/Roll Call, Statement, Meeting Minute approval and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Chair Jay Young, roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

<b>Members Present:</b>	Representing:
Voting Members:	
Raye Winch Jay Young Alan Solot -4:04pm Serena Huaraque Mindy Bernstein Laurie Mazerbo Vicki Cuscino- 4:27pm Kenny Wong Robert Ojeda Maggie Amado-Tellez	Mayor & Council Mayor & Council Mayor & Council Youth Member HCD HCD Direct Mayor & Council PCOA Pima County Community Land Trust
Exoficio: Ann Chanecka Mike Edmonds Marcos Ysmael Koren Manning	HCD Tucson House Res. Pima County City of Tucson, PDSD
Absent: Jim Tofel Tisha Tillman Ann Miskey	Mayor & Council Mayor & Council Mayor & Council

Mayor & Council

#### Review and Adoption of October 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- Without Objection minutes were approved

#### Call of the Audience:

Chair Jay Young read aloud the guidelines for Call to the Audience for virtual meetings:

This is the time when any member of the public may address the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development. Due to time constraints, the total time allocated for this is 15 minutes. Individuals are allowed three (3) minutes each. Due to Open Meeting Law, Commission Members cannot discuss topics that are not on the agenda. Items brought up by the public may be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.

## 2. Pima County Regional Housing Strategy and Funding Plan Presentation and Discussion

- Discussion and presentation by Nicole Fyffe presented an overview of Pima County's regional housing strategy funding plan, which supports the Board of Supervisors' new \$250 million, 10-year policy to build more housing and keep people housed. The plan is based on needs identified in the City of Tucson and ECONorthwest housing studies and focuses on funding-required strategies across two areas: **Build More** (low-income rental and homeownership) and Keep People Housed (home repair, replacement, and homelessness/eviction prevention). Combined with anticipated federal resources, the total planned investment is about \$414 million over 10 years. The plan increases service levels in nearly all program areas except **Emergency Eviction Legal Services** (EELS) and bridge housing at Craycroft and Wildcat, which will maintain current levels as they transition from expiring federal/state funds to county funding. Nicole noted that public housing, permanent supportive housing, and long-term vouchers are outside the scope of this plan, though future permanent supportive housing (PSH) needs may require coordination with TPCH. She also highlighted challenges such as construction costs, funding uncertainty, and balancing long-term development with short-term crisis response, and shared the timeline for adoption in December and Board of Supervisors review in February.

- Discussion held. No action Taken.

## 3. Discussion on Recommendations to Mayor and Council:

- The Commission held a discussion and presentation focused on recommendations to the Mayor and Council addressing homelessness in Tucson. Members reviewed and discussed a draft proposal outlining key policy actions, which had been circulated in advance for feedback before its formal submission to the Mayor and Council.
  - Discussion held. No action Taken.

#### 4. Review CEHD Schedule for 2026

- The Commission reviewed the proposed 2026 meeting schedule for the CEHD and its subcommittees. Regular CEHD meetings will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month from 4–6 p.m., with noted adjustments for holidays. Subcommittee meeting schedules were also reviewed, including:
- **Affordable Housing Subcommittee:** Third Wednesday of each month, 4–6 p.m.
- Housing First Subcommittee: Last Tuesday of each month, 4–5:30 p.m.
- **Equitable Housing Strategies Subcommittee:** Third Tuesday of each month, 4–6 p.m.
- **MH Task Force:** Fourth Thursday of each month, 1–3 p.m. Holiday and school breaks were noted for potential schedule conflicts. No action was required; the schedule will be finalized and shared with members.

Commissioners will review the upcoming meeting dates for 2026 and come back with recommendations on rescheduling due to holiday conflicts.

-Discussion held. No action Taken

## 5. City and County Updates:

### A. HCD Updates -

Director Housing and Community Development, Ann Chanecka, provided updates on current HCD activities, including the upcoming Housing Equation Budget Forums scheduled across all city wards, focusing on housing priorities. She noted that Mayor and Council are considering an Emergency Housing Declaration, expected to return for discussion in December. Highlights included the ribbon-cutting of the new playground at Wildcat Inn, updates on multiple housing projects such as South Tenth Avenue, Stone and Speedway, and Barrio Anita/El Presidio, and an announcement by Kat Davis of TPCH of registration for January 28, 2026 Point-in-Time Count.

-Discussion held. No action Taken

#### B. PDSD Updates -

Director of Planning and Development Services, Koren Manning, reported that Proposition 417 (Plan Tucson 2025) was approved by voters, highlighting strong community support for housing development, equity, and affordability strategies integrated into the city's long-term plan. She also provided an update on the Middle Housing Code Amendment, which aims to expand opportunities for duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and townhomes across Tucson. The proposal will be presented to the Planning Commission on November 12, with a public hearing scheduled at 6 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers and online. The item is expected to advance to Mayor and Council in December. Manning thanked the Commission for their prior letter of support for middle housing and encouraged continued participation in the process.

-Discussion held. No action Taken

## C. Pima County Updates:

Sofia Blue provided Pima County updates, noting that \$3.5 million in funding has been allocated to support housing stability, with significant disbursements already made for rental, utility, and mortgage assistance, as well as weatherization and home repairs. The rapid rehousing program is actively serving households across the region, with 13 in the pipeline and one rehoused to date. Sofia also announced that the deadline for the Gap Funding RFP has been extended to November 14. She highlighted ongoing regional housing strategy efforts, following successful community engagement sessions across the county, including events in Tucson, Marana, Sahuarita, Ajo, and Green Valley.

#### -Discussion held. No action Taken

### 6. Next Steps:

Upcoming Subcommittee and Working Group Meetings:

- o Equitable Housing Strategies: Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1-2:30 p.m.
- o Affordable Housing: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 4-6 p.m.
- o MH Task Force: Thursday, December 4, 1-3 p.m.
- o Housing First: Tuesday, Nov. 25, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Next Pima County Housing Commission Meeting: Friday, Nov. 21, 8:30 a.m.
- Next Commission Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 4, 4 6 p.m.

## 7. Adjournment – 5:15 pm

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