



Commission on Equitable Housing and Development
 Thursday- February 5, 2026, 4:00 pm
 Zoom Meeting

Online Zoom Webinar, Registration Required:

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Legal Action Report

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Tisha Tillman, a roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Members Present:

Voting Members:

Jim Tofel
 Robert Ojeda
 Alan Solot
 Tisha Tillman
 Logan Havens
 Laurie Mazerbo
 Vicki Cuscino - Late
 Ann Miskey
 Maggie Amado-Tellez

Representing:

Mayor & Council
 PCOA
 Mayor & Council
 Mayor & Council
 Mayor & Council
 HCD
 Direct
 Mayor & Council
 Pima County
 Community Land Trust

Exoficio:

Ann Chanecka
 Mike Edmonds
 Koren Manning- Late

HCD
 Tucson House Res.
 City of Tucson, PDS

Absent:

Jay Young
 Marcos Ysmael
 Koren Manning
 Raye Winch
 Serena Huaraque
 Mindy Bernstein
 Kenny Wong

Mayor & Council
 Pima County
 City of Tucson, PDS
 Mayor & Council
 Youth Member
 HCD
 Mayor & Council

Review and Adoption of January 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- *Without Objection minutes were approved*

Call to the Audience

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. City and County Updates:

A. HCD Updates –

Ann Chanecka reported that Mayor and Council adopted an Emergency Housing and Homelessness Declaration this week. An ordinance and resolution were approved. The declaration allows 90 days to develop a formal process for safe parking and safe outdoor sites and may include waivers and accommodations to facilitate emergency shelters and related uses. Additional details will be provided to the Commission in the coming months.

She thanked Commissioners who participated in the Point-in-Time Count and acknowledged the work of the Continuum of Care and TPCH. She also announced upcoming spring community engagement meetings related to housing projects and shelters. Information will be distributed.

-Discussion held. No action Taken

B. PDS –

- Not in attendance

- Discussion held. No action Taken.

C. Pima County Updates-

Sofia Blue reported on General Fund Gap Funding recommendations. Eighteen proposals were received requesting over

\$16.5 million; \$5 million was available. Several projects were recommended for partial funding and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on February 17.

Ms. Blue also provided a brief overview of the Draft 10-Year Regional Housing Strategy, which outlines five goals, 27 strategies, and an estimated \$413 million funding need. The plan will move forward for endorsement and Board approval.

3. Home Gap Funding Scoring -

- Andrew Paredes, Community Development Administrator, presented the HOME Gap Funding scoring process. Eight applicants will present proposals to the Commission for project impact scoring. One Commissioner disclosed a conflict of interest and recused.

Score sheets will be distributed following the presentations, with scores due February 10. Commissioners were advised that no questions would be permitted during presentations, as the exercise is limited to listening and scoring.

8- presented- 5 minutes-No CEHD members are to questions

- Discussion held. No action Taken.

4. Tenants' Rights to Counsel-

Alan Solot, Southern Arizona Legal Aid, presented on a proposed Tenant Right to Counsel (RTC) program, outlining eviction data, legal representation disparities, and projected cost and community benefits. He requested that the Commission recommend the City explore establishing RTC.

Following discussion regarding jurisdiction and funding considerations, the Commission voted to recommend that Mayor and Council consider Tenant Right to Counsel. The motion passed unanimously, with no nays or abstentions.

Motion by Jay Tofel Second by Vicki Cuscino 9-0

5. Next Steps:

Upcoming Subcommittee and Working Group Meetings:

- Equitable Housing Strategies: Thursday, Feb 19th, 1-2:30 p.m.*
- Affordable Housing: Wednesday, Feb 18th 4-6 p.m.*
- Mobile Housing Working Group: Thursday, Feb. 26th 1-2:30pm*

- *Housing First: Tuesday, Jan 27th, 4-5:30 p.m.*
- **Next Pima County Housing Commission Meeting:** *Friday, February 20th, 8:30 a.m.*
- **Next Commission Meeting:** *Thursday, March TBD- 4-6pm*

6. Adjournment – 5:40 pm

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