



COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Thursday- October 1, 2026, 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Online Zoom Webinar, Registration Required:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrwjPZkYJ48&t=6614s>

Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (10/01/2026) 4:02 pm via Zoom meeting.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Jay Young, a roll call was taken, and quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Members Present:

Voting Members:

Alan Solot
Elaine MacPherson
Bill Mackey
Laurie Mazerbo
Logan Havens 4:06pm
Robert Ojeda
Jay Young
Ben Olsen
Vida Rodriguez 4:06pm
Kenny Wong
Vicki Cuscino 4:06pm
Anne Miskey

Representing:

Mayor & Council
Mayor & Council
Mayor & Council
HCD
Mayor & Council
PCOA
Mayor & Council
Mayor & Council
Mayor & Council
Mayor & Council
Direct
Mayor & Council

Exoficio:

Ann Chanecka
Koren Manning
Mike Edmonds
Sofia Blue

HCD
City of Tucson, PDSD
Tucson House Resident
Pima County

Absent:

Jim Tofel

Mayor & Council

2. **Review and Adoption of September 3, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

September 3, 2026, meeting minutes were approved and adopted.

3. 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.

4. City and County Updates- HCD, PDSD, and Pima County:

Updates:

- **HCD- Ann Chanecka**, Director of Housing and Community Development (HCD), provided an update on departmental activities and current initiatives. She shared that Andrew Paredes will serve as Interim Director following the transition of Deputy Director Johanna Hernandez to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and provided an update regarding the Capstone collaboration and related housing efforts. The Commission received the update and had an opportunity for questions and discussion.
- **PDSD-Amanda Smith**, representing the Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD), provided a departmental update on current activities, ongoing projects, and items related to housing and development. She highlighted recent PDSD efforts and coordination with other City departments and provided the Commission with an opportunity for questions and discussion.
- **Pima County-Sofia Blue**, representing Pima County, provided an update on the Regional Affordable Housing Fund allocations for FY 2027–28. The Pima County Board of Supervisors approved \$8.7 million from the General Fund, with \$3.7 million designated for in-house programs focused on keeping people housed and \$5 million for gap funding to support affordable housing development, preservation, and rehabilitation. She noted that the Commission recommended an additional \$1 million for gap funding; however, the Board of Supervisors tabled the recommendation indefinitely. Sofia also reported that Pima County's affordable housing gap-funding RFP had closed and announced the next Pima County Commission meeting for October 16 at 8:30 a.m.

- Discussion held. No action taken.

5. Community Preference Policy:

Amanda Grant, planner with HCD-SPACE, provided an overview of the proposed Community Preference Policy. She discussed the purpose of the draft policy, its focus on addressing displacement and improving access to affordable housing, and the proposed community engagement process. The Commission discussed the presentation and provided feedback as the policy continues to be developed.

- Discussion held. No action taken.

9. Road to Housing Bill:

Artemis Torre, representing Tucson for Everyone, provided an overview of the 21st Century Road to Housing Act, including new and expanded federal grant opportunities, changes affecting affordable housing development, and greater flexibility in the use of certain existing housing funds. Artemis highlighted potential opportunities for Tucson related to Opportunity Zones, land-use and code reforms, affordable housing construction, and future grant eligibility. The Commission discussed how the city could position itself to remain competitive for these funding opportunities and the importance of continued coordination between HCD and PDSD.

- Discussion held. No action taken

6. El Pueblo Housing Development:

The Discussion and item were continued until the next CEHD meeting.

- No action taken.

7. Housing Trust Fund:

Lena Porell provided an update on the Housing Trust Fund, including current funding activities, priorities, and efforts supporting affordable housing initiatives. The Commission discussed the update and ongoing opportunities for the Housing Trust Fund to support the City's affordable housing goals.

- Discussion held. No action taken.

8. Governance Working Group:

Ann Chanecka, HCD Director, provided an update from the Governance Working Group regarding potential changes to the Commission's ordinance and bylaws, as well as efforts to strengthen commissioner participation and engagement. Discussion included exploring stipends to reduce financial barriers to serving on the Commission, improving onboarding and training for commissioners, and clarifying opportunities for the Commission to provide timely recommendations and feedback to Mayor and Council. The Working Group will continue refining its recommendations before bringing them back to the full Commission for consideration.

- Discussion held. No action taken

10. Reports from Subcommittees

Housing Innovation and Development Subcommittee: Elaine provided an update from the September 15 meeting. The Subcommittee received presentations regarding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) process and current development challenges, as well as barriers affecting housing development. Members discussed identifying scalable solutions to help address those barriers and will continue developing an action plan and priorities for the coming year at the next meeting.

Community Engagement and Collaboration Subcommittee: Ann provided an update from the September 17 meeting. The Subcommittee discussed establishing more specific areas of focus to better support the City's work and provide meaningful recommendations to Mayor and Council. Members identified the Land Trust and Community Preference Policy as areas for further discussion and expressed interest in establishing clearer Commission priorities moving forward.

- Discussion held. No action taken

11. Next Steps:

- a. Commission on Equitable Housing & Development, Nov. 5, 4-6 pm
- b. Housing Development & Innovation, Oct. 13, 12-1:30 pm
- c. Community Engagement & Collaboration, Oct. 15, 1 2:30 pm
- d. Pima County Regional Affordable Housing Commission, Oct. 16, 8:30 am.

12. Adjournment – 5:59 pm

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