



# Commission on Equitable Housing and Development

## Update to Tucson Mayor and Council

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor Romero and Tucson Council Members

**FROM:** Jim Tofel, Chair  
Mike Edmonds, Vice-Chair  
Commission on Equitable Housing and Development

**DATE:** 8/6/2021

**SUBJECT:** Quarterly Update to Mayor and Council

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The Commission on Equitable Housing and Development (CEHD) is pleased to provide an update on the first six months of the group’s progress. The CEHD has been meeting since February of this year and this year so far has focused on the group’s formation and purpose, especially given the virtual space that meetings are currently held. This document provides an update on the Commission. Per the founding ordinance, we plan to provide quarterly updates moving forward and from time to time will request an opportunity to address the Mayor and Council at a study session.

### **Meeting Information**

- Moving forward, the CEHD will meet on the first Thursday of every month from 4-6 p.m.
- Agendas, minutes, meeting materials, etc. can be found on the Housing and Community Development CEHD website at: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/cehd>
- The Commission recently created three subcommittees (discussed below); these subcommittees will also meet monthly

### **Commission Roster**

	<b><u>Voting Members</u></b>	<b><u>Representation</u></b>
1	Michael Edmonds	Mayor and Council
2	Olga Flores	Mayor and Council
3	Sharayah Jimenez	Mayor and Council
4	Moniqua Lane	Mayor and Council
5	Jim Tofel	Mayor and Council
6	Liz Wilshin	Mayor and Council
7	Jay Young	Mayor and Council
8	Mindy Bernstein	HCD
9	Laurie Mazerbo	HCD
10	<b><i>Vacant</i></b>	HCD - Youth Representative (18-24 years)

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**Ex-officio Representatives**

Maggie Amado-Tellez	Pima County Community Land Trust
Wendy Ascher	Non-Profit
Maryann Beerling	Affordable Housing Developer
W. Mark Clark	Pima Council on Aging
Vicki Cuscino	Direct
Marcos Ysmael	Pima County
Betty Villegas	South Tucson
Koren Manning	City of Tucson PDSD
Liz Morales	City of Tucson HCD

**Topics Discussed To-Date**

The following were presentations and/or topics discussed at Commission meetings to-date in 2021:

- Welcome and Background on the Commission by Mayor Romero and Council Member Santa Cruz
- Open Meeting Law Information from City of Tucson Clerk's Office
- People, Communities, and Homes Investment Plan Overview from HCD Staff
- Housing Market Study Presentation by UA Eller College
- Central Business District Research and Updates by City of Tucson Economic Initiatives Director
- Affordable Housing Finance 101 by Joan Serviss, Executive Director of the Arizona Housing Coalition
- Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance by Planning and Development Services and Sharayah Jimenez (Commissioner and Cuadro Design)
- Affordable Housing Density Bonus – Sunshine Mile Overlay District by Planning and Development Services

**Mission and Goals**

In addition to presentations and preliminary discussions on key topics, the Commission worked with professional facilitator Punam Mathur to help the group refine its mission and create both short and long term goals.

*Revised Mission Statement*

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:

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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.

Commission adopted this revised Mission on June 1, 2021

### *Goal Setting*

Through Punam's facilitation support, the CEHD identified ten short-term goals and seven long-term goals that different Commissioner's were interested in working on. Through a voting system, the following goals were identified as priorities the Commission adopted:

#### Short-Term Goals (within 18 months)

1. Provide a set of recommendations to Mayor and Council on activities/levers/tools the city can leverage to increase momentum around affordable housing
2. Identify new funding opportunities for affordable housing
3. Provide recommendations on policies to increase / accelerate available Permanent Supportive Housing

#### Long-term Goals (2-5 years)

1. Deliver a sufficient number (TBD) of new affordable housing units within the City of Tucson
2. Address housing segregation by race, ethnicity, disability, and access to opportunities in Tucson (housing patterns show the legacy of racism)
3. Provide recommendations on policies to increase / accelerate available Permanent Supportive Housing
4. Identify new funding opportunities for affordable housing

### **Subcommittees**

The Commission recently created three subcommittees to help achieve the adopted goals. The formal names of the subcommittees and meeting days and times will be established in the upcoming months. Below are the topic areas the subcommittees will focus on:

- 1) Affordable Housing
- 2) Permanent Supportive Housing
- 3) Housing Segregation