Re: Affordable Housing Task Force

Dear [Name],

Housing affordability in the real estate and rental markets is posing a challenge across Arizona and the residents of Pima County. The complex issues impacting affordability do not lend themselves to easy solutions and innovative collaborative approaches that bring the private and public sector together are required for meaningful progress. For this reason, I have asked the Community & Workforce Development Department to assemble local thought leaders and innovators and coalesce an Affordable Housing Task Force.

The Affordable Housing Task Force is empaneled for the purpose of informing the Board’s actions and policies to improve housing affordability across Pima County. Specifically, the Taskforce will:

- Highlight success stories, and identify evidence-based and promising practices that should be considered in Pima County;
- Make recommendations that will meaningfully increase availability of affordable housing within metro and rural Pima County;
- Identify public/private collaborative pathways to improve housing affordability; and
- Recommend a new charter for the Pima County Housing Commission that will strengthen the Board’s role in housing affordability.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to participate as a member of this Task Force. Your knowledge, skills, and perspectives are critical to the deliberations of Taskforce. This group will begin meeting this month and is targeted to complete its work and develop a set of recommendations by May.

Please let Dan Sullivan know if you are able to accept this invitation ([Daniel.Sullivan@Pima.Gov](mailto:Daniel.Sullivan@Pima.Gov)). He will be contacting you with more details and background briefing materials. Please direct your questions to him.

Sincerely,

Jan Lesher
Acting County Administrator