



Commission on Equitable Housing and Development Application

Background

Considering the challenges confronting the City of Tucson regarding the inadequate number of affordable housing units and high rates of poverty, Mayor and Council are implementing a *Commission on Equitable Housing and Development*. The Commission will be composed of nine (9) voting members, and nine (9) non-voting ex-officio members. Members will serve without compensation for a four-year term with the opportunity to serve one (1) additional consecutive term.

Commission Purpose

- Preserve affordability while increasing housing production/stock;
- Protect our barrios and communities from rapid change and displacement as well as structural disinvestment and substandard housing through the promotion of equitable housing models;
- Create tools to dis-incentivize displacement while also supporting context approach development;
- Focus on increasing City investment in new and existing housing;
- Facilitate equitable conversations and solutions that will incorporate voices in a collaborative environment - i.e. community members, nonprofits, former/currently homeless, property management companies, Architects, developers, higher education;
- Provide measurable and well-defined goals to address housing shortfalls for those who have, currently and will experience housing insecurity.

Commission Expectations

- Review data (quantitative and qualitative), needs assessments, and additional information to explore strategies and develop recommendations for Mayor and Council consideration for the five (5) focus areas:
 1. Housing
 2. Neighborhoods
 3. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity
 4. Economic Vitality
 5. Cultural Vitality
- Identify innovative best practices in new ideas for developing low-cost and more affordable housing, preventing and mitigating involuntary displacement.
- Identify new capital resources and make them available for affordable housing and homelessness programs.
- Identify and work toward eliminating institutional and regulatory barriers to affordable housing and job security.

- Provide recommendations on the priorities for the use of HUD entitlement programs included in the HUD Five-Year Consolidated plan and HUD Annual Action Plan as well as the Tucson Public Housing Authority Administrative Plan.

Commission Membership

The CEHD should, to the extent possible, represent the geographic, demographic, and economic diversity of the community. Desired qualifications include relevant background, knowledge, and/or expertise in one of the focus areas that relate to the Commission’s functions and purposes. Below summarizes the appointment process and the Commission’s membership make up.

Voting Members (9 total):

1. Seven (7) voting members shall be appointed through:
 - (a) recommendation by at least two members of Mayor and Council; and
 - (b) appointment by the Mayor and Council.
2. Two (2) voting members shall be appointed by the Director of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Ex-Officio (non-voting) Members (9 total):

The following shall be invited to attend CEHD meetings, and assist the CEHD, as ex-Officio, non-voting members:

- (A) Pima County Housing Center;
- (B) City of South Tucson;
- (C) Direct Center for Independence;
- (D) Pima Council on Aging;
- (E) A nonprofit partner, knowledgeable regarding nonprofit development and fair housing policy;
- (F) A developer, knowledgeable regarding the housing development process generally and with a proven track record of completed (i.e., built) affordable housing projects;
- (G) City of Tucson Planning and Development Services Department;
- (H) City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department;
- (I) Pima County Community Land Trust.

Note: Applicants should be willing to meet periodically with Council Members and city staff to talk through the commission activities and policy recommendations.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME:

HOME ADDRESS OR BUSINESS ADDRESS:

CITY OF TUCSON WARD:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

Meeting Preferences

9. Would you prefer to meet in the
- Daytime
 - Evening
10. Which days would you be able to attend meetings
- Monday: Daytime / Evening
 - Tuesday: Daytime / Evening
 - Wednesday: Daytime / Evening
 - Thursday: Daytime / Evening
11. What is the best way to communicate with you? _____

Personal Information (Optional):

The following information is intended to help ensure that the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development is a representative body inclusive of the various communities within the City of Tucson.

1. **Are there any accommodations, if any, that would enable you to attend and fully participate in the Commission meetings?** (I.e. childcare, translation services, transit accessible meeting location, accommodation of a disability, etc.) **Please describe.**
2. What gender do you identify as?
- Female
 - Male
 - Non-binary / third gender
 - Prefer to self-describe _____
 - Prefer not to say
3. Do you identify as Hispanic or Latino/a/x?
- Yes
 - No
4. Which of the following do you most identify as? Select all that apply.
- American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Asian
 - Black or African American
 - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - White
 - Other _____

5. Which age group do you belong to?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-50
- 51-64
- 65+

Thank you for your interest in the City of Tucson Commission on Equitable Housing and Development!

Completed applications must be received by 8 a.m. on September 28, 2020

Email, Mail, or deliver this form to:

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FOCUS AREAS of the Commission on Equitable Housing and Community Development

Focus Area	Relative Description
Housing	Affordable housing developers and/or property managers; nonprofits housing provide services like: home repair, tenant based rental assistance, homeownership counseling; organizations that support and advocate for tenants like: fair housing, legal aid, tenant organizations, advocacy agencies; former employees of housing and community development agencies or similar organizations.
Neighborhoods	Individuals with expertise in planning, creative place-making, historic preservation, mixed-use development, infill development, strategies to combat gentrification/displacement; member of a neighborhood association or other neighborhood-based organization.
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity	Low-income individuals, members of communities of color, LGBTQ+ communities, refugees, immigrants, non-English speakers, formerly incarcerated people, residents without a home, seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities.
Economic Vitality	Local business owners, professionals in the fields of finance, real estate, development, homebuilding, business districts, economic development, or workforce development.
Cultural Vitality	The practice of creating, dissemination, validating, and supporting arts and culture as a dimension of everyday community life.