

September 22, 2025



Pima County Planning Commission
c/o Development Services Department
201 N. Stone Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Support for Subdivision Plat Approval Code Amendment

Dear Chair and Members of the Planning Commission,

As advocates for housing opportunity and efficient development in Pima County, the Tucson Association of REALTORS® urges your support for the zoning code amendment allowing the Development Services Director to approve final plats and assurances.

This update is important to REALTORS®, homebuyers, and the broader community. Delegating approval authority will significantly shorten development timelines, allowing projects to move forward more predictably and efficiently. For homebuyers, particularly first-time buyers, every efficiency in the process matters, and this reform directly supports the goal of increasing housing supply at attainable price points. At the same time, the ordinance maintains existing standards and accountability, ensuring that requirements remain in place while approvals are handled more efficiently. Finally, the change aligns with state law and best practices across Arizona, where many jurisdictions have already adopted similar reforms to accelerate housing delivery.

For REALTORS®, this ordinance means fewer unnecessary delays for clients waiting to purchase homes, and a stronger ability to meet the demand for housing in Pima County. For homebuyers, it means more timely access to new homes and neighborhoods. Quite simply, this update is a practical, common-sense step to make our housing system work better.

We respectfully urge your support and recommendation of this ordinance to the Board of Supervisors. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to improving Pima County's housing development processes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shawn Cote'.

cc: Mr. Chris Poirier, Mr. Thomas Drzazgowski

