

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD:

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Minutes of Public Meeting (Held via Zoom)

December 2, 2025

Subcommittee Members Present

Heather M. Ross (Chair)

Enrique Davis-Mazlum (Vice Chair)¹

Holli Ploog

Drew Schaffer

Nathan Smith

Christine Groninger²

Staff Members Present

Tina Rohe, Staff Liaison

Leslie Ross, Executive Director

Heather Hamel, Housing Justice Unit

Subcommittee Members Absent

Tasha Lynch

Pamela A. Bridge

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The meeting took place via Zoom.

II. Approval of October 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Ross asked for any amendments or corrections to the draft minutes. A typographical error was noted in Section III(a)(ii). With the correction of “free free” to “crime free” in Section III(a)(ii), the draft minutes are approved.

III. Topics for Discussion and Possible Action

a. Updates from Working Groups

i. Data Collection Working Group

Chairperson Ross noted newly available data resources related to affordable housing from the Urban Data Catalog and National Preservation Housing Database. Mr. Smith noted recent federal updates from the Department of Housing and Urban Development related to funding caps on renewal projects for homeless CoCs that will strain resources for transitional housing units in Arizona.

ii. Legislation and Priorities Working Group

Mr. Schaffer reported that a meeting of this working group is pending. Ms. Groninger noted an interest in developing a fact sheet related to the Crime Free Lease Addendum, and Mr. Schaeffer noted that ACRA published a statement regarding this in 2007, demonstrating longevity in considering the civil rights impacts of the Crime Free Lease Addendum. Vice-Chair Mazlum-Davis noted an ongoing challenge related to municipal policies that result in increased rental prices. Mr. Smith noted anecdotal requests from legislators to opine regarding bill language related to housing and homelessness. Subcommittee members discussed a variety of approaches for engagement and identified an opportunity to hold a stakeholder roundtable in March to discuss federal, state, and municipal

¹ Arrived at 3:12 p.m.

² Left at 3:44 p.m.

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policies impacting civil rights related to housing with a dual focus on affordability and the crime free lease addendum, coupled with the opportunity to develop fact sheets on both issues. With a consensus of the Subcommittee members present that the Subcommittee should pursue development of fact sheets (crime free factsheet motion by Vice Chair Davis-Mazlum, seconded by Mr. Smith; municipal affordable housing factsheet motion by Vice Chair Davis-Mazlum, seconded by Ms. Ploog) in conjunction with holding a stakeholder roundtable in March 2026 (motion by Ms. Ploog, seconded by Vice-Chair Davis-Mazlum), Chair Ross will bring these recommendations to the next regular scheduled ACRAB meeting on December 3, 2025, for a vote to move forward. Working groups will be formed accordingly

b. Reports from the Housing Justice Unit and Civil Rights Division

Leslie Ross reported that numerous housing investigations were ongoing, particularly as there was a backlog with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development closed in October and November as a result of the federal government closure. Ms. Ross also shared that the Consumer Rights Division was pursuing multiple cases related to housing habitability issues.

c. Housing Updates

Housing updates were deferred to a subsequent meeting.

IV. Call to the Public

No members of the public were in attendance.

V. Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Ross adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Subcommittee will be held on Monday, January 6th at 3:00 p.m.