



# 15th Annual Arizona Housing Forum

Brian Mickelsen

## HOUSING HERO AWARD

Elected Official  
2018

**RICHARD ELIAS**

Pima County Supervisor



Richard Elias is a lifelong resident of Tucson who has devoted his entire career to helping others. Before Richard was a Pima County Supervisor, he enjoyed a career in housing beginning in 1986 with Chicanos Por La Causa. He started as a HUD Certified Housing Counselor and quickly progressed. He developed Southern Arizona's first homebuyer assistance program, operated Chicanos Por La Causa's first Self Help Program, was the Executive Director of the South Tucson Housing Authority and was the Senior Housing Project Coordinator for Pima County. In his role as Pima County Supervisor Mr. Elias has continued to support and promote affordable housing initiatives, which have benefitted countless Arizona families.

Richard entered public office after a lengthy career in government and non-profit affordable housing development. Mr. Elias continued his housing advocacy by helping Pima County create its own comprehensive Housing Center. Mr. Elias has served on many boards and commissions and currently serves on the board of the Rural Community Assistance Corporation. Mr. Elias has received countless awards and certificates including the National Association for County Community and Economic Development Award of Excellence in the Home Program and a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for the Lalo Guerrero Barrio Viejo Elderly Housing development.

Richard Elias has been a true advocate for affordable housing programs and has made affordable housing a priority for the community he serves. He continues to ensure that housing programs remain a significant focus and are attainable to all.



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