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Representatives Kaiser & Chávez Sponsor Bipartisan Legislation to Enhance Housing Supply and Affordability

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representatives Steve Kaiser and César Chávez have sponsored bipartisan legislation to improve housing affordability and address homelessness statewide. HB 2674 creates a standardized set of statewide zoning rules which makes it simpler and faster to build new housing.

“Arizona’s available housing supply hasn’t kept pace with demand, making it harder for Arizona families to find affordable places to live,” said Representative Kaiser. “The single biggest barrier to increasing the housing supply are municipal regulations and restrictive zoning laws which impede growth. Our bill makes the home building process easier and faster to help ensure statewide housing supplies meet rising demand and Arizona families are able to find a home that they can afford.”

“The pandemic has left us with consequential issues resulting in an increase in homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues, and a short supply of housing for the rapidly growing population. Whenever Arizona has been faced by crises, the best and only solution is to step up to the problems with a bipartisan approach,” Chávez said. “Not only will this bipartisan bill address issues identified through a wide stakeholder process, we will make a historic investment to the Arizona Department of Housing Trust Fund to address homelessness and affordable housing for Arizonans most in need.”

Steve Kaiser is a small business owner, veteran, and a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 15, which includes the north Phoenix area.

César Chávez is a Democratic member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 29, which covers central Maricopa County.

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