## Pima County Justice Courts, Arizona

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YOU CAN ASK FOR FREE LEGAL HELP BY CONTACTING: (These legal help programs are not part of the court.)

| COUNTY OR TOWN                                    |   |  | CONTACT INFORMATION  |
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| Maricopa County<br>Mohave County<br>La Paz County | Yavapai County<br>Yuma County                     | Town of San Luis<br>Apache Junction<br>Queen Creek | Community Legal Services<br>1-800-852-9075<br><u>www.clsaz.org</u>               |
| Apache County<br>Cochise County<br>Gila County    | Graham County<br>Greenlee County<br>Navajo County | Pima County<br>Pinal County<br>Santa Cruz County   | Southern Arizona Legal Aid<br>1-800-248-6789 or<br><u>www.sazlegalaid.org</u>    |
| Coconino County                                   | Navajo Nation                                     | Hopi Nation  | DNA People's Legal Services<br>1-800-789-5781<br><u>www.dnalegalservices.org</u> |

## INFORMATION ON TEMPORARY HALT IN RESIDENTIAL EVICTION FOR NONPAYMENT OF RENT

You may have a **right to stay in your home** through October 3, 2021 even though you are unable to pay all of your rent during this time; but only if you can **accurately** and **truthfully** make **all five** of the following statements and you give your landlord a paper called a **declaration** that contains them:

1) You have used your best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;

2) You either (i) earned no more than \$99,000 (or \$198,000 if filing jointly) in Calendar Year 2020 or expect to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income for Calendar Year 2021 (or no more than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return), (ii) were not required to report any income in 2020 to the IRS, or (iii) received an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check);

3) You are unable to pay the full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, a lay-off, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses that exceed 7.5% of your total income;

4) You are using your best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as your circumstances may permit, considering other bills you have to pay; and

5) If evicted, you would likely be homeless or be forced to move into a crowded living space such as a shelter or a residence with other people because you have no other available place to live for the same or lower cost.

You can get a declaration form on the web at https://www.azcourts.gov/eviction or https://www.azcourthelp.org, at a rent assistance office, or at your local justice court. Please read it carefully. If you sign the declaration when you know any statement is false, you may be charged and convicted with a felony and be required to pay a large fine or even be sent to jail.

If your landlord provides the judge a reason to believe based on evidence that any of the five statements in the declaration are not accurate, the court may schedule a hearing. At this hearing, before you can be evicted for nonpayment of rent, your landlord must prove at least one of the statements is not accurate. You may explain why you believe it is accurate and provide any documents you have that support your belief. Then the judge will decide whether to let you stay in your home or order you to move out because you have not kept up with your rent payments.