



August 28, 2018

Dear Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Managers (SALEM) in support of approving Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) grant funding to the Pima County Sheriff's Department (PCSD). Although not all SALEM organizations receive OPSG funding, the vast majority of our state, county, local, and tribal agencies do.

Our organization is comprised of thirty-four criminal justice organizations that work cooperatively to further public safety in Southern Arizona.

SALEM members recognize that it is the federal government's responsibility to enforce immigration laws. Southern Arizona state and local law enforcement only seek to prevent dangerous transnational crimes using existing state laws. Examples of dangerous transnational crimes include drug trafficking, human smuggling, adult and child sex trafficking, and terrorism. Cooperative public safety efforts and federal grant assistance are crucial to the prevention and interdiction of such crimes.

Pima County contains 125 miles of Mexico border, making PCSD a significant OPSG partner agency. Their inability to conduct OPSG missions would certainly weaken public safety in the region (especially in lesser served areas), impacting local cities and towns. OPSG operations also provide PCSD and other border agencies with life-saving opportunities. PCSD personnel often find men, women, and children in our Sonoran Desert in need of immediate medical attention due to heat related injuries.

Southern Arizona residents are best served when law enforcement works cooperatively, supporting one another in an effort to prevent crime and increase public safety. When one organization is weakened through the reduction of prevention efforts, our partnership is weakened and our communities are put at risk of harm and victimization.

I hope you approve OPSG grant funding, so PCSD may continue providing the highest level of public safety to the residents of Pima County.

Sincerely,

Chris Olson
Chairperson

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- Arizona Department of Liquor
- Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Arizona POST
- Benson Police Department
- Bisbee Police Department
- Cochise County Sheriff's Department
- Department of State Diplomatic Security
- DES Office of Inspector General
- DHS Homeland Security Investigations
- Douglas Police Department
- Federal Bureau of Investigations
- Mammoth/Hayden Police Departments
- Marana Police Department
- Nogales Police Department
- Oro Valley Police Department
- Pascua Yaqui Police Department
- Pima College Police Department
- Pima County Attorney's Office
- Pima County Sheriff's Department
- Pinal County Attorney's Office
- Pinal County Sheriff's Office
- Sahuarita Police Department
- Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
- Sierra Vista Police Department
- South Tucson Police Department
- Tohono O'odham Nation
Police Department
- Transportation Security Administration
- Tucson Airport Authority
- Tucson Police Department
- United States Border Patrol
- United States Marshal's Service
- University of Arizona Police Department
- Wilcox Police Department

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Hi

~~[(a) My name is Eduardo Quintana. I am the Media Coordinator for the Green Party of Pima County.]~~

[(b) My name is Mike Cease. I am the Chairperson of the Green Party of Pima County.]

The Green Party, in solidarity with the community and the Free the Children Coalition, calls upon the Pima County Board of Supervisors to vote NO on Operation Stonegarden and end this program NOW.

The Green Party affirms that migration is a human right, and we are outraged by the current situation at the U.S. border regarding the inhumane treatment of children and families seeking refuge from the United States' imperialist policies visited upon Latin American nations.

The influx of refugees crossing the border from nations like Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador also underscores the role of U.S. foreign policy in creating the conditions for crisis in these countries. While the history of the United States' brutal foreign policy and backing of murderous regimes in Latin American dates back over 100 years, these policies continue today -- such as former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's support of the 2009 coup in Honduras -- and are the driving forces of conflict and migration out of the region.

"Imperialistic policy compounded with the hypocrisy of the 'War on Drugs,' while simultaneously supporting corrupt narco-state oligarchs has created

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a disastrous situation for much of the Americas" said
Green Party National Co-chair, Tony Ndege.

This situation is yet another atrocity in this country's long experience with using "law" to tear families apart, from the trade of children under slavery, to Indian boarding schools and even now to the incarceration of Black and brown juveniles charged with adult crimes. The Green Party calls for this nation to finally respect "family values" and stop its imperialist, white supremacist attacks on families and children of the oppressed, both here and abroad, as well as for the shut-down of ICE altogether.

Thank you.

SHERIFF

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (6/19/18, 7/3/18 and 8/7/18)

A. Operation Stonegarden Grant Acceptance Conditions

Discussion/action regarding the acceptance of the Operation Stonegarden Grant Conditions.

*Thank you for your service & leadership
son Desert Protected, Displacées, PACC - wonderful*

Hello, my name is Sharon Foltz. I've resided in Pima County since 1981 – and I'm here asking you to re-evaluate and prioritize all the GOOD that can be accomplished if Sheriff Napier & his officers are allowed to have the resources that the Operation Stonegarden grant provides.

Southern AZ is a vast and diverse landscape, and law enforcement is DAILY urgently called upon to protect our families and our beautiful Sonoran Desert. They are the FRONT LINE in rural communities' emergencies- from a domestic violence incident, a report about starving abused horses, to a vehicle crash. Sheriff Department responds with courage, expertise and compassion. They regularly are valued partners with other first responders on DUI enforcement, breaking up drug activity and helping on local disasters like wildfires and monsoon flooding.

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Our law enforcement personnel are also parents, sisters, brothers-our friends and neighbors. ***Why don't you trust that their judgement and leadership are beneficial for the safety and wellbeing of our community?*** There has been NO PATTERN that local law enforcement politicizes public safety. We the people of Pima County rely on them to respond and help when we call 911. I'm asking you to PLEASE TRUST SHERIFF Napier and his staff. They need Stonegarden grant dollars to strengthen their preparedness. Domestic violence calls, missing persons, burglaries- sadly calls for assistance are an everyday occurrence and funds for equipment and overtime always a need.

I was the State Volunteer Coordinator for Ohio in the 70's. After my astronomer husband settled in at UA and our second daughter was nearly potty-trained- I launched back into volunteering - thanks to Hank Atha appointing me as a child advocate on PAG. Over the past 34 years, as volunteer coordinator for United Way then Tucson Electric

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Power Company, I've been blessed to volunteerr with hundreds of nonprofits and thousands of fellow community members. Always folks from law enforcement have been involved and are dedicated volunteers. Our law enforcement personnel are valued members of our community- coaching youth sports, packing food boxes, painting homeless shelters, cheering for the Wildcats- I'm asking you to trust them - their intentions, training and judgement.

Having volunteered and worked with law enforcement I know that our local first responders offer a local perspective of expertise, training and compassion that improves an interagency issue or program – whether federal, state or multi faceted. It is an essential leadership role and important contribution that they be at the table for all partnerships, not just federal agencies. Crime does not neatly fit within boundaries. Interagency cooperation, best practices and accountability is a GOOD THING and to be encouraged.

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The horrific situation reported yesterday- a man murdered his pregnant wife and is on the run with two young sons. Not just the feds, but Mexico and a diverse interagency team is working on this crime. Whether it's Sheriff Estrada in Santa Cruz, Tohono O'dham or TPD- it will be an interagency team that will (hopefully) be rescuing those children. I have no doubt the safety and welfare of those young children will be the top priority of the first responders – regardless of what agency they are from.

When volunteering with Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center it was usually the Sheriff's Dept. who coordinated and accompanied child abuse victims to be transported from border situations to be treated at SACAC. Nationality, religion, citizenship were not the focus- rather speedy medical and psychological treatment for a toddler that had been raped, or an 11 year old girl pregnant and terrified – abandoned by the smuggler who

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raped her. Our law enforcement were kind, efficient and focused on doing the right thing, on helping the victim.

Victims need rescuing. Our community needs honest good first responders to rely on. Please don't handicap them by taking away resources. Help our first responders be as well equipped and trained as possible - ALLOW the Stonegarden grant resources to continue.

Thank you.