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### Public Statement to the Pima County Board of Supervisors

#### Opposition to Agenda Item #30 – Federal Law Enforcement Partnership

Members of the Board,

My name is Trista di Genova. I am a declared candidate for Sheriff, a declared Independent Presidential Candidate for 2028, and—most importantly—a United States citizen speaking in defense of the Constitution you swore an oath to uphold.

I am here to demand that you vote NO on Agenda Item #30, which proposes a so-called “cost reimbursement agreement” with federal law enforcement.

This item is not benign. It is not administrative. It is not about public safety.

It is about Pima County profiting from unlawful cooperation with federal agencies that are actively engaged in the mass deprivation of constitutional, civil, and human rights.

Across this country we are witnessing masked, unidentified agents in unmarked vehicles abducting people from their homes, workplaces, and communities—including U.S. citizens, veterans, students, DACA recipients, and even American children undergoing cancer treatment. These actions meet the legal definition of kidnapping, unlawful detention, and enforced disappearance.

By partnering with these operations, you are not insulated—you are implicated.

#### Legal and Constitutional Duty

Local governments have no authority to enforce unlawful federal directives.

You have an affirmative duty to refuse participation in actions that violate:

The First Amendment (speech, protest, association)

The Fourth Amendment (unlawful seizures)

The Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments (due process)

The Tenth Amendment (limits on federal commandeering of local governments)

“No funds,” “no warrants,” “no oversight,” and “no transparency” is not a partnership—it is conspiracy to deprive rights under color of law.

If this agreement passes, each member who votes yes exposes themselves to individual civil and criminal liability, including but not limited to:

18 U.S.C. § 241 (Conspiracy Against Rights)

18 U.S.C. § 242 (Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law)

State tort liability for false imprisonment, kidnapping, and abuse of public trust

“Following orders” is not a defense—not under U.S. law, and not under international law.

International Law Implications

Participation in mass detention, disappearance, and coercive deportation programs also implicates violations of:

The Geneva Conventions

The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

International prohibitions against torture, collective punishment, and enforced disappearance

Local officials are not exempt. History is very clear on that point.

Public Safety Requires Transparency

Law enforcement legitimacy depends on identification, accountability, and consent of the governed.

When masked individuals with weapons seize people without identifying themselves, the public has every right—and indeed a duty—to report suspected kidnappings.

We have already seen responsible leadership elsewhere. A major U.S. police chief recently instructed residents that if they see unidentified armed men in unmarked vehicles abducting people, they should call 911 and report a kidnapping.

That is not radical.

That is the rule of law.

Bottom Line

This \$50,000 agreement is blood money—a budget patch paid for by the erosion of constitutional rights, community trust, and human dignity.

Vote NO on Agenda Item #30.

Refuse unlawful orders.

Protect your constituents—not federal overreach.

And do not place yourselves on the wrong side of history.

Thank you.

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Proposed Resolution

Resolution Affirming Civil Rights, Transparency, and Lawful Policing

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors has a sworn duty to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, unidentified and masked individuals operating in unmarked vehicles have engaged in detentions and seizures of residents without clear identification, warrants, or local oversight; and

WHEREAS, such actions undermine public safety, community trust, and constitutional protections; and

WHEREAS, local governments have no obligation or authority to participate in unlawful federal operations that violate civil and human rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

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Any armed individuals detaining persons must clearly identify themselves and their agency.

Unidentified or masked individuals attempting to seize persons in unmarked vehicles may be reported to 911 as suspected kidnappings.

2. Prohibits county participation in any federal law enforcement operation that:

Lacks judicial warrants,

Targets individuals for protected speech or lawful protest,

Involves surveillance of residents without probable cause,

Or operates without full transparency and local oversight.

3. Affirms that county officials and employees have a duty to refuse unlawful orders, regardless of source.

4. Requires public disclosure and Board approval of any future agreements with federal law enforcement agencies.

5. Reaffirms Pima County's commitment to constitutional governance, civil liberties, and the protection of all residents from unlawful detention and abuse of power.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Full details for folks who like to dig in:

item 30 on the Board of Supervisor's agenda Tuesday is

"Federal Bureau of Investigations, to provide for a Cost Reimbursement Agreement to partner with federal law enforcement to detect, investigate and prosecute crimes against the United States, contract amount \$50,000.00 revenue (CT2500000077)"

This is an extremely dangerous sell out of our community and relates to Pam Bondi's directives to treat freedom of expression as 'domestic terrorism'  
Just this last week in New Orleans, AP obtained records showing exactly how these federal partnerships operate: **FBI and CBP agents embedded in Louisiana's state fusion center are monitoring Reddit and social media 24/7, tracking posts critical of immigration enforcement and noting when residents "bring up past hurricanes and the work done by immigrants."** Local officials were kept completely in the dark. Only 9 of 38 people arrested had criminal histories beyond traffic violations—despite claims of "targeting violent criminals."  
<https://www.cnn.com/2025/12/07/us/new-orleans-immigration-ice-agents>

This administration has arrested students and DACA recipients for social media posts and peaceful protest activity.

<https://www.npr.org/2025/04/08/nx-s1-5349472/students-protest-trump-free-speech-arrests-deportation-gaza>

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/daca-recipients-are-being-arrested-despite-deportation-protection>

ICE is building a mass social media surveillance operation specifically to find people to arrest and deport based on their posts.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/social-media-surveillance-homeland-security-investigations-threat>

**A \$50,000 "cost reimbursement agreement" buys Pima County's participation in operations that monitor protected speech, undermine community trust, and potentially violate constitutional rights—with no transparency or local oversight.**

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Shorten this into a 2-minute oral comment version

Format it as a formal filing or email submission

Add Arizona-specific case law

Strip or sharpen the humor line depending on how hard you want to hit

Just tell me the venue and time limit.