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Dear Pima County BOS,

1. I'm very disappointed in you (Rex Scott) for your oped this week concerning the Call to the Public. It is clearly a misguided proposal to limit free speech of the public. Three minutes is barely enough already, but you're suggesting two minutes? And if we have more than one hour worth of two minute speeches, then what? How will you prioritize speakers? As I'm one of the Republican Party PCs who started attending regularly, I really enjoy hearing from others and especially the regular citizens that show up to discuss their side of a given issue (like the cell phone tower). Your agendas have a lot on them, so of course there are always going to be a lot of voices that want to be heard. Of course we can send emails, but I truly doubt every one of you reads every email ahead of time anyway. By hearing us at the Call to the Public, at a minimum we feel heard. Why would you intentionally limit your constituents from being heard? And, on an added note, Ms. Grijalva typically calls it a "call to the audience". We are not your audience unless you are performers. Please remember we are the "public". It's less condescending.
2. Agenda Item 20: Here is another story for you. A few weeks ago I was bike riding on the Santa Cruz bike path. I try to stay on the bike paths for my physical safety, and off the roads. On this particular day, however, I was riding on Ina Road where I have to be riding on the small sidewalk to cross to the other side of the river. A man behaving very strangely was at the end of this sidewalk and I did not see him until it was too late for me to turn around. He appeared to be on some drugs and was very erratic, throwing his hands all over. When I approached him, I got off my bike so if he happened to hit me at least I would be unlikely to fall and get hurt. I was lucky and he just continued down this sidewalk and his arms did not hit me. I feel so bad for this man. When I got to the end of the sidewalk portion, there was a man's wallet on the ground. I did not stop to pick it up as I still feared for my safety. As I continued my ride, I then witnessed numerous homeless encampments in the wash. Tents, wheel chairs (in the wash!), bicycles, trash, feces. I really am concerned for the people living here once monsoon season starts. We need to do more.
3. Agenda Items 40 & 41: Please stop allowing the Federal Government to dump illegal immigrants into Pima County.
4. Agenda Items 42 - 47: The COVID emergency is over. Please return any Federal funds immediately so our nation and our county can recover. Spending any funds on COVID is unethical at this point. Everyone in the county knows about COVID.
5. Agenda Item 68: Please vote no on this and do not accept the grant monies. Why did we even apply for this grant? Encourage people to not drive? Nobody WANTS to drive unnecessarily, and if they do no amount of advertising will convince them not to drive. :-)
6. Addendum Item 3: YES! Please ban TikTok. As a technical person with a background in cyber security, I cannot encourage you enough to ban TikTok. Thank you Sharon Bronson for this.

7. Addendum Item 4: Please vote No on this. Employees should actively avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest, and this policy change only increases potential conflicts of interest.

8. Finally, the Pima County budget. I am concerned and wonder if anyone lately has looked into the Pima County pension liability. At a previous meeting, I suggested it might be time for a 5-10% reduction in force. Often businesses do this to reduce salaries overall (to enable increases for those that stay) and also to reduce future pension liabilities. I have not seen any recent analysis of the county's pension liabilities. It might be out there, but I haven't found it. Before you approve this budget, I encourage you to investigate our current pension liability.

Thank you,

Susan Kelly  
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