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All,

In regards to the BOS Meeting Agenda Items for December 20, 2022...

#8: Discussion and Legal Advice on Memo Re: State Firearm Preemption Laws Executive Session...

This resolution falls in line with efforts by both Pima County and Tucson to pass local gun control ordinances. Firearms preemption statutes reserve for the state legislature the ability to regulate firearms in an effort to create consistency statewide and avoid a patchwork of local ordinances. The Arizona Legislature enacted the state firearms preemption law in 2000, which has been modified and strengthened over the years, most recently in 2016. To learn more about firearms preemption, go to: NRA-ILA | Firearm Preemption Laws ([nraila.org](https://www.nraila.org)) (<https://www.nraila.org/get-the-facts/preemption-laws/>). The state of Arizona has established gun laws and local jurisdictions cannot make up their own. I have heard the liberal members of this board complain vehemently about the AZ law that passed that will prevent local law enforcement from helping with any federal gun laws that try to usurp Arizona's gun laws and the second amendment. It works exactly like sanctuary city and state laws that were passed in liberal cities and states while Trump was president. Now you want to try to overrule state gun laws? Considering how crime has risen greatly over the past two years in Tucson, and that the super soft on crime Soros funded Laura Conover's negligence has recently led to 4 senseless murders (UA Prof and family of three by domestic violence criminal John James), perhaps it is time to start enforcing the laws that are already on the books???

Let's look at two of the three most recent highly publicized mass shootings, Buffalo, NY and Highland Park, IL. Both New York and Highland Park, IL enacted new legislation in 2013 in reaction to the Sandy Hook mass shooting. Their new gun laws banned "assault weapons" (aka. semiautomatic assault weapon (SAW)) and high capacity magazines (aka. large capacity ammunition feeding device (LCAFD)). The mayor of Highland Park, IL stated after the new ban went into place back in 2013, "These new laws will help protect the people of Highland Park."

So these laws were in full effect when we witnessed the horrific mass shootings in Buffalo, NY and in Highland Park, IL! However, these bans did not stop the horrific mass shootings in Buffalo, NY or Highland Park, IL. This should make anyone with a moniker of common sense ask, "If gun laws work, then why aren't they working?"

The answer is so simple! Criminals DO NOT OBEY THE LAW! This is what makes them criminals!

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#4: EMS Leasing Company, L.L.C., FEMA EFSP Humanitarian Relief Fund

I know you're planning to lease property located at 1150 W. Drexel Road, with a price tag of \$332,448.78 coming from the DHS Appropriations Act, to provide a temporary place for asylum seekers. Apparently, the four hotels which Pima County leases are no longer sufficient for the volume of asylum seekers crossing the Arizona/Mexico borders. How many more buildings are you planning to rent to hold the asylum seekers while we have American citizens living in the streets and in the desert this winter?

Tucson homelessness has dramatically increased over the past two years and something needs to be done about it. You are putting illegal immigrants over American citizens. It is embarrassing to see all of these homeless encampments when you drive down Golf Links and Aviation Highway!

Perhaps you all should start pushing Biden to start work on the massive crisis at the border that he is responsible for?

Agenda Item #18: Payments to Sheriff Deputies and Corrections Officers.

Pima County was allocated \$9,175,000 from the Border Security Fund to retain and recruit Sheriff Deputies and Corrections Officers. The agreement specifies that retention payments of \$10,000 and recruitment payments of up to \$5,000 are to be paid out quarterly to line-level deputies and detention officers. The Sheriff Department currently has 790 employees eligible to receive retention payments and 83 Sheriff and Corrections Officers who are eligible to receive the recruitment payments. Pima County lost several employees due to the policies the Board of Supervisors enacted surrounding the pandemic, especially with regard to the COVID-19 vaccine mandates. While it is good to see the Sheriff Deputies and Correction Officers get retention/recruitment bonuses, it is important to understand that its COVID-19 vaccine mandate policies contributed heavily to the retention issue in the first place. In reality, the policies this BOS and County Administrator continue to support are adversely impacting Pima County local businesses, taxpayers, and employees in general.

Tucson has been going down hill over the past few years and continues its free fall.

Remember when Tucson was a very popular location for filming? I do.

Remember when Tucson was home to Baseball spring training? I do.

Now Tucson is home to criminals, escalating crime, homelessness, and illegal immigrants!

It's time to bring Tucson back to its old glory days, as well as, a more desired city once again!

--Concerned citizen