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Comments : Hi Ally,

Thought I would formally send you an email versus posting on Facebook regarding the cell phone use ban that is apparently up for voting by the board.

I am adamantly against putting a ban on cell phone use for so many reasons. First we already have distracted driver laws on the books that cover this. I do not believe yet another law that gives the government another reason to encroach on my liberties is necessary. We have so many things that distract drivers everything from eating, makeup, shaving, stereo, GPS, tvs, passenger s to include children and pets. So where do we stop in the ban? Why are phones dangerous but the distraction of a screaming child or an uncontrollable pet in the vehicle is ok?

Two particular incidents I personally witnessed was one woman putting on her eye makeup as she drove eastbound on River Rd just past La Cholla. Her vehicle was swaying left and right in the left lane and as I came upon her on her passenger side I noticed she was putting on eye makeup with one hand using the sun visor mirror and her left hand was up blocking the sun while her knees steered her car.

Another incident witnessed on west bound River Rd was a black Mercedes SUV swerving badly in the right hand lane to include completely going into the bicycle lane at one point. As I passed him on his driver's side I see the male driver completely turned around tending to small children in the back seat with only one hand on the steering wheel. The difference between these two incidents that could have both caused a serious accident is that there would have been no record or proof as to exactly what the drivers were really doing moments before had they caused an accident. I have seen NUMEROUS incidents like this by individuals who are distracted why driving. I was behind a couple where the man was physically punching up his girlfriend/wife in the passenger seat as he drove. I have seen arguments while people were driving, men shaving. The problem is there are MANY distractions that are very stupid and dangerous things people do behind the wheel. Another encroachment isn't going to stop them from doing things they shouldn't be. We as drivers sharing the road need to be aware and alert for these kinds of drivers.

Many individuals and businesses rely on using their cell phones for business. Older vehicles are not equipped for hand free use or affordable for most. Police officers use cell phones and lap tops as they drive in their front seat area. How is this allowed but the common citizen isn't? Texting while driving is indeed stupid and dangerous. But if I am sitting a light and not moving I should be able to use my cell phone. Talking on a cell phone is no different than talking to a passenger in a vehicle or messing with radio stations, GPS settings or on some of these newer cars the very elaborate and distracting TV screen dashboards.

The bottom line is we have laws on the books for distracted drivers. We don't need to give the government

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another reason to encroach upon my liberties.

Thanks Ally!

Lynn

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From: Ryan Denke
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 7:51 AM
To: District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5
Subject: Re: Oppose "Handheld Device" Ordinance

Dear Pima County Supervisors,

I urge you to oppose the proposal by the Pima County Sheriff to implement the anti-handheld device ordinance.

This is merely a "feel good" ordinance to make police and officials feel like they have done something to address the problem when it will do nothing. Many other cities and states have enacted similar laws and from what I have read there has been no tangible safety benefit.

While we have all witnessed and been frustrated by poor driving from people on a cell phone, consider the following reality:

Over the period since 2000, cell phone and smart phone ownership and use went from a few percent of the population to almost all of the population. Over the same time, traffic accident rates, injuries, and fatalities continued a multi-decade decline. If distraction from mobile devices was a significant cause of crashes, we would have expected crash rates to increase, not continue a steady decline.

While the cause is noble, the proposed solution is not going to have the desired effect.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ryan Denke

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From: Mark Spear
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 7:40 AM
To: District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5
Subject: Oppose "Handheld Device" Ordinance

Dear Pima County Supervisors,

I formally oppose the proposal by the Pima County Sheriff to implement the anti-handheld device ordinance.

While I do not support or encourage texting while driving, this proposed ordinance is far too vague and overreaching toward its advertised goal of preventing dangerous driver distraction.

As written, it fails to discriminate from "head down" communication by texting and other casual uses of a shaver, GPS, radar detector, digital memory stick, an LED flashlight, or CB radio equipment.

This ordinance was also presented to the public by "blindsiding" us with no substantial ability to provide public input prior to discussion today.

I ask that the ordinance NOT be enacted today.

I also recommend a much more specific description of the actual violation than merely "handling" the device. There is also no clear and specific definition of the word handheld. There is also no clear definition as to what the exact "police observable activity" is that would provoke a traffic stop.

This should NOT be "primary" enforcement issue. I assure you that it will deteriorate into a "pretext" traffic stop issue.

Finally, there have been studies across the country that show an "increase" in traffic accidents after anti-texting laws have been implemented, presumably due to "hiding" the texting activities.

I instead recommend using resources toward a campaign against texting while driving, especially by younger drivers.

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