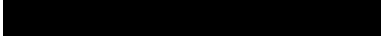


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To the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

As a resident of Arivaca, and a constituent of District 3, I am writing this letter to express support for Supervisor Christy's proposed Resolution (Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors of Noninterference in the Pima County Sheriff's Efforts to Secure Outside Funding). This Resolution would allow Sheriff Napier to perform his number one duty of "Protecting the Public Safety" for all citizens of Pima County. It would allow Sheriff Napier to utilize the funds, like the ones previously awarded through the Stonegarden Grant Program Award, for OPSG Equipment (\$1,191,208.00) and the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program Award for OPSG Overtime and Mileage (\$237,967.00).

These grants were designed to allow for cooperative law enforcement for the Pima County Sheriff's Department (PCSD) to provide the services for the State of Arizona, Arizona Department of Homeland Security. The grant missions included preventing terrorism and enhancing security; managing our borders; administering immigration laws; securing cyberspace; and ensuring disaster resilience. These two grants provided funding for equipment, overtime and mileage to ensure (PCSD) was funded at a level ensuring success and providing much needed public safety within Arivaca and Pima County. The funding of grants like the Stonegarden does not supplant the role of the Federal Government Border Patrol Agents, whose primary job is to secure the southern Arizona border.

Unfortunately, at the September 4<sup>th</sup>, Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting, three members of the County Board of Supervisors forgot their number one responsibility of "Providing Public Safety" for all citizens of Pima County. Instead they thought their main purpose/role was to evaluate policies and programs supported by the Federal Government, specifically policies recommended by our duly elected President, President Donald J. Trump. As a result of this misinterpretation of their role, three Supervisors (Sharon Bronson, Richard Valadez and Richard Elias) voted to terminate the previously awarded Stonegarden grant, thus leaving the citizens of Pima County at a higher risk of danger from MS13, increased human trafficking; drugs, especially opioid trafficking, thus putting our youth at a much higher risk of addiction. These three Supervisors did not act in an honorable manner and should not be addressed as the Honorable Supervisors.

I hope, the vote to accept Supervisor Christy's Resolution is 5-0. Maybe, just maybe these three Supervisors will once again be able to perform their number one duty/role "Providing Public Safety" to all citizens of Pima County.

Regards,

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