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Esteemed Board of Supervisors:

I have known Sami Hamed for over 20 years. When I first met him, he worked for Raul Grijalva and was part of the organizing body of a group of teens called the "Jewish Latino Coalition." Through Sami and Sharon Glassberg, selected Jewish and Latino students from across Tucson were brought together to learn and share about each other's cultures. They learned how similar they are to each other as minorities and the challenges they each faced. The trip culminated in a journey to Washington, D.C., to learn about how the government functions as well as important historical sites which included the Holocaust Museum. What impressed me about Sami was the connection that he made with each of the students. He listened to what they had to say, answered their questions and encouraged them to expand their horizons by questioning in a polite manner. We have been friends with Sami ever since. We see him at UA football games as an usher and he always remembers our names, both our kid's names and asks about how they are doing now as adults. Sometimes we even venture into political discussions with Sami. What is unique about Sami, and what I truly admire, is that he is open to hearing other's opinions, will not degrade anyone based on their political party and is really in it to help the community. This is a quality that has been lost in recent years with the political divisiveness that our nation and city are encountering. Sami is trustworthy, knowledgeable, has high morals and will always do what is in the best interests of his constituents. I urge you to appoint Sami Hamed as our next Pima County Treasurer. This is a decision that no one will regret.

Kindly,

Donna Youdelman
Pima County Resident

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