

## **Declaration of Understanding: Congressional Salary Donation Pledge**

### **Preamble**

I, Jimmy Rodriguez, Republican candidate for U.S. Congress in Arizona's 7th Congressional District, pledge to serve the people of AZ-07 with integrity and selflessness. As a builder, innovator, and father driven by the loss of my son, Jimmy Jr., in a 2022 Nevada racing accident, I am committed to prioritizing community needs over personal gain. If elected, I will donate \$154,000 of my \$174,000 annual congressional salary to nonprofit organizations and community initiatives benefiting AZ-07, retaining only \$20,000 for personal use. This Declaration of Understanding (DOU) formalizes my commitment, ensuring transparency and accountability to the people of Yuma, Nogales, Tucson, Avondale, and beyond.

### **Article I: Parties**

- Pledgor: Jimmy Rodriguez, resident of Maricopa, Arizona, candidate for U.S. Congress, AZ-07.
- Beneficiaries: IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and community initiatives serving Arizona's 7th Congressional District, selected through a transparent process involving constituent input.

### **Article II: Pledge Details**

1. Salary Donation: Upon election to the U.S. House of Representatives, I will donate \$154,000 of my annual \$174,000 congressional salary (base salary for a U.S. Representative, per 2 U.S.C. § 4501) each year of my term to qualifying 501(c)(3) nonprofits or community initiatives in AZ-07.
2. Retained Salary: I will retain \$20,000 annually for personal use, ensuring compliance with federal tax obligations.
3. Donation Frequency: Donations will be disbursed annually, with the first donation by December 31 of the first year in office and subsequent donations by December 31 each year thereafter.
4. Eligible Recipients: Funds will support 501(c)(3) nonprofits or community initiatives focused on AZ-07 priorities, including border security, economic development, water security, and family support, aligned with

my campaign platform.

5. Selection Process: Recipients will be chosen through a public process, including:

- A community advisory panel of AZ-07 constituents, formed within 60 days of taking office.
- Public nominations via [jim@jim4az.com](mailto:jim@jim4az.com) and a dedicated app, ensuring accessibility.
- Verification of recipients' 501(c)(3) status and alignment with AZ-07 needs.

#### Article III: Transparency and Accountability

1. Public Disclosure: I will publish an annual report on [jim4az.com](http://jim4az.com) detailing donation recipients, amounts, and community impact, available to news outlets and constituents.
2. Compliance: Donations will comply with IRS regulations for charitable contributions (26 U.S.C. § 170) and Federal Election Commission rules prohibiting campaign contributions from federal contractors or prohibited sources (52 U.S.C. § 30119).
3. No Personal Benefit: I will not derive personal or campaign-related benefits from these donations, ensuring funds serve AZ-07 communities exclusively.
4. Independent Oversight: An independent accountant will audit donation disbursements annually, with results included in the public report.

#### Article IV: Legal and Financial Considerations

1. Tax Compliance: I will consult a tax professional to ensure donations are structured to maximize charitable deductions while meeting federal tax obligations (e.g., 2025 Married Filing Jointly threshold, approximately \$29,200).
2. Congressional Ethics: This pledge complies with House ethics rules, avoiding conflicts of interest or improper use of office (House Rule XXIII).
3. Force Majeure: If unforeseen circumstances (e.g., changes in congressional salary or federal law) prevent fulfillment, I will adjust the donation amount proportionally and notify the public via [jim4az.com](http://jim4az.com).
4. Termination: This DOU remains in effect for my term in office, unless terminated by mutual agreement with AZ-07 constituents through a public vote announced on [jim4az.com](http://jim4az.com).

Article V: Execution

I, Jimmy Rodriguez, affirm my commitment to this pledge, made freely and with the intent to serve Arizona's 7th Congressional District. This DOU is effective upon signing and notarization, to be shared with news outlets and posted on jim4az.com for public access.

Signature:

Jimmy Rodriguez

Date:

5/20/25

Notary Acknowledgment

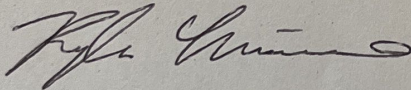
State of Arizona

County of ~~Maricopa~~ <sup>Yuma</sup> <sup>km</sup>

On this 20 day of May, 2025, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Jimmy Rodriguez, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 07/22/2028

[Notary Seal]

