

Dear Mayor/Council Member/City Manager,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Phoenix's Police department in light of the Dept. of (in)Justice's Consent Decree.

I would like to offer you a somewhat unique perspective of my experience with law enforcement.

Born and raised in Zimbabwe, my parents socialist in police circles. At one point, I could name at least five Assistant Police Commissioners. Those contacts assisted me in my application to complete my required one year National Service in the B.S.A.P., British South Police Force, fighting against a communist terrorist insurgency funded and supported by the Soviet Union, China and Cuba. We lost that war.

During that violent war, at age 18, 19 and 20, I witnessed the extreme courage of Police officers, both full-time and conscripted, who had to endure mortar attacks, ambushes and landmines (IEDs.)

In contrast, during my eight years living in London, 1977 to 1985, as an open-n-out gay man, I witnessed and endured some of the most heinous bias by the British Metropolitan Police. Hostility when reporting bias crimes such as being attacked by National Front Nazis. Agent provocateur police monitoring and tracking homosexuals. Aggressive and humiliating response to Gay Pride Parades. Sadly, that same British Metropolitan Police have now become willing sycophants of the current Pride Parades filled with public nudity, public sexual fetish, public sexual activity, all in front of children and the unsuspecting public.

From 1985 until 2011, living in New York City, New Jersey Cape May and Atlantic County, my experience with the various United States Police forces has been excellent. My experience with Phoenix PD, 2011 until the present day has been exceptional.

After forming a North Central Heights Neighborhood Block Watch, taking the Neighborhood Patrol training with PD, and generally being involved with the local community, I have had numerous occasions to interact with Phoenix Police. I know many by name and I have had to call upon them for assistance many times for local, non-violent crime issues. I have also been a willing participant to help PD whilst they investigated non-violent crimes and neighborhood quality of life concerns.

In every case, I have found Phoenix Police to be receptive, professional and friendly. I have never once had an issue nor incident where I found an officer with bias or prejudice. I admire and respect that they go out everyday to serve and protect Phoenix citizens and endure not thanks, but disrespect from political radicals who want nothing more than to break down our civil society to utter lawlessness so they can "build it back" broken in their socialist or anarchist ideology. I lost the country of my birth to these same power hungry radicals.

Sane citizens have no doubt what this DOJ Consent Decree is really about. It's an open ended contract completely controlled by the DOJ and paid for by the Phoenix tax payers. There is a proven track record that the accusations against PD, especially Phoenix PD, is not evidence based, but radical ideology based.

Mayor and council have a unique opportunity here to end this decades-long, DOJ assault on United States Police forces by radicals who want nothing more than to destroy this exceptional country.

Please do not acquiesce to this Consent Decree.

Please continue to stand with and support our courageous Phoenix Police.

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