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Arizona Police Association Endorses Dan Saban as Sheriff

Endorsement represents a coalition of 20 different law enforcement organizations

Saban unveiled his aggressive 10-Point County-wide Public Safety Initiative

Phoenix, AZ (March 28, 2008) – The Arizona Police Association (APA) today announced its endorsement of Dan Saban, the democrat candidate challenging Arpaio in the November 2008 election for control of the Maricopa Sheriff's Office. This endorsement is particularly important to the Saban campaign and represents yet another law enforcement association supporting Dan Saban over Arpaio. To date, as in several of the past elections, Arpaio has failed to get a single endorsement from any law enforcement association. More than 25,000 law enforcement practitioners in Arizona have come out in support of Dan Saban as the next Sheriff of Maricopa County.

“Dan Saban is the clear choice of the APA because of his vast law enforcement experience, his successful track record as a law enforcement leader and his innovative approach to partnerships and collaborations within the law enforcement community,” APA Executive Director Dale Norris said and added, “It’s time for a change at the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office, we need a leader who is really interested in the day-to-day operations of the office and who is truly committed to the employees.”

The APA represents the political and legislative interests of 20 individual police associations and more than 6,500 active police officers in Arizona and is considered “an association of associations.” Dan Saban said he is thankful for the support he received from the APA and all the law enforcement endorsements he has received so far so early in this campaign. “I think these endorsements indicate a law enforcement community that is tired of a Sheriff who regularly conducts investigations and operations in jurisdictions throughout Maricopa County without including, notifying or otherwise working with local

police departments on public safety issues,” he said. “In order to preserve the safety of officers on the street, whether in patrol or undercover, it is imperative to have a Sheriff who will work with law

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enforcement in an inclusive environment as opposed to the exclusive approach employed by the current Sheriff. Such exclusions place people’s lives in danger, and I don’t only mean law enforcement lives – I’m talking about the safety of the public too,” Saban explained.

With 32 years of professional law enforcement experience, Dan Saban is ready to lead the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office. In fact, he is widely known among his peers for his integrity and commitment to excellent policing. Saban currently serves as Police Chief for the Town of Buckeye and has transformed this growing department, raising the standards of professionalism and performance. He plans to utilize his collective law enforcement experience to improve the morale of the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office, while focusing on important public safety issues to improve citizen’s quality of life – and he has the experience and a track record of success to do just that.

“The APA is happy to endorse Dan Saban’s candidacy for Maricopa County Sheriff,” APA President Jimmy Chavez said. “It is our belief he will continue to bring the character and dedication necessary to improve the community while promoting the ideals of effective law enforcement,” Chavez explained.

Saban is happy to accept the APA endorsement and agrees that an excellent Sheriff must be a guardian of the community who works in cooperation with law enforcement partners and the public. To solidify his beliefs and to differentiate himself from his opponent, today Saban unveiled his 10-point County-wide Public Safety Initiatives which establishes the Sheriff’s Office as a regional resource for public safety efforts.

“As Sheriff, I intend to actively serve the more than 40,000 outstanding felony warrants currently backlogged at the MCSO. The fact this backlog exists means hard core criminals are still walking the Valley streets, putting our citizens at risk,” Saban said and added, “My 10-point plan creates an internal Warrant Service Unit to serve outstanding warrants and I will assign personnel and support resources to work with the US Marshals Service’s Fugitive Task Force countywide to arrest these individuals.”

“As Sheriff, I will implement active recruitment for the more than 400 vacant Detention Officer positions currently unfilled at the MSCO. This lack of staff is a safety issue for the current Detention Officers as well as for the inmates they are hired to watch over,” he explained.

“As Sheriff, I will work in a collaborative, professional manner with the local jurisdictions within Maricopa County and immediately re-open the three satellite booking stations in the West and East Valley to ensure local police officers are on streets protecting the citizens they serve and not chauffeuring

criminals to the downtown jail for processing because the current Sheriff cannot effectively manage his budget.”

“As Sheriff, I will enforce illegal immigration by coordinating with local, state and federal agencies to place holds for in-custody arrests and determine immigrations status at the time of booking.

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I will dedicate resources to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other agencies to fight organized crime, human smuggling, drug-trafficking and fraud.”

Saban said an excellent sheriff is a guardian of the community who must work together with his law enforcement partners and the public. “My 10-point plan will be effective in achieving what we all want – to feel safe and secure within our neighborhoods. As your sheriff, I will lead the way to accomplish those public safety goals,” he explained.

Current law enforcement endorsements of Dan Saban include: Arizona Police Association, Arizona Conference of Police of Sheriffs; Maricopa County Deputies Association; Arizona Correctional Peace Officers Association; Chandler Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association; Maricopa Community College Police Association; Maricopa County Probation Association; Phoenix Police Sergeants and Lieutenants Association; and the Goodyear Police Officers Association.

For more information about Dan Saban, his experience, his campaign or to make donations, please visit: www.sabanforsheriff.com/2008/ or call 602-390-3136.