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SABAN RESPONDS TO ARPAIO'S IMMIGRATION SWEEP IN MESA

"Sheriff's Actions are an Appalling Abuse of Power"

Phoenix, AZ (June 27, 2008) – Dan Saban, candidate for Maricopa County Sheriff, calls Arpaio's "Crime Suppression" operations irresponsible, ineffective, disruptive to the community and un-American. The latest operation in the City of Mesa was an enormous misuse of resources and only serves as a good example of how NOT to reduce crime in our communities.

"Arpaio conducts these operations in a vacuum with no coordination or meaningful communication with local law enforcement agencies," Saban said and added, "He communicates with his counterparts via a press release which is inexcusable, completely unacceptable and totally reckless. He is putting people's lives in danger every time he holds an event like this because of the explosive nature of this illegal immigration issue."

Saban argues Arpaio's tactics are not only an ineffective way to manage a law enforcement operation, but also is not a solution to immigration enforcement. "If Arpaio was truly interested in addressing the illegal immigration problem he would be working in cooperation with all law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County - not against them - and he most certainly would not be egotistical enough to think he can solve the problem himself," Saban explained. "I am dumfounded by Arpaio's arrogance and his blatant disregard for public safety," he added.

The reality of the immigration issue is that law enforcement agencies across the Valley are far more active and effective in handling immigration enforcement than MCSO - they just don't brag about the fact. "The City of Phoenix has turned over five times as many undocumented immigrants to ICE as has the MCSO," Saban explained. "Those agencies and those law enforcement officers are doing the real work, not Arpaio."

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“As Sheriff, I will enforce the laws as they are intended to be enforced, not how I want them enforced. I will enforce all of the laws and do it in a way that saves tax dollars and preserves American values. Unlike Arpaio, I will partner with other law enforcement agencies – whether local, state or federal – to have a broad, comprehensive and collaborative approach to law enforcement. Teamwork is effective. Going it alone is arrogant and wasteful,” Saban said.

Arpaio’s actions divide people and do nothing to find reasonable solutions. Real leaders unite people – even if they have differing opinions – and encourage them to work together toward real solutions. “Arpaio is neither a leader or a problem solver, but he is good at capturing headlines and bragging about being the only law enforcement officer doing anything about immigration enforcement, which is just simply not true. What is true about his ‘operations’ is that he effectively incites crowds, wastes taxpayer’s money and yields little significant results.”

Sixteen years with Arpaio as sheriff is long enough. It’s time for a new law enforcement leader in Maricopa County. For more information on Dan Saban, please contact the campaign’s media office at 602-390-3136; email info@sabanforsheriff.com or visit his campaign website at: www.sabanforsheriff.com.