

# Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

## Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



Date: September 18, 2009

### **SHERIFF ARPAIO: ACORN WAS SERVED WITH SUBPOENAS!!**

#### **Community Organization Denial of Receipt UNTRUE**

(Phoenix, AZ)– Sheriff Arpaio’s Washington, D.C., legal counsel, Robert Driscoll, properly served ACORN with legal process for voluminous records from the purported community organizing outfit. The local office in Phoenix, AZ, was also served at 2:25 PM Thursday.

ACORN late Thursday denied receiving the Federal court paperwork but the return of service was signed by Denise Johnson who represented herself as the Records Custodian for ACORN in Washington. The local subpoenas were accepted late Thursday afternoon.

“I don’t know why they would deny that they received our subpoenas” Arpaio says. “Do they have something they’re trying to hide? I didn’t ask them to involve themselves in this lawsuit but now that they have, ACORN has to follow the court rules, too.”

The subpoenas seek production of ACORN records from January, 2008, to the present, between ACORN and various parties in the Melendres v. Arpaio case in Federal District Court in Phoenix. It also is directed to any type of communication between ACORN and the Office of Homeland Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Department of Justice. The records are ordered to be delivered to Sheriff Arpaio’s attorney by October 16, 2009.

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