

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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ARPAIO OUTRAGED AT PHOENIX MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Sends Letter to City Manager

(Phoenix, Arizona) Today Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio sent a letter to Phoenix City Manager Frank Fairbanks following Friday's disparaging comments about the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office by Mayor Phil Gordon.

Mayor Gordon's comments such as, "They locked up brown people with broken tail lights," and "Make your voices heard," only served to endanger Sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement officials, including his own Phoenix police officers by inciting civil disobedience.

Gordon's comments came hours before Arpaio's deputies began an enforcement operation in the Cave Creek & Bell Roads area, and were made at a luncheon honoring Cesar Chavez.

Additionally, Arpaio's letter addresses an attempt by the Phoenix Police Chief to terminate the Sheriff's federal immigration authority.

Sheriff Arpaio says, "The bottom-line is this Sheriff will not be intimidated by Mayor Gordon or his police chief from enforcing all aspects of the state and federal immigration laws within the City of Phoenix."

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