

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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TO SAVE TAXPAYER MONEY, ARPAIO HAPPY TO LEAVE WELLS FARGO DOWNTOWN HIGHRISE

Will Likely Take Protestors with Him

(Phoenix, AZ) Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio today says he and his staff will leave the downtown Wells Fargo building only if doing so actually saves taxpayers money. A cost analysis of the move and comparable office space must be provided to the Sheriff before he agrees to move headquarters.

Arpaio was made aware yesterday of an offer from Wells Fargo Bank to terminate the Sheriff's lease early in order to allegedly help the bank consolidate some of its valley offices.

In a letter dated January 22, 2010, Wells Fargo Vice President Leo Bauman agrees to waive termination fees associated with the lease if the Sheriff's Office decides to take advantage of the offer.

The current lease allows the Sheriff's Office to occupy two floors of the downtown bank building until 2013. The Sheriff's office has headquartered in Wells Fargo Bank since 1998.

"If another location can be found which meets our needs and saves taxpayer's money, then I am happy to vacate the premises. And I suspect that wherever I go, I will be taking the open border activists with me," Arpaio stated.

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Recent events surrounding Sheriff Arpaio's fight on illegal immigration has sparked widespread debate and controversy. As a result, groups of demonstrators have protested around the front of the Wells Fargo building on a daily basis for the past year.

The demonstrators are often very loud and encourage passing motorists to honk their horns in protest of Sheriff Arpaio's immigration enforcement efforts.

"I do not blame Wells Fargo for being irritated by these demonstrators. Chances are the protests negatively impact the bank's business. But I certainly hope that Wells Fargo management isn't responding to the pressure asserted by these protestors by asking me to leave," Arpaio stated.

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