

Madam Chair Grijalva,

After great discussion with County Administrator Jan Lesher, I am willing to send one commissioned officer to attend future Board meetings. In light of budgetary constraints, allocating two at this time is just fiscally difficult.

My staff and I are making every concerted effort to stay within budget and I would like to bridge those gaps by working with this Board and Ms. Lesher. Collaboration with policy makers and leaders will better serve this community and I refuse to lose focus. When elected officials get entangled in discourse, civic progress can grind to a halt and I do not want that for my community, and I certainly know that is not yours or others on this Board's position.

It has come to my attention however, that a certain Board member has engaged with my staff assigned to Board meetings to politically undermine my authority. This strains our relationship and is counter-productive for an effective government and thriving community.

Please accept my apology. Although it might have seemed retaliatory in nature - I will not subject my staff to engage in political theatrics. Such behavior goes against county policy and should not be tolerated by anyone of us. Therefore, I am prepared to send a commissioned officer to your next Board meeting in hopes of mending what was once a strong relationship.

Respectfully,

Chris Nanos
Pima County Sheriff