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In respect of the cop who was killed last week in Kansas City while sitting in his squad car. Also, *on July 20<sup>th</sup> alone*, Waterbury, Connecticut (1 person killed by gun violence), Las Vegas (1 person killed by gun violence), Virginia Beach (1 person killed by gun violence), Orange, New Jersey (1), Indianapolis (1), Monticello, Mississippi (2), Baton Rouge (2), San Francisco (1), Houston (1), Shreveport, Louisiana (3), Aberdeen, N.C. (1), Pine Ridge, South Dakota (1), Dallas (1), San Bernardino (1), Buda, Texas (1), New Orleans (1), Warner Robins, Georgia (1), Philadelphia (1), Tallassee, Alabama (2), St Louis (1), Capitol Heights, Maryland (1), Derry, New Hampshire (1), Baltimore (1), Santa Maria, California (1), Kingsport, Tennessee (1), Sacramento (1), and Pensacola, Florida (1 person killed by gun violence).

That's data reflecting one day last week – randomly chosen, and unfortunately typi-



### Important Phone Numbers

Ward 6 Office  
791-4601

Tucson Police  
Department  
911 or nonemergency  
791-6813

Water Issues  
791-3242/800-598-9449  
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance  
791-3154

Graffiti Removal  
792-2489

Abandoned  
Shopping Carts  
791-3171

Neighborhood  
Resources  
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink  
792-9222  
TDD: 628-1565

Environmental  
Services  
791-3171

Park Tucson  
791-5071

Planning and  
Development  
Services 791-5550

Pima Animal Care  
Center  
724-5900

Pima County Vector  
Control  
Cockroaches 724-3401

## Continued: A Message From Steve

cal. The flag's at half-staff in memory of those people who lost their lives because the NRA has been hell-bent on making sure the nation is proliferated with guns of all sorts. We're reaping the damage of that tunnel vision.

From Abe Lincoln to Dr. Martin Luther King, Bobby Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan, and including those who are killed every day across this nation, we're a gun-laden culture. Fundamentally, the nature of weapons has changed, and our laws have become more liberal in terms of easy access to them. The data demonstrate the effects.



### Crime Lab Tour

Last week, Diana, Ann and I took a couple of hours to tour the TPD crime lab. It's actually seven labs under one roof. Many thanks to Debbie Merritt for helping to arrange the walk-through, and to all of the specialists who broke away from their work to show us a little of what they do for the community. One take-away is that there's likely no "perfect crime." These folks are going to catch you.

The lab is broken up into an arson section, one dedicated to studying latent fingerprints, ballistics, tearing into cell phones to retrieve evidence, a toxicology lab, one where they do work with drugs brought in as evidence, and a DNA lab. It's all highly specialized and science-based. I'll give a couple of examples.

The lady we met working arson spends her time breaking down evidence to identify accelerants so detectives may pursue arson convictions. Through some pretty intricate chemical analysis, they can identify what a person used to start a fire. From evidence gathered at the crime scene, they can show where that accelerant was spread. Matching that to stains/spills found on a suspect ties the two together. It's time-consuming, but the result of the analysis is key for convictions.

In the ballistics section, they can tie shell fragments to specific guns. From the markers left on the rear of a shell by the "hammer," to striations left on the bullet, they can show beyond a reasonable doubt that bullets extracted from victims were fired by a particular gun. They use high resolution computer generated images to make the connections.



This image shows the sensitivity of the equipment they use. Someone in the room mentioned that they'd need a camera that fast to capture images of me out running. Well, maybe that was my own comment – but regardless, the gear is impressive.

The ladies who break down the cell phones have what could be a particularly troubling "day at the office." With their computer gear, they can recover text and

photo images from peoples' cell phones. Given that much of what they do is related to pedophiles and other sex crimes, having to rummage through that sick stuff could ruin even the stoutest trooper's day. Both of the ladies we met kept a great demeanor. And for all of you who think my flip-phone is a dinosaur, I had one of them break into it and she couldn't read my texts on her computer because my phone's system isn't supported by their software. So, I'm safe – and you "smartphone" users aren't.

Below is a picture of one of the pieces of equipment they use to analyze DNA.



The lady who spoke to us here admitted that they get excited over blood stains – easy to pull the DNA from. I guess we all have our quirks! But they can analyze your genetic “fingerprints” from skin cells, saliva, and pretty much anything you've come into contact with. It's amazing how the technology is working in support of keeping the community safe.

Arson, fingerprints, ballistics, cell phones, DNA, toxicology, and drugs. Ours is a very advanced series of labs, each playing an important role in criminal justice. Heads-up: they're hiring in some of the areas. I invite you to go to the city human resources site and check to see what's open, and the skill sets you'd need to apply. It's really interesting and really important work.

### **Independent Police Internal Investigations and Citizen Input**

Another public safety position for which we'll be hiring relates to how we conduct internal affairs investigations and what role citizens may have in that process. They'll be related.

We've brought on board our former Equal Opportunity Program coordinator, Liana Perez, to study both how we do internal investigations related to police abuse of power, and how our citizens' advisory board works. At the end of her work, Liana will be making recommendations to the City Manager on the internal changes to each process we might consider. Your voice is a part of her study.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 until 7:30 pm. We'll have Liana here at the Ward 6 office to share with you where she is in the restructuring, what other jurisdictions do for internal affairs investigations, and to gather your input on the topic. Given how commonplace it has become to see allegations of police indiscretions, and seeing how some communities' processes are working well – and how others' aren't – this is a very timely topic for us to be looking at.

I've heard criticisms about how we conducted last year's massage parlor investigation. I've had direct contact with constituents who wanted particular police/citizen interactions investigated. Each instance is an opportunity for us as a jurisdiction to build confidence in how we interact with the public. And each holds the potential to cause a loss of confidence. I'm going to be very interested in hearing your thoughts on this when we meet on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I know Liana will be, too. This is important stuff so I hope you can join us.



### **Important Phone Numbers**

Senator John McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
(202) 225-2542  
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)  
602-542-4331  
Tucson office:  
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild  
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map  
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

## Water Checkbook



In June, 2008 the M&C created what we call our ‘water checkbook.’ It’s a reporting mechanism by which we track our annual available water supply. That’s for both the potable water you drink and the reclaimed water you see being used to water parks and golf courses. As you can see from the table above, we’re using less water now than when we began using this reporting tool eight years ago, and we have more in reserve. That’s a credit to your conservation efforts.

Focusing in on the last couple of years shows the trend is continuing. We had 11% more in our water checkbook balance at the end of 2015 than we did the previous year, and our available effluent increased by 5%. Our total potable usage decreased year over year by over 5,000 acre feet. This chart shows the numbers.

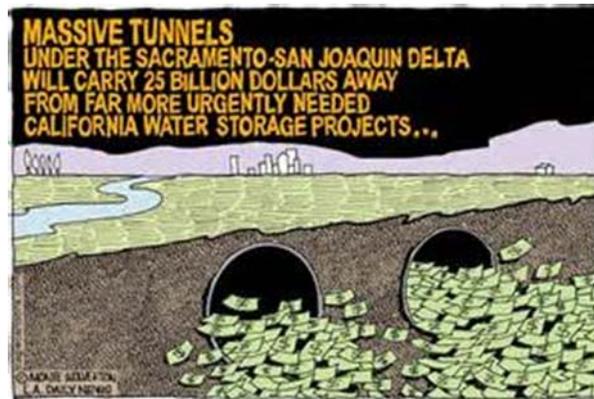
**Potable:**

2015 CAP allocation:	144191 AF
2015 CAGR allocation:	12500 AF
2015 Incidental Recharge**:	3762 AF
<b>2015 Total Renewable Potable Supplies:</b>	<b>160453 AF</b>
2015 Annual Potable Usage (TW Service Area):	94056 AF
2014 Annual Potable Usage (TW Service Area):	99396 AF
2014/2015 Potable Usage Difference:	-5340 AF
2014/2015 Potable Usage Difference:	-5%

<b>2015 Reserved Demand:</b>	<b>4949 AF</b>
2014 Reserved Demand:	6214 AF
2014/2015 Reserved Demand Difference:	-1265 AF
2014/2015 Percent Reserved Demand Difference:	-20%
<b>2015 Potable Usage and Reserved Demand:</b>	<b>99005 AF</b>
2014 Potable Usage and Reserved Demand:	105615 AF
2014/2015 Pot. Usage and Res. Demand Difference:	-6610 AF
2014/2015 Percent Pot. Usage and Res. Demand Difference:	-6%
2015 CAP Long Term Storage Account Balance:	<b>278806 AF</b>
<b>2015 Potable Supply Checkbook Balance:</b>	<b>61448 AF</b>
2014 Potable Supply Checkbook Balance:	55515 AF
2014/2015 Potable Supply Checkbook Balance Difference:	5933 AF
2014/2015 Percent Potable Supply Checkbook Balance Difference:	11%

I don't share this with you to imply that we don't need to conserve, but to suggest the work we're doing as a community is producing the results we all hope to see. Other jurisdictions should follow our lead. I'll share a couple of examples of what others are doing that may not make the best sense.

California Governor Jerry Brown just hired former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to help him navigate their water crisis. In particular, they're looking at what are called Delta tunnels. It's a \$15B project comprised of twin tunnels, 40' in diameter and 30 miles long. It's controversial not only due to the cost, but to the environmental impact the project will have. Babbitt has been hired to try to bridge the sides in the debate.



They've got environmentalists and agriculture on one side, with a significant water resource problem on the other. It's the result of years of poor water planning by the state of California. There are no easy solutions.

Another controversial 'solution' to our regional water issue is a desalination plant being considered in cooperation between the UA and Mexico.



That image is the Morua Estuary in Sonora, Mexico. There's talk now of building a large desalination plant that many feel would facilitate building out the area with more hotels, spurring tourism growth. There's also talk of whether or not desal is a wise investment.

A group of some pretty water-savvy people studied the notion of a desal plant being talked about for Rocky Point. The group included several people with UA ties. In fact Margaret Wilder, an Associate Professor at the UA School of Geography was the lead author. Others included Robert Varady, Robert Merideth, and Adriana Zuniga-Teran from the Udall Center; Sharon Megdal who directs the Water Resources Research Center; and Chris Scott, a professor in the School of Geography. Their concern was whether we should be headed toward the most expensive water option before exhausting other, perhaps more efficient options.

This study was particularly timely due to the Ducey Water Augmentation Council's already-stated interest in desal and lack of focus on strong conservation measures.

Desalination is extremely energy intensive. There's significant water lost during the process of pulling the salt from the source water. It also creates a large amount of brine that needs to be disposed of. The most common way that's done is by pumping it back into the sea. We do not know the impact that has on the surrounding ecosystems. If it has the predictably fatal effect on some of the fish in the area, setting aside the loss of that life, Puerto Penasco would lose fishery jobs that are important to its local economy.

Wilder and her group are correctly looking at all of the costs – economic, environmental and social – that need to be a part of the discussion surrounding desalination.

### **Saudis Still Buying Arizona Land**

This image shows a farmer harvesting an alfalfa crop. Last week, a Saudi-owned company called Fondomonte California announced it bought nearly 1,800 acres of farmland in Blythe so it can farm alfalfa to send back to the Middle East as animal feed. Blythe is an agricultural town located along the Colorado River.



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Another Saudi firm (Alamarai) bought 10,000 acres of farmland that's located about 50 miles from Vicksburg, Arizona for \$48M. Money's not an issue to them. They're exporting our water (used in the production of the alfalfa) and in the process preserving their own water supply back in Saudi Arabia. For them, it's a great way to support their dairy business. Here's a quote from La Paz County Board of Supervisor Chair Holly Irwin:

*"We're not getting oil for free, so why are we giving our water away for free? We're letting them come over here and use up our resources. It's very frustrating for me, especially when I have residents telling me that their wells are going dry and they have to dig a lot deeper for water. It's costly for them to drill new wells."*

Due to local development and groundwater pumping, the groundwater table in parts of La Paz County have dropped by more than 50'. There are 23 water wells on the lands controlled by Fondomonte, an Alamarai subsidiary. Each one has the capacity to pump more than 100,000 gallons of water every day.

Why is this a Ward 6 newsletter issue? Because we're at the end of the CAP pipeline.

What happens upstream from us affects our long term water supply. The Governor's Water Augmentation Council (GWAC) is nibbling around the edges of how to address this. As I've mentioned in previous newsletters, that group is made up of 29 members, many of whom are focused on continued growth, both industrial and agricultural. In fact, one of its members told me that I shouldn't be concerned with the Saudis "exporting our water" because his industry is also affected and so they've essentially got our backs on that.

### **GWAC Parallel Committee**

The gentleman from GWAC will forgive me for not buying the notion that the agriculture industry is primarily focused on conservation. With that in mind, I've asked a group of water experts to join me this week to discuss the formation of a committee that will run parallel to the GWAC, focused on conservation and managing our water supply in ways that reflect the reality that we live in a desert. I've asked the group to come together to talk about the idea, criticize it, pull it apart, and let see if it has legs. If I didn't believe in it, I wouldn't have suggested it. But I also know others are much better versed in the complex world of water supply, water rights law, and conservation options. So I will value that input. More to come on the meeting.

Two weeks ago, a lady asked me during a Q&A to list the three most important issues the City Council has to address. Number one is the budget. Number two is water. I do not believe the make-up of the GWAC reflects the importance of conserving that resource.

### **July 1<sup>st</sup> Flood Report-Out**

We'll soon be turning in the reports many of you provided related to the July 1<sup>st</sup> flooding that occurred in midtown. We've got well over 50 homes that took on water, as well as multiple other examples of how the area was impacted. As promised, we will be turning that information over to TDOT, who will in turn sit down with the County and look at where the impacts were. With that, they will both look at what might be done upstream from those impacts to better protect the entire region. In addition, I expect answers this week on the availability of sand bags and the timing for the app I mentioned that could use County stream gauges to provide early warning of large rain events.

Another angle on this is to determine whether we've followed through on projects already identified that will help manage large rain events. Back in 1995, the City studied this topic and identified 47 very specific projects aimed at controlling water flows through and around the city. Check out the list on the next page.

I've asked for a report on the status of those projects. If they weren't done, why not? If they were, we need to assess whether they had the impact the study anticipated. That review will also help inform what more we can be doing to protect residents from flooding.

On Thursday, Amy and I visited a business that was hit pretty hard by the July 1<sup>st</sup> event. Walking around the property quickly showed that opportunities exist to build improved, larger basins right in that area. Those aren't high cost approaches. What they take is the people who live and work in the area to come together and fund the work. One of the outcomes we hope to see from the flood data you've provided is to identify other locations where these passive solutions can be implemented.

As I told the business owner I visited last week, nothing we can do would have prevented the large amount of flooding midtown experienced on July 1<sup>st</sup>. But there are things we can do to mitigate the effects of smaller rain events. Those are what we're looking to find.

**TABLE 9a: SIX 5-YEAR STORMWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (PRELIMINARY)**

Total Cost of Each 5-Yr Program	Proposed Program #	Comparative Project Rankings	City Ward	Watercourse (Watershed Identifier)	TSMS Project #	Project Description (see below)	Estimated Project Cost	Homes Protected	Sq. Ft. HDLU Protected
Program #1 = \$10,037,000	1	1	6	Arroyo Chico (CW)	12	OC/C, STR	\$640,000	86	250000
	1	3	5	18th Street Wash (CL)	11	DET/RET	\$470,000	21	133500
	1	7	1	El Vado Wash (AG)	2	OC/SC, CBC	\$1,336,000	80	---
	1	14	3	Wilson Wash (DG)	27	SD	\$3,525,000	258	210000
Program #2 = \$6,907,000	1	16	3	Navajo Wash (DG)	28	SD	\$4,066,000	135	528900
	2	2	6	Arroyo Chico (CW)	13	OC/V, STR	\$831,000	113	---
	2	4	5	Mission View Wash (CC)	10	DET/RET	\$910,000	44	23500
	2	5	5	Citation Wash (CW)	15	OC/C, CBC	\$353,000	29	87000
	2	9	4	Naylor Wash (CW)	20	OC/C	\$356,000	67	50000
	2	12	1	Santa Clara Wash (AH)	4	OC/CC, CBC	\$833,000	52	---
	2	13	2,6	Alamo Wash (GC)	32	SD	\$3,523,000	184	10000
Program #3 = \$8,625,000	2	18	2	Fahringer Wash (MN)	44	STR	\$101,000	18	---
	3	6	1,5	Nebraska Wash (AW)	7	SD	\$1,466,000	52	33600
	3	8	5	Railroad Wash (CW)	21	OC/E	\$80,000	13	---
	3	10	3	Tucson Gen Wash (GM)	36	DET/RET	\$3,163,000	3	847800
	3	11	6	High School Wash (CW)	18	Replace CLVT	\$1,004,000	---	---
	3	15	1,5	Airport Wash (AW)	8	OC/CC, CBC	\$2,635,000	36	23400
Program #4 = \$9,171,000	3	22	2,4,6	Alamo Wash (GC)	31	CBC (7)	\$477,000	---	---
	4	17	5	Naylor Wash (CW)	19	OC/C, CBC	\$1,672,000	55	---
	4	19	6	Citation Wash (CW)	14	OC/C, CBC	\$817,000	63	80000
	4	21	3	Christmas Wash (GL)	33	OC/V, CBC(3)	\$1,420,000	12	---
	4	28	3	Cemetery Wash (DG)	29	SD	\$936,000	48	68260
	4	29	1	West University (DA)	24	SD	\$811,000	6	11250
	4	30	3	North Mountain Ave (GQ)	37	SD	\$812,000	31	---
	4	32	6	High School Wash (CW)	17	Modify CLVT	\$237,000	10	7000
	4	34	2	Hidden Hills Wash (MR)	45	OC/C	\$1,471,000	20	---
Program #5 = \$9,951,000	4	39	2,4	Rolling Hills Wash (UC)	47	OC/C, CBC	\$995,000	23	---
	5	20	1,5	Rodeo Wash (BR)	9	CBC (4)	\$1,904,000	13	600
	5	23	3	Krueger Wash (DF)	26	OC/E, CBC	\$211,000	---	347200
	5	24	3	Christmas Wash (GL)	34	OC/SC	\$602,000	24	---
	5	27	3	Christmas Wash (GL)	35	SD	\$3,747,000	222	---
	5	31	1	El Vado Wash (AG)	3	SD, STR	\$1,730,000	26	---
Program #6 = \$11,197,000	5	33	3	North Mountain Ave (GQ)	38	OC/SC, CBC	\$762,000	2	---
	5	36	2	Fahringer Wash (MN)	43	OC/G-R	\$995,000	4	---
	6	25	5	Silverlake Wash (CW)	22	OC/C, CBC	\$406,000	45	---
	6	26	3	Wetmore Wash (HR)	42	SD	\$1,520,000	42	22000
	6	35	3,6	Bronx Wash (DC)	25	OC/C	\$621,000	17	112775
	6	37	3	First Avenue Wash (GR)	39	SD	\$1,110,000	13	4025
	6	38	1	El Vado Wash (AG)	1	SD	\$1,027,000	---	---
	6	40	5	Swan Park Wash (CW)	23	OC/C, CBC	\$230,000	14	---
	6	41	2	Robb Wash (MW)	46	OC/C, OC/G	\$914,000	33	---
	6	42	3	Stone Avenue Wash (HG)	41	SD	\$795,000	47	---
	6	43	6	High School Wash (CW)	16	SD	\$1,521,000	---	---
	6	44	1	Flowing Wells Wash (DG)*	30	CBC	\$110,000	---	---
	6	45	1	Valencia Wash (AL)	5	SD	\$818,000	4	---
6	46	1	Valencia Wash (AL)	6	SD	\$1,527,000	6	2600	
6	47	3	Racetrack Wash (GW)	40	OC/SC	\$598,000	---	---	
<b>\$56,088,000 TOTAL COST OF ALL SIX PROGRAMS</b>									

**Community Home Repair Options**

And finally on that topic, there are resources out in the community to which you can turn for assistance if your place takes a hit. Ultimately, you need to decide whether or not buying flood insurance makes sense for you. I had that discussion with the business owner last week. Would it have made sense for him to have been paying flood insurance premiums for the 23 years he has owned the place just to pay for the damage of one rain event? Maybe – and maybe not. That’s an individual call. The city has made infrastructure investments that will get you discounts on those premiums. But other options also exist.

Typically, home repair help is made available to people with low incomes and those living

in owner-occupied homes. If you're a renter, these won't help.

Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona (CHRP) is a group we fund. You can find them at 745.2055. During the summer, they work Monday through Thursday. CHRP offers emergency home repairs to take care of things like leaking roofs, loss of heating or cooling, and security concerns such as doors and windows. We're told that flood damage like drywall repairs that may be primarily aesthetic in nature (not an emergency) might be iffy. To find out, you should call them directly.

Habitat for Humanity is active in Tucson. You can find them at [www.habitattucson.org](http://www.habitattucson.org), or call at 326.1217. They do mainly non-emergency work such as weatherizing homes, yard clean-up, and painting. Their work is geared to low-income residents. To qualify, you need to own your own home (or the land on which your mobile home sits), and you cannot have received their assistance within the past five years. They're going to ask you to pitch in on the labor. Online is the best way to apply for Habitat's help.

The folks over at Pima Council on Aging maintain a very lengthy list of subcontractors they've compiled based on positive feedback from PCOA clients. You can check them out at [www.pcoa.org](http://www.pcoa.org), or call 790.7262 and they'll send you the list.

Between the Salvation Army (792.1111) and St. Vincent de Paul (628.7837), you may be eligible for help with things such as emergency food and household items, utility bill assistance, bedding, clothing, and other similar essentials.

We'll turn in the flood data, and I'll follow up to see the status of those 47 flood control projects from the 1995 report. We'll make sure that information doesn't just sit on somebody's desk, but is used to provide some level of new mitigation out in the community. Hopefully you're not ever in the position of needing to contact any of the agencies I've listed above. But it's available – and in working all of these angles, we hope to make a difference as this monsoon season develops.

### **Orphan Debris Dumping**

While I'm on the topic of midtown (and city-wide) quality-of-life issues, there's the ubiquitous orphan furniture that is spread around neighborhoods. We had a good meeting last week with several neighborhood representatives, our code enforcement division, and Environmental Services (ES). The purpose was to identify pieces of the problem we all could take on in the hopes of chipping away at solutions.

From the landlord perspective, ES offers a special Brush & Bulky pick-up if tenants bail out and leave their living room sitting in the right-of-way. The cost is \$55 for 10 cubic yards – much less than the cost to abate a notice of violation and citation. On top of that, it's much quicker – a fact that all involved will appreciate. In the next couple of weeks, we'll be doing a little road trip to some of the local trouble spots and letting landlords and property managers know that this option exists. If you have e-newsletters, you might share the information as well. Take a look at the bottom of this webpage for details: [www.tucsonaz.gov/es/brush-and-bulky](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/es/brush-and-bulky).

Residents can play a role, too. If you're doing extra brush trimming during the monsoon

season and it's not your normal Brushy and Bulky pickup time, let ES know they'll come get it for the same price – \$55 for 10 cubic yards.

Code enforcement will also help get the word out about this special pick up, too. They're already sending a postcard to advise property owners when they're in violation of our codes. Beginning now, they'll include on that postcard some mention of the pick-up option, along with contact information.

One of the guys who attended our meeting mentioned street lighting as a part of the solution. TEP will work with homeowners and install 'dusk-to-dawn' lighting in areas that are otherwise dark at night. In the past, they've asked a given homeowner to be responsible for the monthly cost of the electricity – last I knew, that was negligible. If we're addressing a multi-family unit, spreading the cost among residents would make this a very attractive option. Contact TEP's New Services Department at 918.8300, option 3, for details.

These combined efforts won't solve orphan dumping, but it will hopefully give property managers tools they can use to help mitigate the effects more quickly, relieve some of the stress on both city staff and residents, and in the end make our neighborhoods more aesthetically pleasant places for all.

### **Photo Enforcement**



You don't see these signs around town any longer. That's because the voters last year said overwhelmingly that they don't want us to use a photo radar system at our intersections. Within days after the vote, we made the decision to cease issuing citations, weeks ahead of when the law was to go into effect. The contractor removed the cameras – what's still in place is the housing, as well as about \$1M worth of electronics and wiring inside the poles.

There has been some question as to why that equipment is still up. The questions are legitimate – and the answer is pretty straight forward. When the contractor removed the cameras, we were advised the remaining wiring could at some point be put to use in non-enforcement activities. Those might include things like keeping traffic counts, putting out traffic congestion reports, and assisting in police responses to accidents where there are injuries. It's all data gathering, not traffic and speed enforcement.

Given that we might at some point want to use the wiring and housing for some of those purposes, we've left it in place. It serves no function right now. Last week, to alleviate any concerns that that was not true, the City Manager had TDOT tilt the remaining housing up so anybody looking at it can see that it's no longer aimed at oncoming traffic, so even if the cameras were still inside and working, they'd be taking pictures of the sky, not the road.

It's best to make sure everybody knows the will of the voters is being honored, and it's okay to keep the remaining equipment in place in case we decide later to use it for non-enforcement purposes. It's an investment, and nothing's being hidden from the public.

### More on Contractor Transparency

On a somewhat similar note, but with what is currently a different result, is the contract we helped to fund related to the preservation of Davis Monthan Air Force Base (DM). Nobody disputes the value of DM as a regional asset. That's the reason we helped fund a consultant to advise us on strategies we might consider in maintaining the base. It's gaining access to the nature of that advice that's become a bit testy.

Last year, the City, the County, and the DM50 each contributed \$60K to pay a consultant to help us maintain DM. I supported then, and continue to support our investment in that goal. Here's the letter we sent to the DM50 confirming our participation.



January 26, 2015

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TUCSON  
OFFICE OF THE  
CITY MANAGER

Mr. Brian Harpel  
President, DM-50  
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Re: Regional Collaboration – Consultant Services Contract

Dear Mr. Harpel:

This letter is written to confirm our earlier discussion concerning the City of Tucson's participation in a regional effort to support Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB). Subject to equal commitment and contribution from the DM-50 and Pima County, and subject to annual budget appropriation, the City agrees to contribute \$60,000 a year for three years to pay for consultant services to represent the region's interest in protecting and enhancing DMAFB. It is understood that the City will participate on the selection panel for the consultant and that payments will commence in Fiscal Year 2016.

Thank you for including the City in this effort to work with the regional stakeholders to ensure that we are aligned in our efforts to support a vibrant military base in Tucson.

Sincerely,

  
Martha M. Durkin  
City Manager

As you can see, we participated in the selection process, and are into this for \$60K annually for the next three years. I don't want it simply left to faith that we're spending your money and are getting what we're paying for. With that in mind, I've asked to see the monthly reports Santarelli Consulting is supposed to be providing.

The reporting requirement isn't just important to me. It was specifically identified in the contract, shown below in Section 1:C.

## CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into and made effective as of December 1, 2015, between **DM50 501(c)(4), Inc. and Southern Arizona Defense Alliance** (collectively "Client") and **S'Relli Consulting, L.L.C.** ("Consultant") who will provide services to the Client.

### **Section 1     Consultant Services**

Consultant will provide the following services to Client for the consideration detailed below.

A.     **Project Management.**     Consultant will provide information, strategy development, advice, engagement with the US Department of Defense, US Air Force, Air Combat Command, Davis Monthan Air Force Base leadership and Air Force Material Command and other major commands or centers as appropriate, and ensure execution on other projects assigned to Consultant by Client.

B.     **Programmatic Monitoring/Tracking.**     Consultant will follow and report on budget and policy developments through the multi/annual Department of Defense Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution ("PPBE") process, how the Department of Defense ("DOD") and the appropriate US Air Force budgeting process allocate resources to achieve the Secretary of Defense's policy, strategy, and goals. Consultant will engage, monitor, and report developments in the PPBE that affect only Davis Monthan Air Force Base and systems based or which could possibly be based at DM.

C.     **Reporting.**     One of the highest priorities of this engagement is the reporting requirement expected by the Client, as outlined in the Statement of Work, referenced below.

This is the cross-reference affirming the written monthly reports. What's not clear is how they can be sharing those reports with the DM50, and yet they're 'confidential and proprietary' when it comes to the City and the County. And frankly, they're being paid for with taxpayer funds. I've asked for a legal explanation as to how they're not therefore in the public domain.

3.     Consultant will submit a written monthly report to the Client detailing activities on behalf of the Client with a focus on the priorities outlined in **Exhibit A.** The written monthly reports are confidential and proprietary and Consultant agrees not to release or publish the monthly reports or otherwise disseminate the contents of said reports to anyone other than Client.

I do not expect these monthly reports will unveil any state secrets. My interest is twofold: first, to make sure we're getting something for our \$60K, and second, because I care about keeping DM and want to stay engaged in how that effort is being handled.

Below are the deliverables coming from Santarelli. What's unclear is how those contained in Priority #4 can be anything but public. The officials with whom the contacts are being made are all public officials. If there's 'research' being conducted that would place Tucson at a competitive disadvantage if it were made public when we get to a new round of base closures, then those are 'sensitive' and legitimately not public documents. But reporting on their work effort is certainly not something about which we as electeds, or the community at-large, should be kept in the dark.

February 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017

This Statement of Work provides prioritization for required Consultant activities during the February 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017 time period.

**Priority #1: Provide an analysis, and recommendations on the basis of that analysis, of the current state of Davis Monthan AFB from the perspective of any potential Base Relocation and Closure Commission (BRAC), or any other potential mission and/or unit realignment initiatives, to include:**

**Priority #2: Build engagement between Client and key DOD/USAF/National Guard policymakers:**

**Priority #3: Report on developments, trends, or pending initiatives that might affect Davis Monthan Air Force Base or tenant units:**

**Priority #4: Reports on activities of Consultant:**

- Monthly written reports: The Client requests monthly written reports on the activities of the Consultant, to include relevant communications or other engagements between Consultant and USAF and or community officials or research done by in pursuit of Client objectives. The annotation of documents prepared by Consultant should be marked as sensitive, with release authority to be indicated.
- In-person briefings as necessary: Given Consultant's basing location in Tucson, AZ, Client will request in-person briefings as necessary.

I'm told the City has not received any written reports. Technically, we're not a party to the contract as it's written between the DM50 and the consultant. But we're paying for it. As I did with TREO when we were paying for their services, I'll continue to request these written updates on the work being done by Santarelli so we know your money is being well-spent, and to stay involved in the work associated with keeping DMAFB a member of our community.

### **Term Limits**

In a story that ran last Thursday, the Star got it wrong again on a couple of pretty basic issues.

It incorrectly cited the number of signatures tossed out – and they quoted me as saying term limits are “unnecessary.” The quote was *accurate* as far as it went. But it was certainly incomplete. I'll fill in the blanks here, and give you the correct data related to why the City will not be placing the measure on the ballot in November.

First, here's the quote I lifted from the Star article about the number of signatures:

*A review by the Pima County Recorder's Office estimated more than 3,686 signatures were ineligible.*

*Random samples of submitted signatures found many were not registered to vote or did not live within the city limits.*

The minimum number of valid signatures to refer the initiative to city voters this fall was 9,100.

There was a whole lot more wrong with what was turned into the Clerk than what's suggested in those quotes. Read the actual letter that went out to the term limits committee and you'll see what was left out of the article:



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CITY CLERK

**CERTIFICATE OF CLERK  
CERTIFICATE OF INSUFFICIENCY**

City of Tucson Initiative Petition Serial No. 2016-1001

Entitled: "The Tucson Term Limits Act"

I have completed the procedures described in Tucson Code, §§ 12-121 thru 12-125.

I hereby certify that, for the following reasons, the petition lacks the minimum number of signatures to place it on the 2017 General Election ballot:

1. Signature sheets bearing City Clerk page numbers 5000 – 5164; 6000 – 6047; 7000 – 7003 and 8000 – 8029 and bearing signatures of 2539 persons appeared on signature pages and were required to be removed.
2. A total of 1784 signatures on the remaining petition sheets were found to be ineligible.
3. A total of 210 signatures included in the random sample have been certified by the county recorder as ineligible at the time such petition was signed and a projection from such random sample has indicated that 3476 more signatures are ineligible to appear on the petition.

**Therefore, this petition is null and void as of July 19, 20 16.** In accordance with the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes 19-121.04(c), I am retaining the original signature sheets until after the conclusion of any litigation regarding the measure or until the time has expired for any litigation to proceed.

That's over 8,000 bad signatures, not "3,686." The difference is significant.

As to my comment about term limits being 'unnecessary,' the rest of the thought was that we already have 'term limits' every time we hold an election. The voters have the right to keep us in office, or to elect somebody else. The term limits committee simply wants to take that option away from you. Why? Because they haven't liked how you've been voting and want to force-feed a change.

To be clear, they're not even suggesting we wipe the slate clean and begin the term limiting by counting terms as of the date the ballot measure is adopted (assuming it is). They want to reach back and count all of the sitting council members' time in office against us, effectively saying that nobody who is currently on the council may run again when their current term expires.

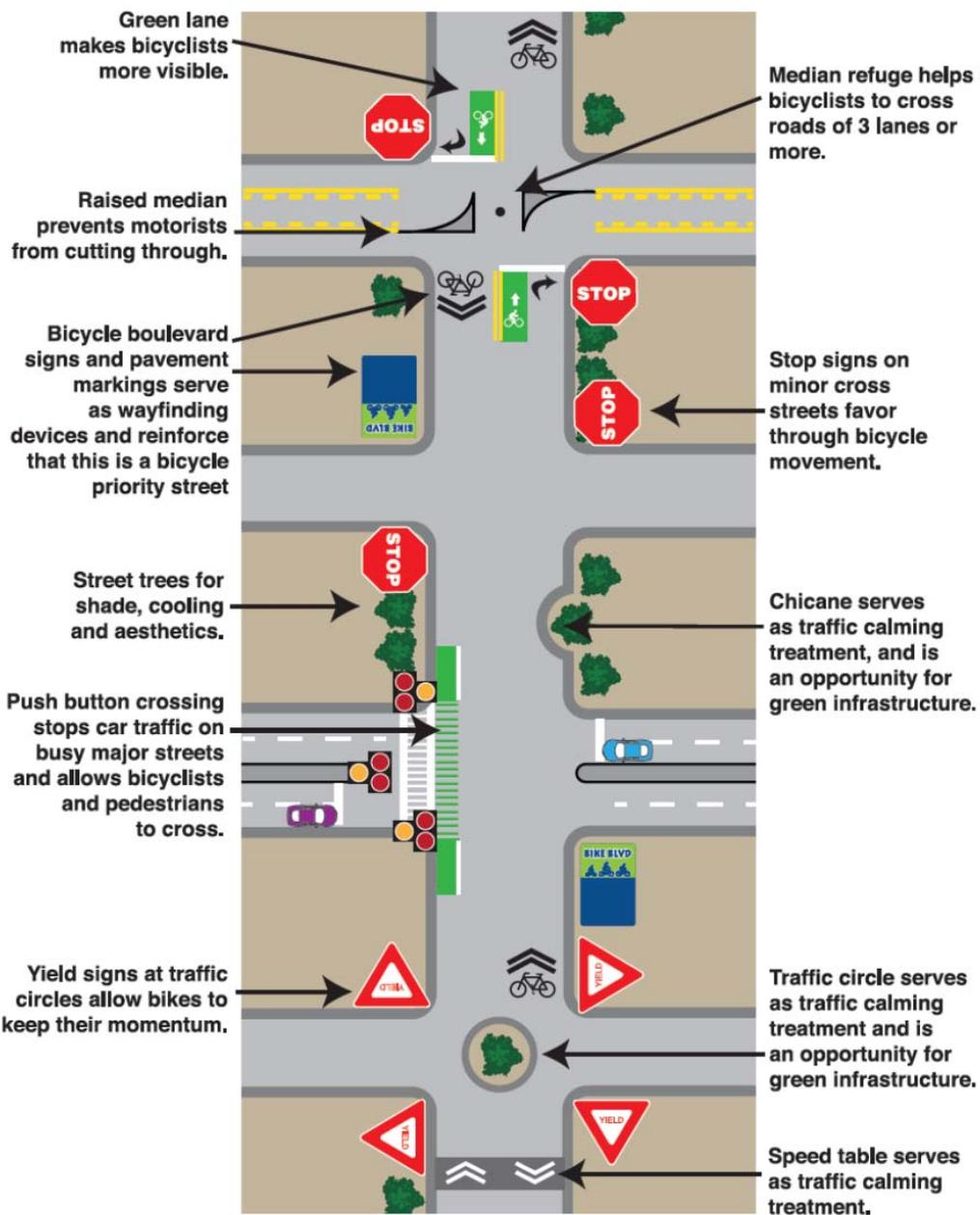
And credit where it's due, Blake Morlock from the Tucson Sentinel got the story right. He and Dylan Smith most generally do. You can find them at [TucsonSentinel.com](http://TucsonSentinel.com) for free.

I'd add in a bit of irony that when the Sentinel asked for comments from the Star about layoffs that occurred at the Star last week, they got no response. I can't tell you how many times Star reporters have complained to me about that happening to them when they're writing a story.

### Bike Boulevard Master Plan

And a couple of transportation related items. First, TDOT has in mind a 193-mile series of bike boulevards that'll pass through 64 residential corridors. It's a draft plan, and is now available for public viewing and comment.

A bike boulevard is a residential street that's designed to prioritize biking. The designs include traffic calming devices, features that reduce cut-through traffic, and so on to assist people on bike or foot when crossing busy streets. So, yes, they're also designed with amenities geared towards making walking an attractive option. The specific design will vary from neighborhood to neighborhood, depending on the unique characteristics of each. As a general description though, this rendering shows what sorts of things are included:



The system will take time to finish designing and also to fund. The total cost is estimated to be in the \$32M neighborhood.

If you'd like to look at the draft document, you can find it online at <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/projects/bicycle-boulevards>. It'll be open for comment through Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll be hosting a public review and comment open house at the Ward 6 Office (3202 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street) on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Drop in and let the planners know your thoughts.

### **Broadway Widening**

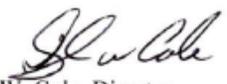
When on April 19th the M&C voted to move the 30% Broadway design forward, a part of the motion included instating a 90-day meter for demolition. TDOT purchased 1409 E. Broadway and, consistent with the vote, has now scheduled it for demolition. Here's the notice we received about it last week.



## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 19, 2016

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Rothschild and  
City Council Members

**FROM:**   
Daryl W. Cole, Director  
Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT: Demolition of 1409 East Broadway Boulevard**

At the regular council meeting on April 19, 2016, the Mayor and Council approved acquisition of right of way, which includes demolition, for the Broadway Boulevard - Euclid Avenue to Country Club Road Improvement Project. TDOT acquired 1409 East Broadway Boulevard for this project. Like all properties acquired for projects, this property was evaluated to determine its future feasibility. Based on the evaluation, this property will be demolished.

The evaluation of the property, completed on May 22, 2016 by Poster Frost Mirto Architecture Planning Preservation, recommended demolition due to the entire property being in poor structural condition and without historic integrity. Rehabilitation costs are estimated at \$228,866 to restore structural integrity.

Because the building is impacted by the project and its condition presents public health and safety concerns, TDOT will proceed with the demolition of the structure. We anticipate the demolition to begin as early as the first week of August.

cc: Michael J. Ortega, P.E., City Manager  
Albert Elias, Assistant City Manager  
Mayor and Council Aides  
Robin Raine, TDOT Deputy Director  
Carlos de Leon, TDOT Deputy Director  
Fred Felix, City Engineer  
Beth Abramovitz, Project Engineer

While the evaluation related to structural integrity of various properties is taking place, so too is the additional input being offered by the 'Vint group.' They're calling that effort Another Look At Broadway (ALAB). That group has met with the city planners a few times and offered some land use and design suggestions. Staff is considering what's being proposed to see how it can be incorporated into the 30% design M&C voted to approve, if at all.

As I had confirmed during the public vote on 30%, making more than minor changes is going to be a heavy lift. And as demolitions begin, that lift becomes even more of a challenge.

I appreciate the time ALAB and staff are investing into trying to make this a better design. It's the work I was hoping to see when I voted against locking their work into a 30% framework.



### Walk Like MADD

And sort of transportation related, this year's Walk Like MADD event is coming on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> over in Reid Park. Check-in begins at 7:00 am, and the walk will start at 8:00 am.

So many families who live in Tucson have been touched by the impact of impaired driving. Mothers Against Drunk Driving has been a force on delivering the message that alcohol and driving don't mix. Regrettably, we still see citations being issued at check points that are set up around holidays. You have to wonder what those people are thinking. Certainly not about the welfare of others.

If you'd like to get involved with this year's Walk event, this website has all the information you'll need: [www.walklikemadd.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=668](http://www.walklikemadd.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=668)

What's cool is that you can form teams and increase your impact on the work MADD is doing. And what's also cool is the Walk is 'dog friendly.' After my own heart.



**Local First**  
**ARIZONA**



The last time I was up in Phoenix, some lady had what can best be described as disparaging remarks to make about Wilbur. Well, I first considered the source (an ASU fan), but then decided maybe sharing Wilbur's history would make for a fun *Local First Arizona* segment. Especially if I can get it in front of her. (Working on it.)

The UA mascot was originally a live bobcat. He was named after the UA President in 1915, Rufus von KleinSmid. Yes, our first mascot was named

Rufus Arizona. We had live mascots until the late '50s.

The early costumed Wilburs were pretty sad looking. Here are a few of the early versions:



1959 (the one on the left)

1960s – taking a break during a football game



Also from the '60's. Maybe some of you wore that 'do.'

In the '70s he was still wearing pistols and the vest to honor Arizona's old west heritage.



This was a '70s evolution of Wilbur.

And in 1986, Wilma was created and the two got married. Wilbur kept the scarf and cowboy hat, but the pistols were ditched.





And in 2000, only the scarf and cowboy hat remained from the original western garb. An athletic jersey gave Wilbur the team 'look,'



This is him in 2013 – now, just the cowboy hat remained from the original. And note the Nike swoosh – Phil Knight would be a proud Wildcat if it weren't for the Ducks taking up all of his disposable income.

I do plenty of serious stuff in this newsletter.

Maybe none is more serious than putting nine Wilburs covering over 50 years in front of a Sun Devil fan who had issues with only one of him. Or...maybe it's just for fun. Your call.

### **KidsCare Sign Up**

Finally, beginning on Tuesday, Arizona will join every other state in the nation and resume offering health care coverage to low-income kids. Actually, it's for kids whose families are making too much to qualify for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), but too little to be able to afford private insurance.

KidsCare will be administered by the AHCCCS. It'll be fully paid for by the Federal government until at least 2017. The state legislature debated whether or not to rejoin the system (we dropped out six years ago) with the opposition fearing the state would have to pick up the tab after the Federal commitment ended next year. Ducey finally signed onto rejoining.

Generally, people qualify with incomes of just over \$48K for a family of four, dropping down to \$40K for a family of three. The scale is graduated, so if you feel you might be qualified check out [CoverAZ.org](http://CoverAZ.org), or call 800.377.3536. They can walk you through the application process. To be eligible, kids must be 18 years or younger, they must be Arizona residents, and have a Social Security number.

When we had this coverage before 2010 there were over 50,000 kids enrolled. Now it's below 600.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik  
Council Member, Ward 6  
[Ward6@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Ward6@tucsonaz.gov)

## Events and Entertainment

### **Back to School Safety & Health Fair**

**Saturday, July 30, 2016 | 9 am – 12 pm**

**Park Place Mall, Center Court, 5870 E Broadway Blvd**

Please join The Tucson Police Foundation and the Officers of the Tucson Police Department at the 4th Annual Back to School Safety & Health Fair. Learn about: Bicycle Safety; Sun/Skin Protection; Internet Safety; Safe Teen Accident Reduction Training; Home Security; Anti-Bullying and much more! Free school supplies, bike helmets, fingerprinting and safety presentations.

### **Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission Luncheon**

**Thursday, August 25, 2016 | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**The Lodge on the Desert, 306 N Alvernon Way**

In celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1976-2016) of the Pima County Tucson Women's Commission and Women's Equality Day, please join in celebrating those who fought to give women the right to vote and those who continue to work for women's equality today. An exciting platform of speakers will share their insights into the progress of the women's equality movement and what it means today. Seating is limited, and reservations must be received by Tuesday, August 16th. For more information, visit:

[pimatucsonwomen.org](http://pimatucsonwomen.org).

## Ongoing

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way | [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org)

*Twilight Thursdays, every Thursday through the summer, 5 – 8 pm*

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave |

[www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org](http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org)

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd | [www.uamineralmuseum.org](http://www.uamineralmuseum.org)

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Ave | [www.jewishhistorymuseum.org](http://www.jewishhistorymuseum.org)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress St | [www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St | [hotelcongress.com](http://hotelcongress.com)

**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | [www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St | [www.rialtotheatre.com](http://www.rialtotheatre.com)

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd | [www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave | [www.arizonatheatre.org](http://www.arizonatheatre.org)

**The Rogue Theatre**, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | [www.theroguetheatre.org](http://www.theroguetheatre.org)

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave | [www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org)

**Tucson Convention Center**, 260 S Church St | [tucsonconventioncenter.com](http://tucsonconventioncenter.com)

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St | [www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

**Mission Garden**, 929 W Mission Ln | [www.tucsonbirthplace.org](http://www.tucsonbirthplace.org)

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). A non-profit educational organization demonstrating the region's rich agricultural history by growing the heritage crops that represent the more than 4000 years of cultivation in the Tucson Basin. Open Saturdays: April through November 8 am to 12 pm and December through March 10 am to 2 pm. For guided tours call 520-777-9270.

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave | [www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)