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Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio Endorses Clint Hickman

*Arpaio commends Hickman for his dedication to public safety,
gives Supervisor another key endorsement*

GOODYEAR—Maricopa County Supervisor Clint Hickman today announced the endorsement of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, the longtime county sheriff and proponent of tough laws on crime.

Arpaio said he's backing Hickman because of his focus on safe neighborhoods and assisting local law enforcement officials in doing their job.

"Clint Hickman is a strong supporter of public safety and enforcing our laws," stated Sheriff Arpaio. "He will give law enforcement the tools we need to do our job efficiently and effectively. Clint is a hard worker and a smart businessman. He is definitely the right person for the job."

Arpaio joins Governor Jan Brewer and former Supervisor Max Wilson as key supporters for Hickman's campaign, which is continuing to build momentum and develop a wide coalition of support in the West Valley.

"Sheriff Arpaio is well-known for his work in the West Valley to fight crime and I'm glad to have his endorsement," stated Supervisor Hickman. "By working with Sheriff Arpaio, we can continue to focus on creating neighborhoods that families feel safe in. As Supervisor, I'll continue to put the safety of West Valley citizens first."

Supervisor Hickman's priorities for District 4 include promoting and protecting Luke Air Force Base, reducing harmful regulations and creating a business-friendly environment in the West Valley. You can learn more about Supervisor Clint Hickman and his campaign at www.electclinthickman.com.

About Sheriff Joe Arpaio

You probably know him as "America's Toughest Sheriff," a name given to him years ago by the media. It's a name he certainly has earned as head of the nation's third largest Sheriff's Office which employs over 3400 people. But even before he became Sheriff in 1993, Joe Arpaio was one tough lawman. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1953, and as a Washington, D.C., and Las Vegas, NV, police officer for almost five years, Arpaio went on to build a federal law enforcement career and a reputation for fighting crime and drug trafficking around the world.

In 1992, Arpaio successfully campaigned to become the Sheriff of Maricopa County. Since then he has been reelected to an unprecedented six 4-year terms. During his tenure as Sheriff of Maricopa County, Arpaio has consistently earned high public approval ratings.

Arpaio has between 7500 - 10,000 inmates in his jail system. In August, 1993, he started the nation's largest Tent City for convicted inmates. Two thousand convicted men and women serve their sentences in a canvas incarceration compound. It is a remarkable success story that has attracted the attention of government officials, presidential candidates, and media worldwide.

As chief law enforcement officer for the county, Arpaio continues to reduce crime with hard-hitting enforcement methods. His deputies and detectives have solved several high-profile murder cases, including numerous child murders. The posse, whose ranks have increased to 3,000 members under Arpaio, is the nation's largest volunteer posse. Posse men and women help in search and rescue and other traditional police work as well as in special operations like rounding up deadbeat parents, fighting prostitution, patrolling malls during holidays, and investigating animal cruelty complaints. The posse's contributions are invaluable and essentially free to taxpayers.

On a personal note, Sheriff Arpaio and his wife Ava have been married for over 56 years and have two children, both residing in the Phoenix area. The Arpaios have four grandchildren.

About Supervisor Clint Hickman

Clint Hickman is a fourth-generation Arizonan from one of the West Valley's most prominent families and businesses. He was appointed to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors in March of 2013. Hickman was selected to replace former Supervisor Max Wilson and vowed to continue Wilson's tradition of integrity, decency and fairness – and to serve “as champion of the taxpayer.”

Hickman brings energy, enthusiasm and enormous business and community experience to public service. He is vice president of sales and marketing at Hickman's Family Farms, Arizona's largest egg producer, a West Valley landmark business that started in 1944 on Grandmom Nell's backyard porch and 50 hens. Hickman's Family Farms now houses four million hens.

Clint Hickman has more than 25 years of experience in the business. Other than four years at the University of Arizona, he has spent his entire life in the West Valley. Like his predecessor Max Wilson, Hickman comes to politics after long track record of community service and helping charitable causes. He is currently Honorary Commander of the 69th Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, a member of the Hunger Project, the Arizona and Maricopa County Farm Bureau, and board member of the Arizona Food Marketing Association. He was also appointed and served as one of the few civilian members on the Arizona Meth Project.

Hickman is a lifelong Republican – dedicated to promoting fiscal responsibility, protecting Luke Air Force Base, and reducing restrictions to support jobs and economic opportunities. He and his wife Jennifer have two sons and a daughter. They live in Goodyear.

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