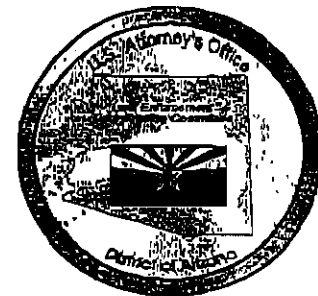




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RE: *Nevada v. Hicks*

Dear Assistant Chief Auerbach:

I'm sure by now you are aware of the recent Supreme Court case, *Nevada v. Hicks*, a decision that has a potential for great impact on existing state, county, and tribal law enforcement relationships in Arizona. As the Chairman of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, I write to encourage continued cooperation between all state, county, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies in the wake of this decision.

This decision has created a fervor of discussion due to the potential negative impact that it has on historic, developing, and existing Arizona state, county, and tribal law enforcement agreements. Statewide meetings involving state, county and tribal agencies and government representatives have already begun and will continue to take place in the coming months to determine the impact of this decision on existing Arizona state laws, policies and procedures.

Law enforcement in Arizona has a proud history of cooperation and professionalism. While the impact and meaning of the *Nevada v. Hicks* decision is discussed, it is my hope that state, county and federal law enforcement agencies will continue to cooperate and coordinate law enforcement activities and investigations with the appropriate tribal law enforcement agency. To do otherwise, would create public safety concerns and reverse the high standards of professionalism each of our agencies have set.

I am proud to represent the LECC, an organization that has helped to create open dialogue and cooperation in combating crime in Arizona. Working together, we will continue to provide safe living and working environments for all Arizona citizens.

I look forward to seeing you in Prescott this May.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL K. CHARLTON
 United States Attorney
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