

Marana Town Council

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE OPENING OF A FOR-PROFIT IMMIGRANT DETENTION CENTER OR PRISON IN MARANA

Whereas, the wellbeing of our town is our highest concern, and we are committed to building a diverse, engaging, and prosperous community for all Marana residents, and;

Whereas it is our ethical and moral responsibility as a municipal government to protect the welfare all residents and to be responsible stewards of our land and resources, and;

Whereas prisons and detention centers have proven to have severe negative effects on the economy of the host community, including decreased median wages, reduced property values, depressed tourism, and lowered retail sales, and;

Whereas operation of detention centers across the United States has resulted in increased activity by ICE/BP and in excessive use of force against community members, creating an unacceptable level of fear, preventing people from attending church, school, jobs, and other activities, and;

Whereas Management and Training Corporation (MTC) had previously lost contracts with the state of Arizona due to escapes and riots, inhumane treatment of incarcerated people, and unfair treatment of employees, and;

Whereas private for-profit correctional and detention corporations are based outside Arizona, have no contract or agreement with the Town of Marana, and are not subject to oversight by the Town, County, or State, and

Whereas unconstitutional, inhumane, and dangerous conditions in detention centers here in Arizona and across the US have been documented, including medical neglect, physical and sexual abuse, threats and intimidation, excessive use of force and punitive solitary confinement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Marana Town Council hereby opposes an ICE detention facility or reopening of a correctional facility in Marana. We commit to work with Management and Training Corporation and the community to determine sustainable development alternatives for this property.

We urge the Department of Homeland Security to suspend any existing or pending agreement with MTC regarding a federal detention facility in Marana.

_____ Signatures

_____ Date adopted

To: Management and Training Corporation

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TO: Department of Homeland Security Kristy Noem

CC: United States Senator Mark Kelly,

United States Senator Gallego,

United States Representatives Ciscomani, and Representative Grijalva

Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs

Arizona State Representatives Kevin Volk and Rachel Keshel

Arizona State Senator Vince Leach

Pima County Board of Supervisors