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Gentlemen,

I am looking for information about how Phoenix protects whistle-blowers who expose bad practices in government.

In the light of information that Phoenix had over-represented the number of kidnappings in the city, brought to light early on by Phoenix Police Sgt. Phil Roberts, I want to ensure that people with this type of information are protected from intimidation and retaliation. If Mr. Roberts, or others, have similar information, it is in the best interests of the city and taxpayers that it be brought to the public's attention.

I would like to know:

- What provisions does Phoenix have to protect whistle-blowers?
- What does the city do to communicate those provisions, and the rights of whistle-blowers, to staff and citizens?
- Has the city detailed and communicated these rights to Mr. Roberts? Has he been given whistle-blower protection? If not, given his accuracy in the kidnapping statistics, why not?
- Has Mr. Roberts been asked if he has further information to share?

Thank you for your attention to this. I believe it is important to make sure that information necessary to govern and to improve operations is encouraged and protected.

Sincerely,

Sal DiCiccio, Councilman
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