

We like much about Sal DiCiccio. We recommended him in his race for the Phoenix City Council in District 6. He works hard. He's a smart guy who has been around the political block.



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But, with Sal, one takes the odd with the good.

DiCiccio, who takes pride in his straight-talker reputation, claims a "third party" representative of a coalition of Arizona police unions ap-

proached him with a deal.

The deal: Drop your support for Phoenix's Police Director Jack Harris and the coalition, the Arizona Police Association, will endorse you.

According to DiCiccio, the deal offer came last week. He won't name the third-party person, alas.

The executive director of the APA calls DiCiccio's allegation "categorically untrue." The director of the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association also insists "we

have engaged in no quid pro quo discussions with Mr. DiCiccio."

The problem here, as you likely already have guessed, is that DiCiccio's claim is inherently impossible to prove. We do not know who the "third party" is or what, if anything, the offer entailed.

We do know it would be certifiably odd for a person representing the police union to approach DiCiccio with any kind of endorsement deal considering DiCiccio's long-standing support for Harris, an archenemy of the Phoenix police union.

We commend DiCiccio for backing the Phoenix chief. But, really. If the unions did surreptitiously approach DiCiccio for help in ousting Harris, they would have been exceedingly foolish for having done so.

Is it possible the police unions offered DiCiccio a political deal he rejected?

Certainly.

Politics is the art of the possible, after all.

But until the councilman names names, no one should be inclined to point fingers.