

Who received police endorsement?

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I was greatly puzzled by the recent articles regarding [Phoenix City Council](#) candidate Sal DiCiccio, a police endorsement in the race and, in particular, the time frame of the endorsement ("Police unions sought chief's firing for their support, DiCiccio says," Tuesday).

I was notified on Sept. 11 that I was endorsed by the Arizona Police Association for the District 6 seat on the Phoenix [City Council](#). This was an endorsement I was most honored to accept, particularly in light of the significance of the date.

I was shocked to read Sal DiCiccio's account of an "unnamed third party" negotiator from the [police](#) association approaching him over the Sept. 12 weekend. There was no weekend deal to be made as the association had already made its announcement and sent out a press release.

I was even more surprised that Sal DiCiccio indicated that the association's endorsement was contingent upon not supporting Chief Jack Harris, an odd assertion in light of the fact that I am on record as supporting Harris.

The residents of Phoenix deserve an honest, ethical leader with new and fresh ideas, not one who will fabricate stories that smear our [police officers](#) for cheap political points.

Let's leave behind "politics as usual" and head in a new direction for our city and its people.

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