



AZ STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

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Dear Mayor and Council:

The Arizona Building and Construction Trades Council (BTC) represents thousands of Arizona construction workers. Our emphasis has always been squarely placed on safely building better Arizona construction projects—public and private—on time and within budget.

It has recently come to our attention that the Associated General Contractors (AGC) and the Arizona Builders Alliance (ABA) have submitted a letter to the City of Phoenix with wild and hysterical allegations of political payoffs to organized labor. Such irresponsible allegations are ludicrous and flat wrong. In fact, the BTC has never advocated a union-only airport project.

We have dealt with the boogeyman tactics of these anti-union organizations for years, but even we are surprised when these baseless accusations are recklessly espoused by organizations that claim to speak for the construction industry.

We believe all city projects should provide the best value for City of Phoenix taxpayers. Our contractors and members believe when any local government invests millions of taxpayer dollars in public works projects, it should be able to get good results in terms of cost *and* quality. Every local government should ensure that each project has a positive impact on the entire community – including the working families that live there.

These organizations have coarsened public discourse with bullying behavior and carnival barking for years. We hope you stand up to them with the facts. The City of Phoenix needs real solutions. It does not need threats and baseless accusations by anti-union ideologues.

We look forward to working with you on the airport project – and other improvements to this great city – for years to come.

Sincerely,

Buzz Murphy

President