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Good Sunday Morning, Clarence,

First I want to apologize for not alerting you ahead of time that the Pima GOP would be presenting certificates to the Drum Major Award winners yesterday. I made the mistake of assuming that Ophelia had let you know and she also thought I had let you know. So there you have it, no one let you know! I'm sorry if it appeared we took over the program. We just wanted your group to know that the Pima GOP supports the Black community and includes people of all colors and creeds.

That said I must tell you that I was appalled at the racism displayed by award winner Valeria Stanley. To say that white people are not welcome at Juneteenth this day and age is mind boggling. The Pima GOP participated in Juneteenth last year and had planned to do so again this year. I assure you we will not after President Stanley's remarks. We have formed an Outreach Committee and thought that our efforts would be understood and perhaps appreciated. However, we will not go where we are not wanted.

Clarence, I applaud your efforts to conduct a welcoming event and your 33 years organizing the Drum Major Awards. However, I can not condone Ms. Stanley's blatant racism. Can you imagine the reaction if the tables were turned?

Respectfully,

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