

The Arizona Legislative Alert -

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Red Line: Protect the Mueller Investigation

Rally Thursday at 5 Many Locations

November 8, 2018

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Rally at 5 p.m. today to protest Trumps intrusion into the Department of Justice! Click below (or scroll down) to find time/place of a protest near you. They are scheduled all over Arizona and all over the nation!! Most are today, but some are later in November. Check for your own area! Including
AZ: [Ajo](#), [Chandler](#), [Clifton](#), [Cottonwood](#), [Flagstaff](#), [Mesa](#), [Payson](#), [Phoenix](#), [Prescott](#), [Sedona](#), [Sierra Vista](#), [Tucson](#), [Willcox](#), [Winslow](#), [Yuma](#)

Readers of the AZ Legislative Alert for months now have been watching for DJT to “cross the red line” and interfere in a 21st century version of the Saturday Night Massacre. Well, he has done it and the groups in the coalition “No One is Above the Law” have organized nation-wide protests today and continuing through November.

- He requested (and received) the resignation of Jeff Sessions as Attorney General. That alone probably would not have triggered the need for massive reaction. But
- He also bypassed the legislatively-required succession, and instead of appointing the Assistant Attorney General (Rod Rosenstein) or the Deputy Assistant AG who would be next, he appointed Sessions’ Chief of Staff who has indicated over the past years his opposition to the Mueller Investigation. This is probably a violation of the law of

succession: U.S. Code Title 28, Part II, Chapter 31 508.

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/28/part-II/chapter-31>

- There is another section of law covering acting appointments <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/5/3345> Title 5, Part III, chapter 33, 3345 that seems to say the President can appointment someone else if that person has served as “first assistant” to the person who held the position confirmed by the Senate. But the person DJT appointed, Whitaker, apparently was chief of staff, not first assistant. [Lawyers out there: help!! Didn’t DJT violate the law with this appointment?]

THUS – The coalition “No One is Above the Law” has triggered its call for a massive nation-wide outburst of rallies today at 5 p.m. and in some cases, later this month depending on the local host.

- **Phoenix** is at 5 p.m. Thursday at the State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington St. (Wesley Bolin Park).
- **Tucson**, 5 p.m. Thursday, U.S. District Court 450 W. Congress Street, Tucson
- **Prescott**, 5 p.m. Thursday, Courthouse Square, Prescott
- **Payson**, 2 p.m. Thursday, Hwy 260 @ Hwy 87, 2pm Nov 8, 2018
Payson, AZ 85541
- **Sierra Vista**, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Representative Martha McSally’s Sierra Vista Office 77 Calle Portal Suite B-160 Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
- **Winslow** Thursday, November 8 at 5 p.m. (local time) City hall
Winslow, AZ 86047

Here's a message from the host of the Mueller Firing Rapid Response event:

RED LINE CROSSED. THIS IS NOT A DRILL
***RAPID RESPONSE RALLY HAS BEEN TRIGGERED!!!**
TOMORROW, THURSDAY, 11/08 at 5:00 PM

Phoenix State Capitol
1700 W Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85007

See map of rally location: <https://goo.gl/aCh16k>

Dear Friends:

As you know, hours ago, Attorney General Jeff Sessions was forced out.

In his place, Donald Trump has decided to appoint a partisan loyalist who has published op-eds slamming Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

What's more, The Justice Department says acting Attorney General Matt Whitaker will immediately take over supervising special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation from Rod Rosenstein, the embattled deputy attorney general.

THE RED LINE HAS BEEN CROSSED. In response, the Trump is Not Above the Law coalition is rallying at the PHOENIX STATE CAPITOL—TOMORROW -- THURSDAY, 11/08 at 5:00 PM.

Let's be clear: Matt Whitaker cannot have oversight of the Russia investigation, and must allow the investigation to continue.

Where is the event being held? Please see this map for the exact location: <https://goo.gl/aCh16k>

When you click on any of the red event icons, they will expand with more details and images. Parking lots and recommendations for parking are marked on the map.

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PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING ASAP:

- Sign up for text alerts on your mobile phone. Be prepared by texting the word ALERT to 668366 right now to receive real-time alerts when our event is triggered.
- Go to <https://goo.gl/JwjRBM> which is the Phoenix event page which will have updated event details.
- Check your email.
- Go to map of rally location: <https://goo.gl/aCh16k> and save it to your GPS and plan your route ahead of time..

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The election results (so far) will be forthcoming in another issue of the Arizona Legislative Alert later today or Friday. Quick update, though: the McSally / Sinema race is awaiting the results of some 500,000 to 650,000 ballots still to be signature-checked and counted. That count affects several legislative district races, too, as well as Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instructions. More tomorrow.

No One Is Above the Law: Rallies in Case DJT interferes with Mueller

The “instant response” if DJT fires Rosenstein or Mueller (or takes other action that would seriously threaten the investigation) would produce an estimated 900 rallies involving more than 400,000 people in the United States. You can sign up at this link to be notified of immediate nation-wide (and Arizona-wide) rallies if DJT fires Mueller or Rosenstein. <https://www.trumpisnotabovethelaw.org/event/mueller-firing-rapid-response/search/>. The Phoenix event will be at the state capitol.

Or, you can text 668-366 with the word “alert.” Here’s how: click on “messages” on your I-phone, then click on the pencil in the top right hand corner. If there is no pencil, push the back arrow. You will get a “to” screen. Put 668-366 in it, then in the message (down at bottom) type “alert.”

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VUU holds services each Sunday at 10:30. On October 14, VUU will go to TWO Services, one at 9:15 and one at 11:30. Both will be the same service, same format, sermon, music etc. You are welcome here.

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