

“A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.” – President Gerald Ford, 1974

What is the Tucson Tea Party?

The Tucson Tea Party rally is a venue for people who are against the over \$12 trillion dollars in government bail-outs, stimulus, loans, entitlements, and guarantees since September, 2008, to come together and find their voice. We come together to send a message to our elected officials that, if they voted for any one of these measures, they had better be prepared to collect unemployment in 2010!

We believe that the government is taking America away from the ideals that have made it great. We believe in individual liberty and responsibility, a small federal government whose constitutional powers are limited, and the pursuit of happiness.

We do not believe that the government has the right to take your money in order to bail out big financial institutions, delinquent borrowers, or make it harder for you to earn your own living.

The government is spending future generations into debt slavery. If you care about your future and the future of your children, join the Tucson Tea Party and Arizona Tea Party Coalition.

Where do we go from here?

The Tucson Tea Party rally and other tea parties across the state will not end on April 15. Far from it.

We intend to consolidate this movement into an organizational political machine that works to kick the bums out of office. We need new representation everywhere: from city hall to Congress.

The Tucson Tea Party and Arizona Tea Party Coalition will be carefully seeking leaders to represent the silent majority of Arizonans who are now letting their voices be heard.

It is time to replace the City Council in 2009. It is time to replace Congress in 2010. And in 2012, it will be time to replace the President!

The same old, same old just won't work anymore. In fact, it may just rob you!

We encourage you to look around and see how many of your fellow Americans believe the same things that you do. Then, we encourage you to get involved.

The Tucson Tea Party and Arizona Tea Party Coalition are working to save this state and country from those who would destroy it. We are looking for hard working volunteers who believe in this and want to make a difference.

Let your voice be heard.

Contacting your government is essential and can be done in several ways. Email, phone, fax or send a paper letter or postcard. Be sure and include your name and address because without it your call, email or letter will not be read. Also, it's best to use the proper form of address such as "Council Member Smith," "The Honorable Mayor Jones," "The Honorable Senator Doe" or "Mr. President." Keep the letter short and polite but firm, about 1-3 paragraphs (though you may want to include a news article that proves your point.) The politician may send a form letter back implying you agree with his or her policy even though you opposed it. They're hoping you will get mad and give up. Don't give up, however. Take that as your signal to write more! Some politicians have revealed they are waiting for the uproar to die down on unpopular policies. That means in today's political climate we have to frequently contact politicians on the same subject until political change occurs.

Tucson Mayor And City Council: <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/mcc.html>
Mayor and Council Citizen Comment Line: (520) 791-4700 Fax: (520) 791-5198
255 W Alameda St, Tucson, AZ 85701
Note: *Recorded phone comments and emails are public record.*

Pima County Supervisors: <http://www.pima.gov/bos/bos1.html>
Receptionist - (520) 740-8126 Fax: (520) 884-1152
130 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona 85701
Note: *Recorded phone comments and emails are public record.*

Arizona State House of Representatives: <http://www.azhouse.gov>
House Tucson Info Desk: (520) 398-6000
1700 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007-2890

Arizona State Senate: <http://www.azsenate.gov>
Senate Tucson Info Desk (520) 398-6000
1700 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007-2890

Federal House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov>
Main Switchboard: (202) 224-3121
Individual websites of Representatives will have postal addresses, email forms, phone numbers and fax numbers or call the main switchboard to find out their address.

Federal Senate: <http://www.senate.gov>
Main Switchboard: (202) 224-3121
Individual websites of Senators will have postal addresses, email forms, phone numbers and fax numbers or call the main switchboard to find out their address.

President of the United States: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>
Comments: 202-456-1111
Switchboard: 202-456-1414
FAX: 202-456-2461
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Never believe that you don't have a voice in your government. Even if they do not follow your advice, at least you know that they are doing so *not in your name*, and you have done *your* duty as a citizen. Set aside a time to write government once a week. Remember, don't call names and make your point; these are the letters they see!