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**The Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. (AZAGC) to Sue Cities that Adopt an Illegal Prevailing Wage on Construction Work**

**Phoenix** – As the Cities of Phoenix, Tucson and Tempe consider the adoption of prevailing wage ordinances for city-funded construction projects within their jurisdictions, AZAGC, Arizona’s oldest construction association will partner with affected organizations to advance all legal remedies to ensure violating cities are held in-check and these illegal ordinances are not implemented.

“On day one of any ordinances’ effective date or sooner if appropriate, AZAGC will partner with companies and industry associations to challenge the legality of such exclusive practices,” said David M. Martin, president of the Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. The association wants to make it clear that we advocate for free and open competition among all contractors whether union or non-union. These ordinances are a direct attack on contractors that choose to remain non-union. David Martin will not go into details about the association’s strategy in challenging the ordinance because there are key provisions in each that make them completely illegal. “Instead of battling these issues at the council level we’ll take our arguments through the court system,” Martin said.

The Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. (AZAGC), chartered in 1934, is a not-for-profit association of general contractors, subcontractors, and other construction industry affiliated firms engaged in highway, heavy, industrial, federal and municipal-utility construction. Since inception, AZAGC has been instrumental in helping grow Arizona’s economy by investing and supporting efforts that expand and maintain Arizona’s infrastructure so that every citizen has an increased quality of life. The association is involved in legislative affairs, specification reviews, labor matters, highway budgeting and appropriations, education and training, and many other areas important to the construction industry.

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