



Alexander Ball launches campaign for Justice of the Peace

(Tucson, AZ – Jan. 9, 2020) Alexander Ball has announced his candidacy today for Justice of the Peace in Pima County. His campaign—**Ball: Justice for ALL**—seeks to end over-incarceration and systematic injustice in our local courts, and secure the promise of justice for ALL people in our community.

Alexander Ball has extensive experience in the administration of justice in Pima County. Over the past several years, Alexander has worked for multiple judges at the Tucson federal courthouse, including judges Frank R. Zapata, Cindy K. Jorgenson, and D. Thomas Ferraro. “Each of these judges taught me, first-hand, what it means to live an honorable life in the law,” said Alexander. “It was a privilege to learn from such dedicated public servants, and I will work my hardest to carry-on their legacies.”



The main issue of Alexander’s campaign, over-incarceration, is unfortunately nothing new. “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,” wrote Dr. Martin Luther King, while unjustly incarcerated in a Birmingham jail in 1963.^[1] Yet in Pima County, we, too, have suffered too long from judges being too quick to send people to jail for nonviolent offenses. Incarceration rates in Pima County have increased over 40% per capita since 1996.^[2]

Over-incarceration means excessive public expenses, economic inefficiencies, and separated families. As Pima County Public Defender Joel Feinman recently pointed-out, “It costs taxpayers \$25,000 to keep [people] in prison for one year, and \$35,000 per year to keep them in county jail.”^[3] And those numbers don’t even consider the lost opportunity cost of having people not working in the community or the unquantifiable cost of separating a child from its parent.

As Justice of the Peace, Alexander Ball promises to faithfully uphold the law, deliver equal justice for all, and treat everyone with dignity and respect. He promises to always be fair and impartial, to treat every case with the attention it deserves, and to improve our legal system so that it works for everyone in the community.

Alexander is running for Justice of the Peace in the Democratic primary, which will be held on August 4, 2020. For more information about the campaign visit: balljusticeforall.com

[1] Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Letter from Birmingham City Jail* (April 16, 1963).

[2] <http://trends.vera.org/rates/pima-county-az?incarcerationSource=black> (last accessed, Jan. 3, 2020)

[3] Joel Feinman, *Pouring gasoline on the fire of mass incarceration in Pima County*, Arizona Daily Star (Dec. 31, 2019).