

*JoAnna Mendoza has called border security a symbol of racism and hatred. She wants to stop U.S. local law enforcement from working with federal officers on illegal immigration enforcement and is proudly endorsed by a far-left organization that wants to abolish the border patrol.*

### **Mendoza Opposes The U.S.-Mexico Border Wall, Calling It “A Waste Of Taxpayer Dollars” And “A Symbol Of Racism And Hatred”**

**In January 2019, Mendoza Said: “... The Wall Has Taken Things To A Whole New Level Of Racism. The Wall Will Not Only Be A Waste Of Taxpayer Dollars, But What Will The Presence Of A Wall Do To Future Generations? It Will Be A Symbol Of Racism And Hatred.”** MENDOZA: “Martin Luther King Jr. Day is right around the corner and many of us listen to his ‘I have a dream...’ speech. A good time to reflect on how far our nation has come. Doesn’t appear we have come far at all. We are s in the middle of a government shutdown, families across the nation are suffering and racism has found a new shape — the wall ... People are entitled to their opinions. But the wall has taken things to a whole new level of racism. The wall will not only be a waste of taxpayer dollars, but what will the presence of a wall do to future generations? It will be a symbol of racism and hatred.” (JoAnna Mendoza, Opinion, “Wall Would Be A Waste,” [Casa Grande Dispatch](#), 1/19/19)

- **Mendoza: “It Will Ignite Anger And Violence. As It Stands, It’s Already Tearing Our Country Apart.”** MENDOZA: “It will ignite anger and violence. As it stands, it’s already tearing our country apart.” (JoAnna Mendoza, Opinion, “Wall Would Be A Waste,” [Casa Grande Dispatch](#), 1/19/19)

**CBP Commissioner Rodney Scott Stated That Securing Our Border Is Key To Protecting Our Country, And A Border Wall Is An Important Tool To Stop Illegal Activity, Help Agents Do Their Job, And Is Critical In Keeping America Safe.** "Securing our border is key to protecting our country, keeping our communities safe, and making sure our immigration system works the way it should. A border wall with the right technology – a Smart Wall – is an important tool to stop illegal activity and to help agents do their job, which is critical in keeping America safe," said CBP Commissioner Rodney Scott.” (Alec Schemmel, “Trump admin ramps up key border security move that is expected to run over 1,400 miles: ‘Important tool’,” [Fox News](#), 12/18/25)

### **Mendoza Wants To Prohibit Local Law Enforcement From Working With U.S. Immigration And Customs Enforcement (ICE) Officials, Effectively Creating Sanctuary Cities:**

**VIDEO: In April 2020, Asked Whether She Would ‘Work To End Practices Like ... The Collaboration Of Local Law Enforcement With An ICE Official,’ Mendoza Responded: “Yes.”** JP MARTIN: “Would you work to end practices like racial profiling and the collaboration of local law enforcement with an ICE official in an effort to stop state-sanctioned violence against LGBTQ people?” JOANNA MENDOZA: “Yes. Now, once again, you know, I believe the government’s responsibility is to keep the people that they serve safe and ensuring that we’re not targeting folks because they meet a certain criteria or a certain look or (*inaudible*) be absolutely wrong. So, we need to make sure that we protect all folks and I would certainly champion any initiative that will, you know, promote the safety of people in our communities.” (Interview With JoAnna Mendoza, Time Stamp: 03:00, [Equality Arizona](#), 4/29/20)

### **Mendoza Said That She Was “Honored” To Be Endorsed By LUCHA, A Far-Left Group That Wants To Abolish ICE And Defund CBP**

**In June 2020, Mendoza Said That She Was “Honored” To Be Endorsed By LUCHA.** Mendoza shared a graphic of the left-wing organizations that had endorsed her campaign and wrote: “I’m truly honored to our race has gotten so much attention. We’re endorsed by OVER 50. A testament to our hard work & the excitement around what we’ve built together. Full List>> ([link](#)) Let’s keep it going for the win. (*emoji*) Chip in \$>> ([link](#)).” One of the organizations that Mendoza included in her graphic is Living United for Change in Arizona. (JoAnna Mendoza, [Twitter](#), 10/20/20; LUCHA Arizona, [Twitter](#), 8/22/18; LUCHA - Living United For Change In Arizona, [Facebook](#), 6/2/20; LUCHA Arizona, [Twitter](#), 7/1/20)

**In September 2020, Mendoza Retweeted A Post Highlighting LUCHA’s “Phenomenal” Work Toward “Systemic Change.”** Raquel Teran wrote: “This week on #MujeresLead series for #HispanicHeritageMonth, we are highlighting the leadership of these phenomenal women working with @EmpowerAZ & @LUCHA\_AZ to defend our democracy by mobilizing people for political consciousness and systemic change.” Mendoza retweeted the tweet. (Raquel Teran, [Twitter](#), 9/25/20 via JoAnna Mendoza, [Twitter](#), Archived 9/26/20)

**According To Fox News, LUCHA Has Repeatedly Called For Defunding The Police, CBP, And ICE.** “In her quest to become Arizona's governor, Hobbs landed an endorsement from LUCHA, which has repeatedly called for defunding police and abolishing U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).” (Joe Schoffstall, “Arizona's Katie Hobbs Backed By Group That Wants To Defund Police, Abolish Border Protection,” [Fox News](#), 10/26/2022)