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## SONOYTA BORDER ISSUES

It is wonderful for the Puerto Peñasco economy to see tourists flocking back to enjoy all that the Peñasco has to offer its visitors. However, the international border continues to be an obstacle to tourists and residents alike. The border has closed at 8:00PM for over a year. The gates close PROMPTLY at 8:00PM, no matter how much of the north bound line remains. This has left travelers with the choice of spending the night in their vehicles, finding a hotel room in Sonoyta or returning to their homes in La Cholla. Obviously, the worst time to cross the border going north bound is Sunday afternoon. Many AC members have reported that Mondays are increasingly getting worse as well. If the border isn't bad enough, the Sonoyta Police have been setting up speed traps for travelers through their town for years. The police officers have gladly accepted payment of fines on the spot. Most realize this is simply police corruption and recently the Presidente (Mayor) of Sonoyta has finally decided to put a stop to this corrupt behavior. First first action was to fire the Police Chief and hire Miguel Angel Trujillo, a totally bilingual officer. He has fired the officers involved in the \$40 line cutting scheme for north bound travelers. Further, anyone attempting to cut into the line will be fined and sent to the back of the line. He has directly that all fines are to be paid at the police station. Officers are not authorized to collect fines on the spot. To accentuate his dedication to stopping corruption, he has released his personal cell phone number, 52-811-660-2530. Call him at this number if an officer will not let you pay at the police station. He will talk directly to the offending officer.

Many Vecino AC members have also reported that Friday afternoon south bound travelers have been caught in long lines. It seems impatient drivers have attempted to cut the line by passing in a "no passing zone". State troopers and park rangers have been cracking down on this behavior by citing offending drivers.

There has been no indication when or if the border hours will return to the 6:00AM to midnight precovid19 hours. Hopefully, the new procedures will mitigate the aggravation caused by line cutters and unlawful shakedowns.



## HELP US STOP CORRUPTION

Pay your fine only at the police station. Get a 50% discount if you pay immediately at the station.

TYPE OF VIOLATION

NOT WEARING SEATBELT

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

NOT STOPING COMPLETELY AT A STOP SIGN

D.U.I.

SPEEDING

LITTERING

FINE

\$300 MXN

\$500 MXN

\$1,500 MXN

COMPLAINTS AND REPORTS
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