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Limits proposed on company, investor buys of AZ homes

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PHOENIX — State lawmakers are moving in a bipartisan fashion to restrict the ability of corporations and investors to buy up single-family homes in Arizona, in a bid to make housing more affordable for individuals.

The methods proposed by Republican Rep. Nick Kupper of Surprise and Democratic Rep. Oscar De Los Santos of Laveen to impose these limits do differ.

But both involve giving individuals first crack at homes when they go on

the market. And both would impose an absolute limit on the number of single-family homes any company could control.

The problem, according to both, is that corporate investors are buying up single-family homes. That has a ripple effect, Kupper said.

“If all the housing gets bought up over time by investment firms and they turn them into rentals, because it’s more profitable for them long term, you won’t have anything to buy,” he said.

He said the four largest firms doing

this are buying up a combined 1,000 homes a year in the state.

“The more that happens, the smaller your available market is to sell homes because your prices get jacked up,” Kupper said. “And the people who maybe could have afforded them are forced into rentals now.”

That creates a “snowball effect,” he said.

De Los Santos cited figures showing that the average price for a home in Arizona has gone from \$170,000 a decade ago to \$415,000.

Nearly 14% of homes bought by investors

Some of the blame is that developers aren’t building as many homes as they used to, De Los Santos said.

Developers were taking out more than 9,000 permits a month for new homes in August of 2004, says the state Office of Economic Opportunity, citing data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

That slid to less than 1,000 when the

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Trump threatens to deploy troops



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President Donald Trump on Thursday threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act and deploy troops to quell anti-ICE protests in Minneapolis.

President says he may invoke Insurrection Act

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MINNEAPOLIS — President Donald Trump on Thursday threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act and deploy troops to quell persistent protests against the federal officers sent to Minneapolis to enforce his administration’s massive immigration crackdown.

The president’s threat comes a day after a federal immigration officer shot and wounded a Minneapolis man who had attacked the officer with a shovel and broom handle. That shooting further heightened the fear and anger radiating across the Minnesota city since an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent fatally shot Renee Good in the head.

Trump has repeatedly threatened to

invoke the rarely used federal law to deploy the U.S. military or federalize the National Guard for domestic law enforcement, over the objections of state governors.

“If the corrupt politicians of Minnesota don’t obey the law and stop the professional agitators and insurrectionists from attacking the Patriots of I.C.E., who are only trying to do their job, I will institute the INSURRECTION ACT, which many Presidents have done before me, and quickly put an end to the travesty that is taking place in that once great State,” Trump said in social media post.

Presidents have indeed invoked the Insurrection Act more than two dozen times, most recently in 1992 by President George H.W. Bush to end unrest in Los Angeles. In that instance, local

authorities had asked for the assistance.

The Associated Press has reached out to the offices of Gov. Tim Walz and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey for comment.

The Department of Homeland Security says it has made more than 2,000 arrests in the state since early December and is vowing to not back down. ICE is a DHS agency.

Protests, tear gas and another shooting

In Minneapolis, smoke filled the streets Wednesday night near the site of the latest shooting as federal officers wearing gas masks and helmets fired tear gas into a small crowd. Protesters responded by throwing rocks and shooting fireworks.

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UA joins team competing for Golden Dome contracts

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The University of Arizona announced it is partnering with defense contractor Precise Systems, Inc. to compete for up to \$151 billion in contracts under President Donald Trump’s Golden Dome missile defense program.

Trump said in May 2025 that he expects the Golden Dome system to have the capability of intercepting missiles “even if they are launched from space.”

It is inspired by Israel’s much smaller-scale Iron Dome air defense system, which “detects incoming short-range rockets, artillery and mortars, calculates their trajectory, and launches interceptor missiles to destroy those predicted to hit populated areas or strategic assets,” as described by Reuters.

The UA said in a news release Wednesday that it has joined a team led by Precise Systems, a company of Bluestone Investment partners, that was approved by the U.S. Missile Defense Agency in November to be considered for Golden Dome contracts via SHIELD, or Scalable Homeland Innovative Enterprise Layered Defense.

SHIELD, according to the news

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European troops arrive in Greenland

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Associated Press

NUUK, Greenland — Troops from several European countries continued to arrive in Greenland on Thursday in a show of support for Denmark as talks between representatives of Denmark, Greenland and the U.S. highlighted “fundamental disagreement” over the future of the Arctic island.

Denmark announced it would increase its military presence in Greenland on Wednesday as foreign ministers from Denmark and Greenland were preparing to meet with White House representatives in Washington. Several European partners — including France, Germany, the U.K., Norway

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