

Corona Police Officers Association

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Paul Zellerbach
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Mr. Zellerbach,

I am writing you today on behalf of the men and women of the Corona Police Officers Association to ask for your resignation as District Attorney of Riverside County.

This request was first made of you on April 28, 2014 at a press conference held in Palm Springs where we joined with the other rank and file law enforcement associations from throughout Riverside County who also requested your immediate resignation.

Since that time you have declined to step down from office and made disparaging remarks about our associations and our motives. You have also falsely told the public that to retain your independence you could not accept support from organizations like the Corona Police Officers Associations.

However, as you and I both know, twice you sought the endorsement of the Corona Police Officers Association for your re-election. It was only after we decided to support your opponent that you stated you could not seek or accept such endorsements, as you must retain your independence as District Attorney.

Clearly, this is a new standard for you as the Corona Police Officers Association has supported you in the past. As the public record shows our Association contributed \$1,000 on August 5th, 2010, and \$1,000 on March 29th, 2011. You gladly accepted this money and never once attempted to return it, as a conflict of interest would require.

Your new standard of independence obviously only pertains to law enforcement as you have not raised any such objections to criminal defense attorneys contributing handsomely to your campaign. In fact, criminal defense and civil attorneys who desire increased plea bargaining of criminal cases by the District Attorney's Office have contributed roughly \$150,000 to your campaigns for District Attorney.

After becoming District Attorney you drastically cut gang enforcement. Felony conviction rates have fallen while plea bargains with criminals have increased. Your policies have helped make Corona and Riverside County as a whole less safe than when you assumed office.

Based on that record, the Corona Police Officers Association withdrew its support from you as we could not in good conscience recommend your re-election to the very people we are sworn to serve and protect.

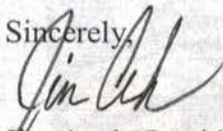
The recent incidents captured on video of you removing your opponents campaign signs only verify that we were right to pull our support from you. The behavior and brazen attitude you demonstrated for all to see makes it clear that you as District Attorney believe you are above the law. This is unacceptable.

Your disregard for the laws you have been elected to uphold and enforce has stained the integrity and professionalism that has been a known standard of the Riverside County District Attorney's office for many years.

This stain can only be removed by you vacating the position of District Attorney. This is not a campaign issue. It is a matter of equal justice under the law. A District Attorney who believes he is above the law undermines the entire criminal justice system of Riverside County.

The Corona Police Officers Association therefore asks that you immediately resign the office of District Attorney and remove your name as a candidate for this office. That is the only way ethics and integrity can be restored to the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. It is the only way to restore the public trust you have broken.

Sincerely,



Jim Auck, President
Corona Police Officers Association