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**From:** Pamela Y. Price  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2017 4:37 PM  
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**Cc:** CommAsst  
**Subject:** Re: Contra Costa DA Mark Peterson

I join Ben's comments. Public safety requires public trust and D.A. Peterson has abused and violated the public trust. Between 2013 and 2016, his office prosecuted 29 people for welfare fraud. Most if not all were poor working people. A disproportionate number of these cases were brought against African American women. Most if not all of the people charged by Mark Peterson had to go to jail as part of their punishment. Your proposed fine is peanuts to him. He should be going to jail too.

I urge you to insist upon the maximum fine against Mark Peterson.

Attorney Pamela Y. Price  
Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 18, 2017, at 3:20 PM, ben steinberg wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to sanction Contra Costa District Attorney Mark Peterson with the strongest and most severe sanctions possible. This issue is Item 3 in tomorrow's consent calendar.

By embezzling \$66,000 from his campaign over five years, Peterson violated the law, perjured himself, and betrayed the public's trust. A person in his position obviously knows the law so one can only assume that he knowingly and repeatedly violated it.

Aside from violations of campaign finance law, Peterson has betrayed the public's trust on a number of other issues. He aggressively prosecutes the little guy while refusing to prosecute white collar crimes, crimes committed by the powerful and well-connected, or crimes committed by local government.

Please send a clear message that his hypocrisy and willful violation of campaign finance law is a serious breach of the law.

Thank you,

Ben Steinberg  
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