

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, Please ask the Governor to have military-level criminal investigators (i.e. National Guard) look into extreme misconduct within law enforcement. The District Attorney's Investigation Bureau is usually charged with this task, but they have apparently been compromised. Last year, the Governor deployed lawyers from the National Guard to act as prosecutors on drug trafficking cases in San Francisco and Alameda counties. I believe this action was appropriate because ordinary prosecutors may be under duress, and the military is set up to insulate members from duress. If you do not take this action, I anticipate that people will slowly be made aware that they've been victims of horrible crimes on a large scale, such as medical examiners falsely reporting that people died of natural causes. And they will rightly blame public officials for failing to protect them. No-cost actions like this should normally be attractive to officials, since taking them will make you appear diligent, and failing to take them will make you appear complicit. It's important that you make a PUBLIC announcement that you've made this request to the Governor, that you do it yourselves and not delegate the task to staff or do any sort of pre-investigation, lest they come under duress. Do not delay. Sincerely, Michael Ackerman