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**From:** Bill Schilz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:43 PM  
**To:** CommAsst  
**Subject:** Please Have a Full Hearing on December 12 - Mark Peterson, CCC District Attorney

Dear Commissioners,

Did you see the headline "Embarrassed' Contra Costa District Attorney Fined For Breaking Law... Mark Peterson admits spending \$66K of campaign funds for his own personal use." ? It is on your December 12<sup>th</sup> agenda, but Mr. Peterson is hoping to avoid a full public hearing!

Our County's top law enforcement officer feels he's above the law and willfully uses monies he KNOWS can't be used for personal purposes and is a clear violation of the law. He goes along merrily until he gets notice from the Franchise Tax Board that he's being audited, goes into a panic knowing he's about to go down, gets a lawyer and pays the money back and the proposed \$45,000 fine to the FPPC. Yet, there is NO mention in the FPPC report suggesting criminal charges be made, which is absolutely ludicrous!

He says "I take full responsibility"... that has become a phrase that means nothing! If he was to take full responsibility, he would say..."I take full responsibility for my actions and as such, I knowingly committed a crime and as the top law enforcement officer of the county, I have tendered my resignation effective immediately."

I respectfully ask that you take a hard look at the proposed settlement and adjust it to ensure that it sends a message that this type of behavior will NOT be tolerated. This isn't a an "ordinary Joe" making a mistake! This is a top law enforcement officer with a law degree and several campaigns under his belt who just thought he was above the law and would never get caught. PLEASE... SEND A STRONG MESSAGE TO HIM THAT THIS IS NOT OKAY!

All the best,

Bill Schilz  
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*Lord let me be the person my dogs think I am!*