

The only body the sheriff's office is accountable to is the civic body who elected them. Sheriff Matt Kendall, if I understand it correctly, was not elected, but appointed. He is beginning to reveal he has something to hide in his refusal to move forward with an independent, 3rd party audit. He is also suing the Board of Sups. His power and lack of transparency are deeply troubling. We the people who make up the civic body that the sheriff's dept IS ACCOUNTABLE TO have made it loud and clear that an independent audit of the sheriff's office be conducted.

The sheriff has complained about "gross-underfunding". The sheriff's dept should never have to be burdened with mental health crises or homeless issues. The sheriff's dept would be better resourced if they could focus on law enforcement and be funded appropriately. Funds for mental health are also grossly underfunded as well as homelessness in our county. These are the reasons it is imperative an independent 3rd party audit be conducted.

As the Board of Supervisors, your role is explicitly to represent and defend the interests of the constituents who elected you, against poor allocation of our tax dollars AND against corruption, NOT to defend or represent the Sheriff's Department.

As your constituent I am demanding accountability of the Sheriff's Department withholding transparency questions. I reside in district 4 and I support the audit and necessary restructuring of the Sheriff Department.

Thank you,  
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