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Dear Colleagues:

I'm told that you and your peers will have the unique opportunity in a few days to meet with the candidates for the Office of District Attorney. Even more uniquely, you will be given a say in who the Deputy District Attorneys' Association is to endorse, if anyone. While I've made no secret of my preferences, I'm not about to try to tell you how to vote. Rather, my purpose in sending you this e-mail is to do no more than impress upon you the importance of the decision you are about to make and to encourage you to give this decision some serious consideration.

If you're wondering who I am, I was a deputy district attorney for 28 years doing the same jobs you are doing now. In retirement, I currently write and publish the *California Legal Update* which, until being cut off by the Office in retaliation for my having publicly endorsed Bob Brewer for D.A., you used to automatically receive on your desktop computers. (If you wish to resume receipt of the *Update*, by the way, you only need to contact me at my direct address below.)

Our Office is at an historical turning point that will decide whether it is to continue on what I and others perceive to be a downhill slide, or to begin to regain the respect and greatness it once enjoyed before the current administration came into power. Whether or not you agree with this assessment, I would ask you to at least take the time to closely scrutinize each of the candidates for the Office of District Attorney. Also, talk the issues over with your co-workers from throughout the Office, evaluate the many complaints of retaliatory punishment transfers and unfair preferences in promotions, and decide for yourself whether a new direction is called for.

You might also consider whether the important position of San Diego District Attorney should be used as no more than a political stepping stone for higher political office, and whether you've been dishonestly misled on this issue by the present administration. In conjunction with this issue, also ask yourself whether it was an embarrassment to find our once-proud Office, which

used to stand for strong ethical standards and irreproachable professionalism, so closely and so publicly linked to disturbing allegations of illegal campaign contributions and backroom agreements in payment for those contributions.

As I see it, you have a choice between an incumbent who has singlehandedly generated, or at least aggravated, the above problems and issues, or to go with a better choice who is willing to talk openly and honestly about these problems and has pledged to reverse this trend. My choice, if I had a vote, would be Bob Brewer. I encourage you to check out his website at www.brewerforda.com, paying particular attention to the "Letters to DDAs and Employees" as well as the extensive and impressive list of endorsements. To be fully informed before making your choice, I also strongly recommend that you read and consider Terri Wyatt's information at www.terriwyattforda.com; another outstanding candidate for D.A. who has herself been on the receiving end of the current administration's retaliatory practices.

But then your choice is completely up to you. Whoever you decide to go with, it will at least be an informed choice. No one can ask for any more.

What I want you to know is that just because I'm no longer an employee of the San Diego District Attorney's Office doesn't mean that I am not extremely concerned with the direction our Office has taken in recent years. I used to work in an Office where we were all proud of what we did and who we worked for, and where dissent was not punished but rather objectively considered for its value in making future improvements. In deciding who you wish to vote for, I am only asking you to consider whether you can say the same today.

Respectively;

Bob Phillips
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