

We've been hearing a succinct statement describing the criminal justice system on television since 1990: "In the criminal justice system, the people are represented by two separate yet equally important groups: the police, who investigate crime, and the district attorneys, who prosecute the offenders." The people, we the residents and voters in San Francisco, cannot be adequately represented in the criminal justice system while DA Chesa Boudin repeatedly refuses to do his job.

His failures start with his total reluctance to prosecute the drug dealers who occupy the sidewalks and streets in the Tenderloin and SOMA. Tenderloin and SOMA residents shouldn't have their children witnessing death and the ravages of drug abuse on a daily basis; nor should addicts be dying daily on the City's sidewalks and streets of those neighborhoods (with numbers far exceeding Covid deaths) while the supply of drugs goes unchecked by the DA. He's more worried about the families of the dealers purportedly living in Honduras that may suffer if the dealers lose their drug sale revenue stream by being prosecuted and incarcerated. Appears he has no hard evidence of these allegations, only an anecdotal story from when he was a public defender. He hasn't taken whatever information he does have to the federal government agencies who could assist in handling these matters in Honduras and at the border. He's decided the rights of the drug dealers "trump" the rights of residents and voters in SF. Even Mayor London Breed has remarked "we need to start concentrating more on supporting the victims of this city than we are supporting in some cases, sadly, the criminals." DA Boudin must be recalled so that the criminal justice system can represent the interests of the residents of SF over the interests of drug dealers.

He is also actively working against the police, rather than cooperating as contemplated and in fact needed by the criminal justice system. He treats the SFPD as the enemy of the people (reminiscent of another politician who felt the press was the enemy of the people) rather than a force to protect the people, thereby neutering the SFPD and the criminal justice system. Recently one of the DA's investigators testified in court that the DA's office was withholding and concealing information in a use-of-force by the SFPD investigation, and threatening job loss if the investigator shared that information. Another DA investigator has brought a wrongful termination case against the DA arising from the investigator demanding the DA office follow the law when executing search warrants in another use-of-force case. While the DA should investigate and prosecute as appropriate use-of-force cases, he must follow the law when doing so, he's being hypocritical in enforcing compliance with criminal law by SFPD while flaunting his own office's compliance with the law. DA Boudin must be recalled so that the people of San Francisco can be represented by someone willing to protect their interests from crimes with honesty, integrity and the professional ethics required for a district attorney, regardless of who performed the alleged crimes.

With the cloud of the recall shading his performance over the last year or so, you would think he would be most interested in combatting the criticisms with fact based arguments and exceptional job performance. Instead, we're inundated with cries as to how the recall is a political attack job and inaccurate statements about "crime being down". He has truncated the information disclosed to the media so that it fits his pronouncements, rather than providing a transparent perspective of his and his office's performance. Like the grifters we have seen in other political offices, he denies, restricts access to and obfuscates the statistical data on his job performance. Voters, we've seen this movie before, we need to recall DA Boudin before the damage he's doing to the City becomes permanent.

Vote to recall DA Boudin.