

## 444 Word Speech to SC ACLU 1-19-22

Read "Judge Fixes Own Red Light Ticket" at [boblamonica.com](http://boblamonica.com).

Abuse of power. Unlawful act in an official capacity. Example: A Judge who knowingly submits false information on a traffic ticket.

"Power does not respond well to its misbehavior being exposed." Edward Snowden on *Democracy Now* December 24, 2021.

I'm here to discuss public official in office conduct, and those in perceived public leadership, in particular the Santa Cruz ACLU.

There are two Danner plaques on the county building. History will tell of those who stood by, watched abuse of power happen, and by their silence, and their blocking action, aided and abetted.

Bruce McPherson, during his 1996 State Senate run, when asked "Why didn't the *Sentinel* report D.A. Danner had been drinking just prior to his 1987 bodily injury car wreck?" said, "It wasn't in the police report," and walked away.

Losing incumbent challenger Ed Frey, speaking out about the District Attorney directing timecards to be falsified overlapping the June 1994 re-election, was accused of "Sour Grapes" in a *Sentinel* editorial.

Mardi Wourmhoudt said to me, "I can accept a four to one vote on some things," referencing Board of Supervisors Resolution Number 114-95 procedurally exonerating the D.A.

Gary Patton did way more than most to stand up with courage, principle and honor.

"Find a way to disqualify the recall," said D.A. Danner to County Clerk Richard Bedal in 1995.

The '95 D.A. Recall was fringed at birth. I was followed by Sheriff patrols, in my car and on my bicycle.

Marv Cohn, Nick Whitehead, Becky Johnson and many others saw first-hand the intimidation.

What is our accountability to history?  
To discount validity by any means necessary?  
Do all local analogies trivialize?

Mike Rotkin, February 12th, 2021:

"A D.A. after he is out of office and dead, a Judge who declines to run again and goes into private practice, a State official who is long out of office, many years after I have left the ACLU Board."

Not one word about accountability.  
And Mike Rotkin is an honorable man.

Why should the two Danner plaques on the county building and their enablers be held accountable?  
Why should a red light fixing Judge and her re-election enablers be held accountable?

Local application of values.

Noted is Santa Cruz ACLU work in incarceration reform, police transparency and other important issues.

Anrae Angel did, you did not, stand up when a red light fixing Judge ran for re-election.

Bottom line, when you don't recognize and respond to local application of values abuse of power, which is your priority role in the community, historical revisionism succeeds.

I will be formally petitioning for return in three months.

Thank you.