

Update on CCW revoking Sheriff in Orange County, CA

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Here is an update on the situation in Orange County, CA.

The latest developments -- if proven true -- would be alarming news in a long string of actions taken without any regard for the public and the local government.

Here is a brief review of the previous events.

Mrs. Hutchens employed a [very covert approach](#) to revoke 40% of the legitimately issued CCWs. She concealed the full scale of her actions until she had almost created facts.

She then proceeded [to ignore the recommendation of the Supervisors](#) who appointed her, as well as the concerns of her constituents who asked her to be more lenient in her approach.

She tried to circumvent the issue of having the mark of a revoked license on our DOJ records by generously offering that we could agree on [having our licenses expire early](#).

The details regarding these items can be found in the linked previous newsletters and feature article.

During the last meeting on January 13 Mrs. Hutchens also ordered a large presence of uniformed and plainclothes deputies. Several CCW supporters were singled out and searched for weapons. The profiling and the overall demeanor of these deputies left the impression that this was attempt to intimidate her opponents. This is still pending further investigation, hence the careful choice of words.

A new issue has surfaced that is extremely disconcerting.

Allegedly a deputy used the security cameras in the in the administration hall to look at the personal notes of the supervisors during the meeting. He allegedly also used the system to get more information on the CCW-supporting members of the public on January 13.

Supervisor Norby's office confirmed on Thursday what the press had already picked up in an [article on Thursday](#).

The full extend of these actions has yet to be determined. The fact that the Supervisor's office has enough insight to officially confirm these actions indicates how far out of line Mrs. Hutchens' orders were. Sadly, it fits into the overall picture of her past actions.

During the first public discussion on November 18, 2008 we emphasized that we wanted to resolve this issue amicably. Mrs. Hutchens ignored this option. It

seems that we may get to a point now, where we can take legal steps to have a person removed from office that is obviously corrupted by power, and rather ruthless in her methods.

To resolve this situation, we still need your support.

Write to the Supervisors, and demand a full investigation of Mrs. Hutchens actions and of the funds that this issue has drained from the county.

John Moorlach: John.Moorlach@ocgov.com (Hutchens strongest supporter)
Janet Nguyen: janet.nguyen@ocgov.com (supported Hutchens appointment)
Pat Bates: pat.bates@ocgov.com (last + deciding vote to appoint Hutchens)
Bill Campbell bill.campbell@ocgov.com (voted against Hutchens)
Chris Norby chris.norby@ocgov.com (Currently the strongest opponent)

Write to the Governor and voice your concerns about a person appointed to Sheriff's position that may be employing methods to push her own agenda that are by no means options in a free and democratic state.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 916-445-2841
Fax: 916-558-3160 (new number)

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Closing this article, I would like to thank all who have responded to previous newsletters and sent their concerns to our local and state government. I may be overly optimistic, but it seems that we are beginning to see results.