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Re: 12th Judicial District, District Attorney Alonzo Payne

Dear Attorney General Weiser,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of Alamosa and Alamosa City Council to request an investigation into the operations of the 12th Judicial District's District Attorney's Office. We are aware of the investigation you are conducting on behalf of the VRA violations, but we feel those violations are just the tip of the iceberg in what is a complete breakdown of the justice system under the leadership of DA Payne. We request that you extend the scope of your investigation to include incompetency, complete disregard for all victims (not just those meeting the definition of VRA), pattern of inappropriate plea deals, lack of communication with law enforcement agencies, and questionable inconsistencies of information provided during judicial proceedings.

I have attached information pulled from the staff-prepared Council Communication for our March 2nd City Council Meeting that provides more in-depth information on the City of Alamosa's concerns. Staff will also be collecting further information that will be used in the recall election efforts and a potential complaint to the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel.

We appreciate that there might be limits to the authority of your office as it relates to these allegations, but our request is that you use the full authority you are granted to investigate the operations of the District Attorney's Office as it relates to these concerns. The City of Alamosa will be pursuing a recall election, but in the meantime or should that prove unsuccessful, it is our hope that your office can

identify needed improvements and work with the District Attorney's Office so it can limp along until a more permanent solution can be found (recall or end of term).

Sincerely,

Ty Coleman
Mayor