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### I am not a crook - Jerry Sanders. 06/21/07

by Pat Flannery

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The deepening Sunroad scandal is following a familiar course: Sanders gave his "[I am not a crook](#)" speech today. Here is the video 



Unlike Nixon, who was largely isolated in the White House back in 1972, Sanders was able to muster almost the entire law enforcement establishment behind him today.

What does that say about San Diego in 2007? That it is far more corrupt than Washington was in 1972, that's what. Look at them, Police Chief Lansdowne, Sherriff Kolendar and Attorney General Dumanis.

Chief Lansdowne seems to admire corrupt politicians. Back on July 1, 2005 he shocked his own officers by going to court, without being asked, to [testify in favor](#) of somebody he hardly knew, disgraced City Councilmember Michael Zucchet, at Zucchet's corruption trial. Even Sanders, running for Mayor at the time, condemned that one.

Then Sanders said this . Wow! What a city. Flanked by the Establishment-appointed Attorney General, Bonnie Dumanis (in her milky white business suit), he said "*I am confident that this evaluation will conclude that I acted properly*". Was there ever a more disgraceful line-up of public officials? It represents a complete breakdown of law enforcement in this County. Of course they will exonerate Sanders. He is one of them.

So now what? Well, I say start the recall right away. What else can we do? Look at the above picture. It is like they are defying us. The entire law enforcement authority of this County! They know Sanders is corrupt and they are going to protect him!

Now look at the evidence. Look at the key email [I published on this blog](#) (for the first time anywhere) on June 8, 2007.

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**From:** Enoch Light  
**To:** Enoch Light; Jim Waring  
**Date:** Tue, Dec 19, 2006  
**Time:** 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
**Subject:** Mtg w/Aaron Feldman & Tom Stroy re: Sunroad (Jim Waring)  
**Place:** Mayor's Office


**CC:** Sheila Billard


It proved (Sanders has since admitted it on the Roger Hedgecock Show) that a crucial meeting took place on December 19, 2006. What happened at that meeting?

Here's what happened . Aaron Feldman, President of Sunroad, came to the Mayor's office and succeeded in getting Mayor Sanders to overrule the City's building inspector by instructing the Director of Development Services, Marcella Escobar-Eck, (long time City colleague of Tom Story, who is now a VP with Sunroad) to personally sign the letter to Sunroad lifting the City's Stop Work Order. The City's duly appointed building inspector had refused to do it. He is no longer with the City.

Now if that is not corrupt, what is? And the above disgraceful line-up of top law enforcement officials defend Mayor Sanders and blame the City Attorney for not being as corrupt as they are! Sometimes I think this is all just a bad dream.

Sunroad called a news conference yesterday and admitted that it called it to warn off

the City and Aguirre . Obviously it didn't work. Thank goodness for Mr. Aguirre. I don't know how he keeps going under such a relentless onslaught of sleaze - condoned, aided and abetted by the very law enforcement officials who should be on his side.

And Sunroad "*is disappointed in the Mayor*". He hasn't done enough for them! It reminds me of all Dick Murphy did for John Moores who then hung him out to dry. Here is Sunroad's attorney yesterday expressing that disappointment . Can you believe it?

Then watch Sunroad's attorney insist that Montgomery Field is safe .

The only thing we can do is recall the Mayor. The above line-up has left us no choice. They have deprived us of all legal recourse. It is nothing short of a legal *coup d'état*.

No good will come until we are rid of Sanders. He has corrupted everything he touches. The law enforcement officials who (purely for Party loyalty?) stood up with him today, should hang their heads in shame for the rest of their lives. What an ignominious end to the long career of Sheriff Bill Kollendar. What a sad spectacle to see such a longtime public servant stray so far from the path of decency. It truly was a sad day for San Diego.