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This is my final plea for Santa Cruz Chapter ACLU abuse of power revisionism accountability.

Abuse of power is an unlawful act in an official capacity.

Revisionism is the purposeful distortion of historical fact.

Accountability is the moral obligation to accept responsibility.

The SC ACLU has repeatedly, over multiple instances, over multiple decades, denied its pivotal role in recognizing and responding to abuse of power.

From the current SC ACLU Northern California web page:

"The Santa Cruz County Chapter is working to protect and advance civil liberties and civil rights in Santa Cruz County."

What about Sandra Larsen's civil rights? The 1987 victim of the District Attorney Art Danner's at-fault bodily injury car wreck, she was blood tested and the D.A. was not.

Was the D.A. out of the loop in his own drunken car wreck?

What about Catherine Gardiner's civil rights? Her Assistant D.A. timecards were falsified as "unavailable" overlapping the 1994 Danner re-election.

Does anyone believe the election context was irrelevant?

The purpose of the two Danner plaques on the County Building is to revise history, to redirect public opinion from looking at proof of corruption.

Why was Fred Keeley so gung-ho to promote Judge Ariadne Symons for re-election? To redirect public opinion from looking at proof of corruption.

How can it be that a Judge fixing her own red light ticket isn't important to the Santa Cruz ACLU? What about the civil rights of everyone who faced Symons bench after that? Are they just expendable casualties of petty power over principle cowardice?

Every important redress of grievance in history had to be repeated until it generated enough shame for reconciliation.

Historical revisionism is current. It took 120 years for Confederate statues to come down. All local analogies do not trivialize. These things happen, in Santa Cruz as elsewhere.

What's to be gained by taking accountability for 35 years and counting of condoning silence? A teaching and a healing. That's the whole of it.

The only reason you would take a stand against local application of values abuse of power historical revisionism is that you are shamed into doing so.

You will use any excuse necessary to justify your joint and several aversion—too late, too angry, not following proper protocols. Whatever excuse works.

To claim “There's nothing we can do” or “It's not our purview” or “We're too busy” is dishonest by your own conduct.

You take positions on issues and you endorse candidates.

[Ron Pomerantz touts his SC ACLU Board Member credentials](#) in his support for Justin Cummings for Supervisor since April 5th on Facebook.* For shame.

Truth is your casualty.

You have inherited a 35 year legacy of revisionism denial for which you are accountable.

Your courage would have made a difference, and still may.

Thank you.

*Taken down 4-22-22.