



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to investigate and, where appropriate, prosecute those public officials or public employees who commit crimes relating to their official duties. Such crimes may include violations of the Brown Act, Political Reform Act, Elections Code or Penal Code. The Public Integrity Unit is intended as an adjunct to, but not to duplicate or interfere with, the work of the Fair Political Practices Commission.

REVIEW PROCESS

- 1) All complaints must be in writing (mail or e-mail);
- 2) The complaint must allege a crime;
- 3) The subject of the complaint must be a public official or employee of a public agency;
- 4) The complaint must provide sufficient evidence to justify further investigation;
- 5) The complainant must disclose if the complaint has been referred to any other agencies whether federal, state or local;
- 6) The complainant cannot be anonymous.

CASES ACCEPTED

- 1) Brown Act violations;
- 2) Conflicts of Interest involving a public entity or public agency;
- 3) Election violations;
- 4) Improper use of public funds (Penal Code §424);
- 5) Embezzlement of public funds/property (Penal Code §504);
- 6) Residency issues for:
 - a) False candidacy papers;
 - b) Perjury;
- 7) Any case that, in the view of the District Attorney's Office, supports the mission of the Public Integrity Unit.

NOTICE

Your submission to the Imperial County District Attorney’s Office may become part of a police report. Every person who reports to the District Attorney’s Office, or other police agency, that a crime has been committed and knows the report to be false, is committing a crime and can be prosecuted, (Penal Code §148.5).

Print Full Legal Name

Signature

Address

Email address

Telephone Number

COMPLAINT/DECLARATION SUBMISSION

My complaint is concerning the following government agency:

My complaint is concerning the following government official(s) or employee(s):

The complete facts of the situation that I am concerned about are as follows:

(Please include dates, locations, names, all pertinent details, attach any documents that may be evidence tending to support your concerns, etc.
Provide the who, what, when, where, why, how?)

(complaint continued on next page)

My public integrity complaint continues as follows:

(Please include what specific law or regulation was violated and why or how you believe you can show it was violated.)

(End of Complaint)

If you need additional space, please download a continuation form from website, complete, and number each additional page. Submit together.

Please attach a signed copy of this complete form containing your complaint. Complaints may be submitted using the following methods:

Mail

Imperial County District Attorney's Office
940 W. Main Street, Suite 102
El Centro, CA 92243
ATTN: Public Integrity Unit - Chief Investigator Justin Matus

You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt once the District Attorney's Office receives your complaint. The acknowledgement of receipt should not be construed as confirmation the Public Integrity Unit has commenced an investigation. If an investigation is commenced, our ethical duties preclude us from sharing certain information about the investigation with you.

Anonymous complaints will not be reviewed. You can request that your identity remain confidential, and our office will honor that request within the requirements of the law. However, we cannot guarantee that your identity will remain confidential if an investigation commences and action is taken.