

## President's Message

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The events of the past month or so have certainly sparked concern among many of our members. The attack on the pro police supporters, some of whom were friends and family, was particularly disturbing.

It has been reported that police were told to "Stand Down" and not protect those in attendance. Many of the attendees were assaulted and the rally was forced to end when a group of domestic terrorists invaded and usurped the rights of the attendees.

There is some disagreement as to whether police were ordered to "Stand Down" but the fact that this accusation is made is disturbing. There is never a good reason to allow acts of terrorism to go unpunished, **EVER**.

It seems, the city of Denver now has a District Attorney who wants to "reimagine the prosecution" of criminals and a Police Chief who marches with protesters emboldening their lawlessness.

These two officials have given the terrorists the idea that they can act with impunity in the City of Denver. They now believe that they won't be arrested and if they are the District Attorney will reimagine how to prosecute them. This makes the "Stand Down" order a little more believable

If this attitude continues it will only end in a catastrophic manner.

Many of you have asked us to get involved by showing our collective disgust and disappointment at what is happening to the City we served for so many years. We are at a disadvantage in finding venues to voice our displeasure. Being retired and not part of the system any longer makes it harder to be heard. I have reached out to the PPA and to the community so that our voices can be added to anything that might be helpful. The media is not our friend and finding airtime on our own will be a problem.

A vote of no confidence was suggested but we are no longer working so our confidence will not affect any future decisions. I have sent my thoughts to the chief via his e-mail and maybe if his mailbox fills up, he might get the message. His address is [paul.pazen@denvergov.org](mailto:paul.pazen@denvergov.org).

I encourage you to **NOT BE SILENT**. Everyone you know and everyone you come into contact with needs to be informed as to what is happening. As an organization we will continue to look for any venue to get our message out.