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To: Jack Sweeney, Ray Nutting, Ron Briggs, Norma Santiago and John Knight.

It has come to my attention that you may be cutting 25 deputy positions in the Sherriff's Department. It is hard to believe that the county can afford to build a new animal shelter but would lay off law enforcement. The county paid for these deputies to attend the academy, then on the job training which is quite an investment, then you get rid of our investment. That does not show good common sense.

With the county covering such a large area the deputies would be hard put to respond if back up is needed in one particular place, be damned if any one else needs assistance.

It takes some common sense to govern, you need to get rid of the top layer in some of the departments that don't provide any real assistance to anyone. Many of our management do little or nothing but go to meetings that require many more meetings before they get to the problem they had intended to address.

There is always considerable waste that could be cut out in order to save money that is needed for necessities. Law enforcement is a necessity. We should get tougher on the criminals, cut their rations and make them work to repay their debt to society for what they have done. Chain gangs sounds adequate to me. It has been on the news that we are having a rash of burglaries. How are you going to pursue this problem without law enforcement? With the economy the way it is now, stealing is only going to get worse. Without adequate law enforcement, more people will be required to protect their own property. I guess I better go get a gun.

El Dorado county is growing by leaps and bounds and crime is only going to increase with the growth. This county has always been reactive instead of proactive, its time to start thinking ahead. I have lived in this county for over 60 years and it's the first time I can remember being afraid in my own home much less when I leave my home unprotected.

Start thinking of the consequences of the decisions you make.

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