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Last weekend I was speaking at a community listening session in the Summit–Waller area when the sheriff started shouting from the back of the room. Sheriff Keith Swank had come to the meeting with several supporters. At one point, a woman in the crowd shouted that the commissioners needed to “protect our sheriff.”



She pointed at me and said I had run on union support.

I smiled and said:

“Absolutely

I did!

Amen, sister.”

Then I added something else.

Sometimes voters elect a sheriff...

and later that sheriff makes decisions people don't agree with.

For example, allowing a deputy involved in a DUI crash that sent a family of four to the hospital - and was allowed to retire instead of being fired.



Before I could even finish my thought, the sheriff stood up and started shouting. He yelled that I was talking about Deputy Dickerson and insisted the deputy

“would have lost his job anyway,”

saying officers are the only ones who lose their jobs when they get a DUI — and that the deputy chose to retire.

I responded:

“Wait a minute. [Plenty](#) of people lose their jobs when they get a DUI. If you’re a truck driver with a CDL, that DUI ends your career.”

Working people are held accountable for their mistakes every day.

The rules shouldn’t be different for people in power.

So at the charter review commission meeting on Monday night, I asked the sheriff directly:

“How can the rules be different for police officers than they are for everyone else?”

After a long, winding answer,

he said something telling:

“The rules ARE different!”

I'm going to keep asking those questions.

If you believe the rules should apply to everyone, chip in \$10 or \$25 today to help power this campaign.

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