

San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe is quoted as saying that Governor Gavin Newsom is ignoring the will of the voters by stopping more executions. Actually, it's Wagstaffe who thinks he knows best.

We in San Mateo County—which elected him—voted 57.5 percent to repeal the death penalty.

Wagstaffe thinks part of his charge is to lead the initiative campaign to speed up executions.

Our criminal justice system is far too flawed for that. People have been released from Death Row with new DNA evidence, but Wagstaffe's "speed 'em up!" initiative might have seen them executed.

Incidentally, this isn't the first time Newsom has shown moral leadership. He supported same-sex marriage even after state voters voted to ban it.

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