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Good Afternoon, Supervisors,

A nice idea, and a well worked out plan, but I think it is too expensive. With 3.5 mil people in the County, \$200 mil funding is not enough.

The unit would be tasked with everything from denied health insurance claims, rental and housing scams, Tijuana River Valley Sewage issues, predatory financial practices against seniors to toxic chemical deceptions, according to Lawson-Remer. Lots of potential scammers, not to mention corrupt government people.

Terra said "Bad businesses doing bad things should be held accountable."

But we just learned of a \$130 thou scam in a County nonprofit due to inadequate screening – the fox guarding the henhouse – plus all of the child trafficking and foster care mess (Arabella McCormick, Delilah, Robinson, Lopez, Polinsky) and juvenile jails being audited by the State Attorney General.

[<https://www.kpbs.org/news/health/2026/02/19/ex-nonprofit-coo-charged-with-embezzling-more-than-130k-in-public-funds>]

[<https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-launches-civil-rights-investigation-conditions-san-diego>]

Los Angeles and Santa Clara Counties, and San Diego, Oakland and San Francisco have similar units.

So how's it working? Certainly, a lot of people in SD are still squeezed – unfair garbage fees, predatory rents, etc. Apparently, the other jurisdictions have recovered “millions of dollars” but I have to wonder is this for everyone with a valid complaint?

Often the people who do these things take advantage of legal loopholes. I don't know how ready you are to challenge these.

An attorney with Los Angeles County's Office of the County Counsel, said these scammers “are smart, and they continue to shift and get ahead of you,” she said. “It's whack-a-mole.”

[<https://www.kpbs.org/news/politics/2026/02/19/board-chair-touts-benefits-of-proposed-consumer-fairness-and-protection-unit>]