Dear Sir:

Your publication of the JMPD Monitor has given me much material to work from in my oversight role as a Section 79 Safety Committee member in the City of Johannesburg.

Corruption and police brutality were exposed in the JMPD Monitor on the 15 November 2010. I am deeply concerned and will certainly follow this up with the relevant departments. I will also raise questions in council to have a better understanding of the situation.

I am surprised at the response and number of admissions of paying bribes as reported in the survey in the LeadSA Poll. This statistic is extremely alarming for any law enforcement agency and must be taken seriously. What is sad to see from the poll is that it seems to be “acceptable” to commit such a crime, as a large number of motorists have done this.

When you bribe any official, you are committing a serious crime and creating a market for these corrupt officials, which will rot our society from the inside.
The good name of other upstanding and hardworking JMPD officers (many of who I know personally) is blackened by a few corrupt officials.

The public must be encouraged to be part of overseeing and terminating corruption. We could have a million eyes watching over and reporting corruption, and I believe we can encourage motorists to stand forward and report crime. It is up to the public, and no one else, to do something today.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Michael Sun
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