

Misplaced blame

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The Herald published a snide ad from Valero on Tuesday, unbecoming to a corporation, stooping to accusations of our city officials who work so hard to represent the electorate and assure us that the city is governed by good stewardship. There is no need to take on our Mayor, as though she alone is responsible for Valero's troubles. It is her job to pay attention to the details of things like the refinery outage, and we should be grateful that she does.

When there is something to hide, the real issues get sidestepped and overshadowed. Large corporations tend to overwhelm good citizens with big ads; individuals get excoriated for behavior for which they are not responsible; citizens are reminded of only the good that a corporation does and how well that company abides by the rules. There is often another layer that needs exposing.

Come on, Valero. I doubt that it is all Mayor Patterson and PG&E's fault. Let's encourage this potential ISO so that everyone is informed of the facts instead of getting snowed by your expensive ads and your good deeds.

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