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It also appears that the BOS and Department Heads are ignoring my emails. **That is, the question is whether they are even receiving them at all ever since CAO Don Ashton unlawfully ordered IT to block my ability**

**to communicate electronically with staff.** Don Ashton most certainly is NOT the “good communicator” as he was falsely portrayed during last week’s Taxpayers Association meeting. David Livingston, Don Ashton, Kim Dawson, and the BOS are complicit and liable for their knowledge of wrongdoing and their failure to take remedial action pursuant to their oaths of office.

So quit with the hypocrisy and Bureaucratic Shenanigans. Don’t forget who you work for. Properly fix Mt. Murphy Road, and fix the communication problem between DOT public servants and constituents.

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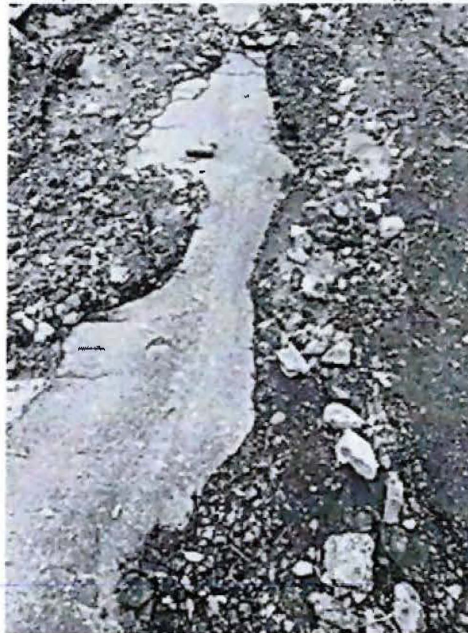
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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:38 PM  
**To:** Kim Dawson; BOS-Clerk of the Board; Lori Parlin; Rafael Martinez  
**Cc:** Brooke Laine; Wendy Thomas; John Hidahl; George Turnboo; Donald Ashton; BOS-District V; BOS-District IV; BOS-District I; BOS-District III; BOS-District II  
**Subject:** Please post Public Comments - 2/7/23 BOS Agenda Item #14 - DOT/Storm Damage Road Repairs  
**Attachments:** DOT Mt Murphy Rd PRA5444-013123.docx

Comrade Parlin, et al,

I have zero tolerance for dishonesty. That unethical stunt you pulled today by refusing to pull Item #14 from today's BOS for discussion, and then your announcement that the Mt. Murphy Road repairs will be updated during next week's BOS, was an unlawful diversion tactic. Furthermore, the attached PRA#005444-013123 explicitly stated that the information I requested should be immediately accessible and "...these time periods may not be used solely to delay access to the records. (§ 6253(d))"

Yes, DOT was out here yesterday for about 2 minutes, but NOT to reassess the road damage as you **falsely claimed**. Refer to the below correspondence **sent last night at 7:30 PM** that all of you should have read by now. David Livingston and Don Ashton are a big part of the problem. Their knowledge of wrong-doing, and failure to take remedial action, makes them complicit and liable for aiding and abetting EDC corruption.

**YOU ALL JUST GOT CAUGHT RED-HANDED IN A DELIBERATE ACT OF DISHONESTY, VIOLATION OF YOUR OATHS, AND ABUSE OF THE PUBLIC TRUST.**

**MS. DAWSON:** Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is entered into the public record.

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**Subject:** Public Comments - 2/7/23 BOS Agenda Item #14 - DOT/Storm Damage Road Repairs

I'm addressing #14 and the deceptively FALSE representation by Raphael Martinez of the condition of Mt. Murphy Road stemming from the New Year's Eve landslides originating on State Park property. The photos I submitted reveal much more extensive damage than he led you to

believe. I'm also calling Raphael into accountability about his habitual disrespect, obfuscations, and failure to provide honest public services.

The entirety of Mt. Murphy Road was a formerly solid surface, but it has been systematically destroyed by DOT at the expense of taxpayers. **[This]** is another chunk of the road that ended up in front of my home amidst the landslides. The road is in dire need of major repairs prior to the upcoming fire season and commencement of work on the Mt. Murphy Bridge replacement. The county has failed to address resident's public safety and emergency access concerns for the entire 25 years I've lived in Coloma. Neighbors concur the road must be restored to the former hard surface it once was. It would be **recklessly irresponsible** for the county to kick this can further down the road until disaster strikes.

When I spoke with Maintenance last Thursday regarding another incident, Preston explained DOT was having problems with the VM system. At that time, it was also determined that NONE of my emails were making it through to Preston or to the DOT Maintenance email. After several attempts at resending, Preston thought perhaps the photos within the body of the email might be the problem. That's when I explained that **Don Ashton unlawfully blocked my ability to communicate electronically with staff.** Certain staff can email me, **but I can't reply to them,** nor do I get any acknowledgement whatsoever to delivery/read receipts or phone messages. That's why I finally called Kim Dawson to follow up on the source of the problem. Kim just forwarded my emails marked "FYI", but she failed to provide me with appropriate follow up = **ANOTHER COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN.**

Of equal concern is the fact that Rafael and Lori Parlin refuse to respond to constituents. This necessitated submittal of another Public Record Act request which I entered into the public record during last Thursday's Coloma Lotus Advisory Committee meeting (CLAC). Not so coincidentally, the agenda item was Raphael's last-minute report about the Mt. Murphy Road repairs and Bridge replacement timelines.

It is important to understand that CLAC does **not** represent Coloma residents. They are a special interest group of rafters and liberal environmentalists. It begs the question: **Why does Raphael confer with the River Mafia Mob, but he refuses to respond to PRAs, return my phone calls or emails, and has given a directive to staff not to speak with Melody Lane?** Rafael's violations of his oaths and abuse of the public trust are grounds for his disciplinary action.

*Melody Lane*

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~ By identifying the people's sovereign will not with its latest but its oldest expression, the Framers succeeded in identifying the people's authority with the Constitution, not with the statutory law made by their representatives. ~

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**From:** [melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com) <[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:30 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Please pull 2/7/23 BOS Agenda Item #14 - DOT/Storm Damage Road Repairs

Rafael, et al,

DOT's VM system is malfunctioning and cutting off after about 15 seconds. That means I have not been able to leave phone messages for Preston or Kelly concerning the incident when a truck pushed right through the barricades last Wednesday evening 2/1 at approximately 6:30 PM. The truck never came back down the road, necessitating that I call CHP and State Parks Dispatch to investigate if the driver may in trouble or crashed at the bottom of the ravine.

It was only just this morning that I was finally able leave a message on your own VM without getting cut off, but I was never able to get through to Kelly or Preston's VM. **DOT had showed up around 10 AM this morning to replace the barricades. However, a MGD Park ranger had already assisted me in repositioning them Saturday morning since I have a bad back and they were too heavy to move by myself.** When I went out front to speak with DOT, they deliberately ignored me and backed down the hill.

Last Wednesday 2/1 was also when several unmarked vehicles full of passengers were led by two guys wearing neon yellow vests (presumably DOT staff), CA license 1544271. They were providing "tours" of the Mt. Murphy road damage, **which just happened to be the subject of Item #8 of the 2/2 CLAC meeting when your report was read into the record by Rusty Sage.** The vehicles were using my driveway to turn around despite numerous signs that indicate NO TRESPASSING – PLEASE NO TURNAROUND. As I explained before, I've had three electric gates forced and broken beyond repair by trespassers, not to mention other vandalism and harassment by local miscreants. Every time a vehicle gets within a certain distance of my gate it sets off my security alarm inside the house. These intrusions have been happening several times a day since the 12/31 landslides. As I also explained, last Wednesday evening CHP specifically directed me to file a report with EDSO about these intrusions onto my private property. Deputy Utterbach was reticent to investigate the Wednesday incidents or take any information, and instead said he would "contact DOT about the barricades and perhaps send up a drone equipped with night vision."

When I spoke with Preston last Thursday 2/2, he indicated the county has been having periodic problems with the VM system. At that time, it was also determined that NONE of my emails were making it through to Preston's personal email or to the DOT Maintenance email. After several attempts to resend my email, Preston thought perhaps the photos within the body of the email might be the problem. That's when I explained to Preston that **Don Ashton unlawfully blocked my ability to communicate electronically with staff.** Certain staff can email me, **but I can't reply to them**, nor do I get any acknowledgement whatsoever to emails, delivery/read receipts, or phone messages = COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN. That's why I finally called Kim Dawson to follow up on the source of the problem. Kim just forwarded my emails marked "FYI", but she failed to provide me with appropriate follow up = **ANOTHER COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN.**

In regard to PRA005444-013123, **the identity of the occupants of the Ford pickup CA license CAT-60 should be immediately available.** The guys claimed to work for DOT but refused to identify themselves. If they are **not** DOT employees, then please so indicate without further delay. My PRA was very explicit:

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**to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the specific legal authorities on whom you rely.**

It is further requested that your determination be made within **10 days, or sooner**, as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, Government Code 6253(c). **\*Note these time periods may not be used solely to delay access to the records. (§ 6253(d))**

Sincerely,

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Melody,

I know you have had a couple of phone conversations with my staff (Preston and Kelly) in the past month. In addition, we have received your emails. My department receives hundreds of calls and emails each week, and each concern is logged, prioritized, and addressed accordingly. My staff has noted your concerns, and they have on their schedule to asses Mt. Murphy Rd. again today. When concerns are repeated by phone or email, my staff may delay in responding to prioritize those submitting first time concerns. **On my crew's last inspection, they did not see that the barricades were moved substantially and believed they still prevented access.** Please remember that we have no control over the public and if they move the barricades. We are not law enforcement, nor can we afford to staff a monitor at Mt. Murphy Rd. The County has over a thousand miles of roadway to maintain, and we must prioritize county road needs for the good of all the public. I understand that residents are invested in their own roads more so than others, so your assessment of what must be done and when may differ from the County's. However, **we are inspecting Mt. Murphy Rd. again today** and will make adjustments as needed.

In regards to your public records request (PRA), we have ten days of receipt of your request to respond if we have records that can be disclosed. Kim, the Clerk of the Board, entered your email into our PRA system when it was received. You should have received an automated email response to the email you sent the request from stating that it was received. **Our staff is working on it, and you will receive a response.**

**Rafael Martinez**

Director

**County of El Dorado**

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Supervisors,

The attached photos are worth a thousand words. Of particular concern on this agenda item is Raphael Martinez' FALSE representation of the condition of Mt. Murphy Road and his habitual failure to address DOT issues.

Of equal concern is the fact that Rafael and Lori Parlin refuse to respond to phone calls or address the multiple public safety concerns of constituents necessitating submittal of the attached Public Record Act request #P005444-013123. Additionally, the blatant disrespect demonstrated during public meetings by Rafael Martinez and Comrade Parlin over public safety concerns of Coloma residents has been reprehensible.

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4. Was it you, or County Counsel, who issued the directive to your assistant Kelley, and other DOT staff, not to speak with me or respond to my phone calls? Note: **MGD Park staff also failed to respond to my phone call** necessitating that I walk down to Park Headquarters on New Year's Day to request ranger Craig Lorge have staff immediately put cones on both ends of Mt. Murphy Road.
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**Subject:** Public Record Act request # P005444-013123

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain **via email** the following information:

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- 2) Any policy, procedure, or directive from county staff indicating that an employee is **not required return phone calls, respond to communications, to speak to and/or provide their identity to constituents.** This includes any communications from the CAO, BOS, or Department heads. If no such documents exist, please so state immediately.
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- 4) Mt. Murphy Bridge Replacement timeline and
- 5) Detailed Emergency Evacuation Plan/route for residents on northeast side of the river.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me immediately if you have any questions.

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**Subject:** Mt. Murphy Road Closure - Public Safety/Liability issues

There has been a tremendous amount of traffic on Mt. Murphy Road over the past two weeks. Many vehicles have been parking their cars in front of my home, and trespassers have been using my driveway to turn around

which sets off my security alarm system. As you are aware, I've had multiple electric gate openers broken beyond repair by frequent intruders who ignore the signage.

Today at approximately 2:30 PM the occupants of an **unmarked silver Ford truck** moved the barricades aside, license plate CAT 60. When I walked up the road to investigate, the truck began backing down the road towards me while I was talking to my neighbors who were walking their dogs. When I waved the driver down to inquire who had given them authority to move the barricades aside, the driver responded that Veerkamp Construction had asked him to look at the road damage, but he refused to provide me his name, although I believe he is a DOT employee.

The passenger of the vehicle also looked familiar and refused to give me his name, but he did admit he worked for DOT. The passenger addressed me by my name and then disrespectfully mocked, "*Do you think you own the road?*" Since the passenger admitted to being a **public servant**, I again repeated my request to identify himself, but he refused to do so, and then he very sarcastically told me to "*Go tell it to the Board of Supervisors.*" It was the disrespect that was most infuriating.

The matter of **public employees refusal to respond to constituents** was a controversial topic brought up during today's Taxpayers Association meeting when CAO Don Ashton was the guest speaker. It did not go unnoticed that the CAO avoided responding to most of the questions with any level of transparency, much less any accountability. It essentially was just another dog and pony show, same as the BOS meetings where constituents are tightly controlled and censored. In conversation with others afterwards, it became apparent that lawsuits are the only method of resolving these issues, and an obvious waste of taxpayer resources. That is not leadership; it is totalitarianism.

**LORI:** Quit kicking the can down the road. The Mt. Murphy Road repairs go hand-in-hand with the Mt. Murphy Bridge replacement project. It is irresponsible for DOT to move forward with the Bridge CIP without properly addressing the public safety and liability issues that I, and others, have addressed in previous correspondence. **WHAT IS THE DOT PLAN AND TIMELINE FOR THE BRIDGE & ROAD REPAIRS???**







*Melody Lane*

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