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Melody Lane – Founder, Compass2Truth

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I read the applicant's letter from his attorney, and it was with great interest to me to discover that Mr. Vaughn is having the same problem with the Sheriff and county staff attempting to influence the decision of the Planning Commissioners. Even more disturbing, was the falsification about his past expunged record, but the Sheriff used it to justify denial of the permit. Clearly the Sheriff has his own agenda, and he typically gets what he wants, including \$2.65M in military equipment to add to his arsenal at taxpayers' expense.

What concerns me the most is the pattern of staff's abuse of the public trust. Mr. Vaughn isn't the only one who has been targeted by the Sheriff and his minions.

For example, the Sheriff approved my CCW permit and scheduled an appointment to pick it up. But after I submitted another Citizen's Complaint of Officer misconduct, I received a certified letter from Sheriff rescinding my permit 3 days before I was scheduled to pick up the ~~permit~~. Similar to Mr. Vaughn's situation, the letter falsely accused that I was dishonest and not of good moral character. Despite two appeals, the Sheriff still refused my CCW permit. He also ordered IT to block my ability to communicate electronically with EDSO staff. This was done in retaliation for quoting him during a BOS meeting, **"You need a new Board [of Supervisors]. All of them. Hold their feet to the fire. Mine too. I work for you."**

Then there was the time I walked into the Taxpayers Association meeting when the Sheriff was the guest speaker. I silently handed him two affidavits addressed to ~~two~~ his staff who had denied me access to public records as required by law. The Sheriff tossed them onto the table where Staci Walls grabbed them. I silently walked around the table to retrieve them when Staci grabbed my arm and created a scene. Kris Payne, you were a witness to that incident.

I have the [one minute video right here] that Andy Nevis posted to FB and distributed to the Sheriff and County staff. The documentation is also right here in the affidavit addressed to Andy Nevis which was entered into the public record. The same November 16, 2020 meeting incident with the Sheriff is also referenced the Taxpayers Association letter threatening "legal options" and termination of my membership.

Mr. Vaughn and his attorney may ~~also~~ be very interested in viewing that video and the affidavit to Sheriff D'Agostini wherein he deprives me my lawful right to access records that reveal EDSO falsification of records and government corruption.

Collusion with staff to deprive a citizen their rights under color of law is a federal crime. I recommend you consider the facts, do the right thing, and approve Mr. Vaughn's permit to do business. The alternative is to risk multiple lawsuits against the county that taxpayers can ill afford.



# Taxpayers' Association of El Dorado County

**DATE:** September 26, 2022  
**TO:** Melody Lane  
**FROM:** Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County Board of Directors  
**RE:** Potential Termination of Membership

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On January 9, 2021 we issued you a formal reprimand for your behavior at the Association's November 16, 2020 meeting. The notice of reprimand informed you that further disruption of meetings and/or disrespect to your fellow members or guests would cause the Directors to consider further legal options, including potential termination of your membership.

Further, on July 26, 2022 we adopted a Meeting Conduct policy which specified that, "If a member, by their own actions and on more than 3 occasions, continues to disrupt and harass any member or speaker in the organization, their membership shall be revoked under Article IV of the by-laws". This provision affirmed the Board's existing authority under the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures to discipline members who cause disruption and engage in harassment.

Despite these warnings, you continue to disrupt our meetings and harass our guest speakers and your fellow members. As written in your January 2021 reprimand, we have a responsibility to maintain a safe and respectful environment for all meeting guests and attendees by insisting that all attendees maintain proper meeting decorum. When such an environment does not exist, we cannot carry out our mission to educate the citizens of El Dorado County and ensure the responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

Because you have demonstrated your unwillingness to follow proper meeting decorum and have engaged in a sustained pattern of harassment against your fellow members, this Board of Directors will meet in closed session to consider termination of your membership. You have the opportunity to be heard in writing before that meeting takes place. Please send any response or information you would like us to consider via electronic mail to [info@taxpayersedc.org](mailto:info@taxpayersedc.org) no later than Friday, October 14. You will be notified of our decision in writing.

## AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION OF TRUTH

Andy Nevis  
CA Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

I, Melody Lane, the undersigned, make this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth of my own free will, and I hereby affirm, declare and swear, under my oath and under the pains and penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and of this state, that I am of legal age and of sound mind and hereby attest that the statements, averments and information contained in this Affidavit/Declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

This Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is lawful notification to you, Andy Nevis, and is hereby made and sent to you pursuant to the national Constitution, specifically, the Bill of Rights, in particular, Amendments I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, IX and X, and The Bill of Rights of the California Constitution, in particular, Article 1, Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 21, 23 and Article 3, section 1, which requires your written rebuttal to me, in kind, specific to each and every point of the subject matter stated herein, within 15 days, via your own sworn and notarized affidavit, using true fact, valid law and evidence to support your rebuttal of the specific subject matter stated in this Affidavit/Declaration.

You are hereby noticed that your failure to respond, as stipulated, and rebut, with particularity and specificity, anything with which you disagree in this Affidavit/Declaration, is your lawful, legal and binding tacit agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this Affidavit/Declaration is true, correct, legal, lawful, and fully binding upon you in any court in America, without your protest or objection and that of those who represent you. Your silence is your acquiescence. See: *Connally v. General Construction Co.*, 269 U.S. 385, 391. *Notification of legal responsibility is "the first essential of due process of law."* See also: *U.S. v. Tweel*, 550 F. 2d. 297. *"Silence can only be equated with fraud where there is a legal or moral duty to speak or where an inquiry left unanswered would be intentionally misleading."*

When I use the term "public officer(s)", this term includes you, Andy Nevis, technician for the CA Water Resources Control Board, and President of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County. Any act committed by you either supports and upholds the Constitutions, national, and state, or opposes and violates them. Your oath of office requires you to support and uphold the national and state Constitutions, and therefore you are constitutionally mandated to abide by that oath in the performance of your official duties. You have no Constitutional authority, or

any other form of valid, lawful authority, to oppose and violate the very documents to which you swore or affirmed your oath and by which you were delegated by the people the limited authority to conduct the duties of your office. These three above stated positions are true, factual, lawful and constitutionally ordained.

However, despite the above-stated factual, lawful positions, your unconstitutional actions, as described throughout this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth, clearly demonstrate how you, Andy Nevis, have violated all of the above lawful positions, the Constitutions, your oath of office, acted against the public good by violating the public trust and committing sedition and insurrection. Pursuant to your unlawful and unconstitutional actions, you have invoked the self-executing Sections 3 & 4 of the 14th Amendment to the national Constitution, and thereby have lawfully vacated your office and forfeited all benefits thereof, including salary and pension. Please note that, as stated above and below, if you fail to specifically rebut, in kind, any of the charges, claims and positions set forth in this Affidavit/Declaration, by means of your own sworn notarized Affidavit, supported by truth, fact, valid law and evidence, then you tacitly admit to them, and these admissions will be lawfully used against you. The following paragraphs and others throughout this Affidavit/Declaration describe some of your unlawful, unconstitutional actions, which have harmed me and others:

1. You, Andy Nevis, are a public servant employed by the CA Water Resources Control Board and whose salary is paid for via my taxes, therefore you work for me and the other tax paying Citizens of El Dorado County.

*"The Oath of Office is a quid pro quo contract in which clerks, officials, or officers of the government pledge to perform (Support and uphold the United States and State Constitutions) in return for substance (wages, perks, benefits). Proponents are subjected to the penalties and remedies for Breach of Contract, **conspiracy** under Title 28 U.S.C., Title 18 Sections 241, and 242, **treason** under the Constitution at Article 3, Section 3, and intrinsic **fraud**..."*

All actions by public employees whether conducted in the performance of their official duties, or in associated activities such as your role as President of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County, either support and defend the national and state Constitutions, or oppose and violate them. All public employees must demonstrate the highest standards of morality and ethics consistent with the requirements of their positions and consistent with the law. You are expected to uphold these principles, being **ever conscious that public office is a public trust**. Any enterprise undertaken by any public employee, such as you, which tends to weaken public confidence and undermines the sense of security for individual rights, is against public policy. Fraud, in its elementary common-law sense of **deceit**, is the simplest and clearest definition of that word. By your actions, you have committed fraud on numerous occasions, as herein described. You have failed on numerous occasions to provide honest public

services relevant to your duties as a public employee and also acting as President of the Taxpayers Association, which actions are described throughout this document. Furthermore, you have conspired with Directors of the Taxpayers Association and other public officials to censor me and maliciously impugn my good name and reputation solely because I have had the temerity to exercise my rights and civic duty to challenge those who brazenly dare to infringe on my God-given liberties and violate rights guaranteed in the state and national Constitutions which are guaranteed to the people, in the instant case, me.

In so doing, you perjured your oath by violating my Constitutionally guaranteed Rights, particularly those secured in the Bill of Rights, including but not limited to my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Rights. By your unlawful actions, you acted in sedition and insurrection against the Constitutions, both national and state, and in treason against the People, in the instant case, me. *See: USC Title 18, § 241- Conspiracy Against Rights.*

2. You have publicly professed your aspirations to run for public office, yet you have used and abused the Taxpayers Association to further your own political platform. As such, your personal interests present a conflict of interest which is against the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of the Association. Since December 9, 2019, you have presided as President of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County. At that time you publicly stated, *"If we are going to be holding government accountable, then we need to make sure our internal process is as tight as possible. My plan was to bring this up at our first Business Meeting in January, but you have my pledge that it will definitely be an important topic."* Mr. Nevis, that internal process requires your own adherence to the following Bylaws and Policies and Procedures:

The Object of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County is the creation and maintenance of a forum within which to study the issues of government and the **problems of those who are governed**. This shall occur through an ongoing weekly discourse that will be open to members of the Association, the public and those who govern. These discussions shall be directed by the Association in an effort to educate all taxpayers as to the **current issues**, how they may be affected, how to **reveal and understand** the true costs of government, and to encourage awareness of **individual responsibility**. The Association shall monitor and be involved in the process of governance to help insure that the **blessings of freedom** shall be forever perpetuated." [Emphasis added]

The organization shall be governed by its Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, Standing Rules, Special Rules, and Resolutions. It **shall adhere to and comply with all applicable Federal State and local laws, codes, regulations and ordinances**. The organization shall strive to operate in a manner consistent with nonprofit best practices and shall **maintain all records** required to be **made available for public inspection**. The organization shall maintain a written **Conflict of Interest Policy, Non-Discrimination Policy,**

**Records Retention/Destruction Policy, Whistle Blower Policy, and Mid-Term Director Replacement Policy. [Emphasis added]**

You are cognizant that I have been a paid General member of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County since 2008: You are also aware that prior to retiring, I was employed by Capitol legislators and actively involved in Capitol ministries, as well as founding in 2009 the whistleblower organization, *Compass2Truth*. The Association is open to the general public and frequently attended by public officials, many of whom are the guest speakers. It is a matter of public record that I have been actively holding local officials' "feet to the fire" for violating their Constitutional oaths of office, including but not limited to: Sheriff D'Agostini, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Chris Payne, Sr. Services attorney Al Hamilton, Supervisor Shiva Frentzen, Supervisor Sue Novasel, Supervisor Brian Veerkamp, Commissioner Gary Miller, and Assemblyman Frank Bigelow. All my sworn and notarized affidavits *revealed problems* with public officials in order that the public could *understand* the issues and ensure that the *blessings of freedom shall be forever perpetuated*. But you, Mr. Nevis, by your actions, have apparently chosen to follow in the footsteps of self-proclaimed "dictator" Al Hamilton, the previous President of the Association, who has publicly harassed and threatened to "destroy" me as witnessed by members of the Association including Supervisor Lori Parlin whose notarized sworn affidavit is hereby attached as **Exhibit A**, made part hereof as if fully incorporated herein.

3. It is a matter of public record that the following Directors of the Taxpayers Association have threatened me, discriminated against me, or unlawfully deprived me equal benefits of membership: Sr. Services Attorney Al Hamilton, V.P. Chris Payne, Secretary Todd White, former Supervisor Jack Sweeney, and former Association Presidents Bill George and Bill Carey. You, Mr. Nevis, are demonstrating their same dysfunctional biases by discriminating against me, a well-known third generation evangelical senior citizen and Constitutional activist.

You have been apprised that I've filed two formal complaints against Al Hamilton with the CA State BAR Association. Furthermore, I entered into the public record during a Board of Supervisors meeting an unrebutted Affidavit of Truth relevant to Al Hamilton, which was also submitted to the Secretary of the Taxpayers Association as a *permanent record* to be made available for *public inspection*. It was during the July 28, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting that you joined V.P. Chris Payne and Secretary Todd White in publicly praising Al Hamilton for his contributions to the Taxpayers Association when you knew full well his notorious reputation for discrimination against women, bully tactics, and failure to abide by the Association Bylaws, Policies and Procedures. It was at that time that I again entered into the public record the factual Affidavit of Truth containing Supervisor Lori Parlin's notarized affidavit documenting Hamilton's threat to "destroy" my reputation. During Al's closing remarks he publicly mocked me, meanwhile effusively encouraging you, Todd, and Chris to continue in his illicit footsteps.

4. You have made it a habit to regularly censor and discriminate against me during Taxpayers Association meetings. One such instance was during the October 12, 2020 District #1 Candidate forum. Because candidate Ron Briggs failed to show up, Democrat candidate John Hidahl had an entire hour solely to himself to answer questions. You then made a point to circumvent the purpose and intent of the submitted question that I ask at every candidate forum:

*"This question has some ambiguities, so just for transparency, I'll read the question as it was submitted and then I'll invite you to, uh, maybe take it into a little more broader form of theater, so it will be more insightful discussion. So I'll read the question, **All elected officials are required to sign an oath of office to protect and support the state and national constitutions. If you are elected, will you sign a Constitutional Affidavit that essentially says that if it is PROVEN that you have violated your oath of office, then you will immediately resign and/or allow the people to remove you from office without your protest or objection?** What I'm going to invite you to do is reflect on, since you have already been supervisor, reflect on taking the oath of office. What does that oath mean to you, and how does it, you know, guide your everyday operations as a supervisor?"*

Mr. Nevis, you have no authority whatsoever to re-word, circumvent, or qualify questions asked of any candidate for public office. Other examples include the June 15, 2020 business meeting when you disrespectfully dismissed me after I raised ongoing issues with Todd White. He has discriminated against me ever since he replaced Bernard Carlson as Secretary of the Association. Todd still refuses to include me in the distribution of monthly speaker schedules and all other Taxpayers correspondence that all members are entitled to receive. Furthermore, you have taken it upon yourself to aid and abet Todd White's refusal to produce records and expenditures which I requested in writing and are lawfully required to be made available for public inspection. Then on July 27, 2020 you repeatedly muted me in midsentence during the Zoom meeting. Again during the October 19, 2020 El Dorado Irrigation District Candidate Forum, you failed to ask my question of the candidates which I provided to you at the very beginning of the forum, and instead proceeded to ask your own questions of the candidates. Your tactics dilute the intent of public participation in candidate forums. You are aware this has been an extremely sensitive issue at all other candidate forums, where the Citizens are denied the First Amendment Right to ask the hard and revealing questions that would enable them to make intelligent voting decisions about the candidates. In so doing you have deprived me of my inherent Rights, violated your oaths and all of the provisions within the Taxpayers Objectives, Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures. *See United States v. Dial, 757 R2d 163, 168 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir 1985) includes the deliberate concealment of material information in a setting of fiduciary obligation. See also USC Title 18, § 2071 - Concealment, removal, or mutilation generally.*

5. Your established pattern of behavior since you became President of the Association demonstrates that the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County has no genuine

interest in abiding by the Association policies, bylaws, mission statement, reasonable standards of conduct or applicable state and federal laws. On numerous occasions, I've requested in writing from you and Secretary Todd White copies of records which the bylaws require be made available to the public. As a long standing member, all my requests have been either flatly denied or ignored, further betraying the Association's alleged mission statement "to monitor and be involved in the process of governance to help in order that the blessings of freedom shall be forever perpetuated." The only thing I despise more than being lied to is being lied about. On several occasions you audibly stated during Taxpayers meetings that Todd White would include me in distributions of all monthly schedules of speakers and other Association correspondence. But these were outright lies. Both you and Todd have failed to abide by the Association policies, procedures, and applicable law. By your obstructive actions against me, you demonstrated flagrant bias and discrimination against me in violation of equal treatment under the law.

6. It is a matter of public record that I've predicated statements made during Taxpayers Association meetings and during Board of Supervisors meetings that the federal and state Constitutions are the Supreme Law of the Land which clearly supersede any lesser "laws", statutes, rules, codes, regulations and policies, including the ones upon which the Taxpayers Association alleges to rely. A statute either supports and upholds the Constitutions or opposes and violates them and the due process of law and rights guaranteed therein.

Furthermore, you are aware that Chris Payne, Sr. Services Attorney Al Hamilton, Commissioner Gary Miller, and Supervisors Shiva Frentzen, Sue Novasel, Brian Veerkamp, and Sheriff D'Agostini have all been served with notifications of their legal responsibilities, which is the first essential of due process of law. Under the Political Reform Act, federal anticorruption law broadly guarantees the public "honest services" from public officials. Depriving the public of honest services is a federal crime. Again, any enterprise undertaken by any public official, such as you, which tends to weaken public confidence and undermine the sense of security for individual rights, is against public policy. Fraud, in its elementary common law sense of deceit, is one of the meanings that fraud bears.

It is my duty to demand that you and other government officials uphold their oaths to the Constitution(s) and abide by all constitutionally-imposed mandates of their oaths. This is an un-enumerated Right guaranteed in the Ninth Amendment, which I hereby claim and exercise. All of the facts, claims and charges stated herein clearly demonstrate that you, Andy Nevis, pursuant to your oaths, acted outside the lawful scope of your limited duties and constitutional authority; therefore, you acted on your own, as a private Citizen and renegade, outside of any governmental protection and/or immunity, whatsoever. Thus you, as an individual, will be held personally accountable and liable for any and all harm you have inflicted upon me and my inherent, constitutionally secured rights. You acted in sedition and insurrection against the Constitutions, both national and state, and in treason against the People, in the instant case, me.



7. During the November 9, 2020 Taxpayers Business Meeting, you recognized me to speak, but then you pounded your gavel and interrupted me when I commented about your inappropriate conduct, shameful disrespect, and the fact that you censor me during meetings, just as Al Hamilton consistently did to me when I stood up to his bully tactics. I remarked that it was deeply disturbing to hear you, Todd White and Kris Payne during the BOS Retirement Proclamation for Sr. Services Attorney Al Hamilton, actually praising him for his "honesty" and service to the county when it is a matter of public record that Al Hamilton brazenly threatened me and at least five other women during Taxpayers meetings. These facts are backed up by multiple witnesses and by an unrebutted Affidavit of Truth that includes the referenced sworn Affidavit of Supervisor Lori Parlin attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

When I replied about your shameless hypocrisy, you again interrupted me by furiously pounding your gavel and stating: *"I have met Al Hamilton maybe three or four times. Other than that Board of Supervisors meeting you referenced, I just called to congratulate him on his retirement, and I have not spoken to Al Hamilton in at least three years. So that's just crazy."*

Not only was your remark disrespectful, it was a blatant lie. My records reveal Al Hamilton was still a Director of the Association in 2019, but he only occasionally attended meetings. Furthermore, my audio recordings revealed you actively engaged in conversation with him. However, when Hamilton stopped showing up at meetings altogether without submitting his resignation as required in the bylaws, Chris Payne announced to the group that the Elections Committee had opted to wait until the end of the year to replace Hamilton as a Director. It should be noted that Al Hamilton had also previously refused to accept the written resignation of Bernard Carlson and allowed him to remain a "placeholder" and an "absentee" Director of the Association, who is confined to an assisted living facility.

The public is entitled to honest services. You have consistently deprived me of honest services and the exercise of my right to access Taxpayers Association records as provided in the Policies and Procedures. As previously stated herein, any deceptive, obstructive enterprise undertaken by any public official, such as you, that tends to weaken public confidence and undermines the sense of security for individual rights, is against public policy and against the Supreme Law of the land and any other laws which comply with the national Constitution. Fraud, in its elementary common-law sense of **deceit**, is the simplest and clearest definition of that word [483 U.S. 372] in the statute. *See United States v. Dial*, 757 R2d 163, 168 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir 1985) *includes the deliberate concealment of material information in a setting of fiduciary obligation. See also USC Title 18, § 2071 – Concealment, removal, or mutilation generally. See also: United States v. Dial, supra, - Any enterprise undertaken by the public official who tends to weaken public confidence and undermine the sense of security for individual rights is against public policy. See also: Morrison v. Coddington*, 662 P.2d. 155, 135 Ariz. 480 (1983) - *Fraud and deceit may arise from silence where there is a duty to speak the truth, as well as from speaking an untruth.* [Emphasis added]

8. My claims, statements and averments also pertain to your actions taken regarding your failure to provide honest public services, pursuant to your oaths which violated due process of law. The American people, including me, are constitutionally guaranteed the rights of life, liberty and property that cannot be taken from us except through due process of law. Since due process is a sworn duty of any action committed by any public official, in the instant case you, by your violations of due process of law nullify your actions. You extended absolutely no due process of law whatsoever to me, yet, by your unconstitutional actions, as described herein, you harmed me, and others, in direct violation of your oaths. As stated previously, any enterprise undertaken by any public official, such as you, which tends to weaken public confidence in the law, undermines the sense of security for individual rights, and is against public policy. Your repeated deprivations of my right to lawfully access records and your discriminatory actions against me, a law-abiding American Citizen dwelling in El Dorado County, are a direct assault upon my due process rights secured in the national and state Constitutions, including those secured in the First Amendment. Thus, your egregious violations of due process of law render you personally responsible and liable for your actions, because you have stepped outside the lawful scope of your limited duties and authority, usurped authority not possessed, and act as a renegade.
9. On November 16, 2020 I entered the Taxpayers Association meeting and silently handed Sheriff D'Agostini three (3) Affidavits addressed to **Deputy Jaime Toney**, and Senior Sheriff Technicians **Angela Sterling** and **Steve McCallum**, for depriving me of public services, violating their oaths of office, conspiracy against rights, and deprivation of rights under color of law.

Notification of legal responsibility is the first essential of due process of law, and un rebutted affidavits are admissible as factual evidence in any court in America. However, Sheriff D'Agostini tossed the legal documents onto my table as if to refuse them. When I retrieved the documents and again silently placed them on the table in front of the sheriff, he again tossed the documents towards two unidentified women seated on the opposite side of my table. The blonde woman interfered with due process of law by snatching the legal documents and then placing them on the chair beside her. I silently walked around the table to retrieve them, but that's when the blonde and the sheriff created a public spectacle. Then as if on cue, Chris Payne intensified the scene by loudly shouting that I was disrupting the meeting when, in fact, the sheriff had maliciously retaliated against me for publicly holding his feet to the fire—***exactly as he encouraged me to do when he first took office***—and which is my duty as an American Citizen.



It was later brought to my attention that the blonde woman is a retired member of the sheriff's clerical staff who was accompanied by her daughter seated next to her. She had no lawful authority to interfere with due process of law. From the appalling indifference and incompetence I have directly experienced from EDSO personnel, it is evident that the sheriff and the rest of his staff do not want to be contacted by any member of the public, nor do they want to be transparent or held accountable to their oaths by the people they purportedly serve. Instead, the sheriff has conspired with county staff, including members of the Taxpayers Association, in multiple acts of obstructionism, fraud, and deprivation of the secured rights of the public, all of which constitute serious Federal CRIMES. The transcript of my brief interaction with Sheriff D'Agostini and the two women is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, incorporated herein and made part hereof.

Then on November 16, 2020, a concerned individual sent me a 1.08-minute video clip of the aforementioned incident that was apparently posted on Facebook and distributed by you, Andy Nevis, in which you tagged Sheriff D'Agostini, Supervisor Shiva Frentzen, Supervisor Brian Veerkamp, Supervisor Sue Novasel, Supervisor John Hidahl, District Attorney Vern Pierson, Commissioner James Williams, and Commissioner Gary Miller. All except one of the aforementioned individuals have received from me notifications of legal responsibility for violating their Constitutional oaths of office, which were accordingly entered into the public record during Board of Supervisors meetings in the form of unrebutted Affidavits of Truth. The video you posted to Facebook generated considerable controversy and negative comments about me, including a false complaint made to you by the blonde woman who *unlawfully* grabbed the legal documents. After the meeting adjourned, the blonde woman exacerbated the situation with her unnecessarily melodramatic order to "Back up! Back up!" It is a fact that I never even approached her because I was on the opposite side of the table when I asked her to identify herself. Then she falsely claimed that I committed a crime by "touching" her when it was evident she interfered with due process of law by apparently acting as an unauthorized agent on behalf of the sheriff to impede my lawful actions protected in the First Amendment with my right to redress my grievances to

government. Government is the SERVANT of the people, not the belligerent master of the people.

10. Your Facebook posting and distribution of the one-minute video clip is a malicious and defamatory attack on my character. Furthermore, the subsequent email you sent on November 11, 2020 subject title of "Notice of Potential Taxpayers Association Disciplinary Action" has no merit or lawful standing. You state that the Board of Directors will be meeting in closed session (date to be determined) to review the allegations against me and determine any disciplinary action. See Exhibit C, attached hereto, made part of hereof, as if fully incorporated herein.

You have no lawful authority to hold a tribunal at an undisclosed time, to take disciplinary action against me, or to act as judge, jury and executioner when I have done nothing other than to appropriately exercise my Constitutional rights. I have been a paid member of Taxpayers for over 12 years in addition to being a candidate for Director of the Association. You have no legal standing to make your demands, or to discriminate against me by refusing to recognize me at upcoming public meetings. It is you, Andy Nevis, who have violated your oaths of office and maliciously maligned my good name in an attempt to "destroy" my reputation by evidently picking up the gauntlet that Al Hamilton laid down. In fact, your email appears to be written by a lawyer who has an axe to grind. Exercise of rights cannot be converted into a crime. Pursuant to your oaths, as described herein, by your own unlawful actions you have violated, restricted, and denied my inherent constitutionally guaranteed rights and due process of law. Furthermore, you egregiously harmed me by conspiring with county officials and other individuals to suppress my inherent right of free speech, preventing and/or restricting my access to government officials, and depriving me of information or services necessary to assist my efforts for redress of grievances—all lawful actions on my part that fall under the protections of the First Amendment. See *Miller v. U.S.*, 230 F.2d. 486,489 "The claim and exercise of a Constitutional right cannot be converted into a crime." See also USC 18 § 241 and USC 18 § 242, respectively, *Conspiracy Against Rights and Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law*.

11. By conspiring with other government officials, you have denied me due process of law as stated within the Bill of Rights. Constitutionally-compliant due process of law clearly requires that ALL Constitutionally-secured rights and ALL aspects of due process of law be upheld. Your repeated attempts to bully, discredit, defame, and censor me are in defiance of the Constitution(s), and your discriminatory actions are a direct assault upon my due process rights in the Constitutions, including rights secured in the First Amendment. Constitutionally-secured inherent rights and due process of law are guaranteed to me and all American Citizens. The requirements of *Tweel*, cited above, are incumbent upon you in both your personal and professional capacities. By your own actions, pursuant to your oaths, you have violated these First Amendment guarantees, betrayed the Public Trust, and perjured your oaths of office.

*"Personal involvement in deprivation of constitutional rights is prerequisite to award of damages, but defendant may be personally involved in*

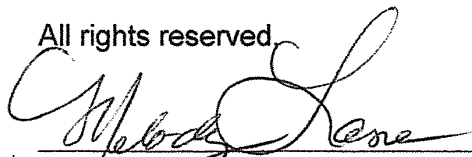
*constitutional deprivation by direct participation, failure to remedy wrongs after learning about it, creation of a policy or custom under which unconstitutional practices occur or gross negligence in managing subordinates who cause violation." (Gallegos v. Haggerty, N.D. of New York, 689 F. Supp. 93 (1988)).*

By your stepping outside of your delegated authority, you lost any "perceived immunity" and you will be sued for your wrongdoing against me, personally, privately, individually and in your professional capacity, as can all those in your jurisdiction, including your supervisors and anyone having oversight responsibility for you, including any judges or prosecuting attorneys and public officers for that jurisdiction, if, once they are notified of your wrongdoing, they fail to take lawful actions to correct it, pursuant to their oaths and their duties, thereto:

Lawful notification has been provided to you stating that if you, Andy Nevis, do not rebut the statements, charges and averments made in this Affidavit/Declaration, then you tacitly agree with and admit to them. Pursuant to that lawful notification, if you disagree with anything stated under oath in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth, then rebut to me that with which you disagree, with particularity, within fifteen (15) days of receipt thereof, by means of your own **written, sworn, notarized affidavit of truth, based on specific, true, relevant fact and valid law** to support your disagreement, attesting to your rebuttal and supportive positions, as valid and lawful, under the pains and penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and this state of California. An un rebutted affidavit stands as truth and fact before any court. Your failure to respond, as stipulated, is your tacit agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is true, correct, legal, lawful, and is your irrevocable admission attesting to this, fully binding upon you in any court of law in America, without your protest, objection and that of those who represent you.

Affiant further sayeth naught.

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Attachments:

- Exhibit A – Lori Parlin notarized affidavit – Al Hamilton
- Exhibit B – 11/3/20 Taxpayers/D'Agostini Transcript
- Exhibit C - Andy Nevis – Disciplinary Action email

**CC:** Charles DelGado, CA Water Resources Control Board  
Eileen Sobeck - Executive Director, CA Water Resources Control Board  
Taxpayers Association of EDC, Secretary Todd White  
Sheriff John D'Agostini  
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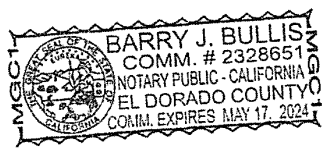
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 on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER 2020  
 by                      Date                      Month                      Year

(1) MELODY LANE  
 (and (2) \_\_\_\_\_),  
 Name(s) of Signer(s)

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence  
 to be the person(s) who appeared before me.



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BELOW IS THE SWORN AFFADAVIT OF FACT BY LORI PARLIN,  
THE WRITTEN RECORD OF EVENTS CONCERNING THE  
TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF EL DORADO COUNTY MEETINGS  
ON NOVEMBER 7 AND 14, 2016

I, Lori Parlin, the undersigned, do solemnly swear, declare and depose:

- 1) That I am over the age of 18 years and competent to state to the matters set forth herein;
- 2) That I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein
- 3) That all the facts stated herein are true, correct, and certain, admissible as evidence, and if called upon as witness, I will testify to their veracity.

On Monday, November 7, 2016, at the conclusion of the weekly Taxpayers meeting held at Denny's in Placerville, California, I was talking to Melody Lane while seated across the table from her. Out of the corner of my eye I noticed that Al Hamilton, the President of the Taxpayers Association, was approaching us from behind Ms. Lane. My first thought was that Mr. Hamilton was coming over to talk to me about the Association's refusal to give me an application for membership. Instead, Mr. Hamilton leaned forward, over Ms. Lane's shoulder, and gestured with his hand toward her purse. He then asked if her audio recorder was on, inside her purse. She replied no, it was off because the meeting was over and it was inside her purse. Mr. Hamilton proceeded to tell Ms. Lane that she could not record the meetings without announcing to the entire room that she was recording the meeting. Ms. Lane replied that the law was very clear that no such announcement is necessary when public officials are speaking. Ms. Lane then got up out of her chair to address Mr. Hamilton face to face. There was arguing between them about the audio recordings. At some point during the arguing Mr. Hamilton said that he would call the Sheriff and have Ms. Lane removed from the building for causing a disturbance. Finally, Mr. Hamilton threatened Ms. Lane by saying that he would see to it that her reputation was destroyed in the county. I was shocked to hear him make such a threat, especially his use of "I" and "destroy" in his language. Ms. Lane then asked if Mr. Hamilton was threatening her. He said, no, that was not a threat. I then asked what exactly he meant by those words because it also sounded like a threat to me. Mr. Hamilton then backpedaled from his original statement and said that Ms. Lane's own actions would ruin her reputation in the county. I don't remember exactly how the conversation ended because I was shaken up by Mr. Hamilton's threatening words and tone.

At the beginning of the weekly Taxpayers meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016, Mr. Hamilton made an announcement that Ms. Lane was audio recording the meeting. He went on to say that at the prior meeting he had simply stated that he would call the Sheriff if Ms. Lane causes a disturbance during meetings. At some point during the meeting, Mr. Hamilton jokingly asked the group if he should take a vote to decide whether Ms. Lane was causing a disturbance. Given his threats the week prior, Mr. Hamilton's suggestion to call the Sheriff to remove Ms. Lane from the room appeared to be an intimidation tactic.

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**EXHIBIT A**



*I, Lori Parlin, the Undersigned Affiant, depose and certify being first duly sworn on oath according to law, deposes and says that I have written the forgoing with intent and understanding of purpose the 2 page Affidavit above and that the matters stated herein are true, correct, complete and just to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.*

*Lori Parlin*

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*Lori Parlin*

*11-28-16*

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County of EL DORADO

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of November, 2016, by LORI A. PARKS

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the  
person(s) who appeared before me.



(Seal)

Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

## 11/16/20 Taxpayers Association Meeting – Sheriff D’Agostini

Entering the 11/16/20 Taxpayers Association meeting, I SILENTLY hand the Sheriff a letter addressed to him clipped to three Affidavits of Truth concerning EDSO staff misconduct. Before I could take my seat, the Sheriff tosses them onto the table next to me as if to refuse them. I SILENTLY pick them up and place them on the table next to where he is standing addressing the group. Again, the Sheriff picks up the documents off the table and tosses them towards a large blond woman seated across the table from me.

As the blond pulls the documents towards her, Sheriff D’Agostini steps in front of me.

**Sheriff D’Agostini:** Thank you Melody. Have a seat.

**Melody Lane:** Special delivery. You just refused due process of law.

Before I can take my seat, I notice the blond woman places the legal documents on the chair next to her, so I SILENTLY walk around the end of the table and reach to retrieve them from the chair.

Simultaneously the following occurred:

**D’Agostini:** “Wait a minute!”

The blond quickly snatches the documents from the chair out of my reach, and in the process she firmly grabbed my right wrist while exclaiming, “Don’t touch me!”

**D’Agostini:** Whoa! Hey! Hey! Hey!

**Melody Lane** (addressing the large blond): You have no authority to take that.

**D’Agostini:** You served this on me, is that what you’re saying?

**Melody:** Special delivery.

**Chris Payne** (loudly): That’s inappropriate! You’re interrupting the meeting!

**D’Agostini:** Is that the purpose? I have it. You served that on me?

**Melody:** Special delivery.

**D’Agostini:** Served! Thank you. OK. Staffing...we are doing pretty good...

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After the adjournment of the meeting I am gathering my belongings on the opposite side of the table from the Sheriff and the two large women:

**Melody Lane:** I don’t know who you are, but you have no authority to take...

**Blond** (who is now standing on opposite side of table and extending her palms across the table towards me): Back up. Back up! Back up!

**Melody:** You have no authority...

**D’Agostini:** She’s not going to talk to you Melody. Go!

**Melody:** Is that your daughter?

### EXHIBIT B

**D'Agostini:** No.

**Blond:** No.

**Melody (addressing the blond):** Who are you?

**Blond:** As soon as you touched me you committed a crime.

**Melody:** No, YOU committed a crime.

**Blond:** You grabbed my arm first. (She again melodramatically extends her palms across the table towards me) Back up!

**Melody:** Listen...

**Blond:** Back up! Back up! (I was NOT approaching her)

**Melody:** You need to...

**Blond:** (hands still melodramatically extended across the table) Back up! Back up!

**Melody:** No. I'm just standing right here. (We are still on opposite sides of the table.)

**Blond and her daughter now both extending their arms melodramatically:** Back up! Back up!

**Melody:** You had no authority to interfere with due process of law.

**Blond:** Go!

**Melody:** You just interfered with official business...

**Blond & daughter:** You need to go. You need to go!

**Melody:** You had no authority to do what you did; either of you girls. You have violated the law, and you know it too, John.

**D'Agostini:** No, you have.

**Melody:** No I have not. You have been served.

**D'Agostini:** Have a nice day. Have a nice day.

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EXHIBIT B

**From:** Andy Nevis [mailto:andynevis@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 22, 2020 2:41 PM  
**To:** Melody Lane  
**Subject:** Notice of Potential Taxpayers Association Disciplinary Action

Ms. Lane,

The purpose of this e-mail is to notify you of an accusation which could result in disciplinary action against your Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County (Association) membership.

The complaint regards your behavior at the Association's meeting on November 16, 2020. As documented by video, you disrupted the guest speaker's presentation, did not desist when requested, and physically grabbed the arm of a fellow attendee. Following the meeting, you once again engaged the attendee you grabbed and failed to back away despite repeated requests.

As a Taxpayers Association member, you are expected to abide by the Association's Policies and Procedures (attached). Among these procedures, attendees are expected to refrain from speaking unless called upon by the moderator, treat each speaker and fellow attendees with respect, and avoid personal attacks.

Pursuant to Section III(9) of the Bylaws, violation of the Policies and Procedures can be grounds for discipline, up to termination of membership. The Board of Directors will be meeting in closed session (Date to be determined) to review the allegations against you and determine any disciplinary action.

Prior to this meeting, you have the opportunity to respond to the above allegations. Your response is required within 14 days of this e-mail, by December 7, 2020. As part of the response, I encourage you to express whether you agree to abide by the Association's Policies and Procedures and avoid disruptions at future Association meetings. Your response will be shared with the Directors and you will be notified of their decision.

In the meantime, pursuant to my duty outlined in the Policies and Procedures to maintain decorum, I have determined that based on the above allegations there is fair reason to believe you will not follow our meeting conduct policies. If you choose to attend our upcoming public meetings, you will not be recognized. I will reevaluate this determination when I receive your written reply.

Please let me know if you have any questions about what is written above.

Sincerely,  
Andy Nevis  
President, Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County

Exhibit C