

J. Connolly Open Forum BSS 5/10/2022

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC COMMENT
MAY 10, 2022

GOOD AFTERNOON. I HAVE SUBMITTED A FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST COMMISSIONER GRIMOLDI FOR ACCUSING ME OF COMMITTING CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST HER. SHE MADE THOSE CLAIMS TO YOU ON APRIL 12TH, AND I GAVE YOU NOTICE OF MY INTENTION TO FILE A COMPLAINT ON APRIL 19TH.

GRIMOLDI'S CLAIMS WERE MADE WITHOUT RESERVATION, BUT ALSO WITHOUT EVIDENCE. IT IS YOUR DUTY TO RESPOND TO THOSE CLAIMS, EVEN WITHOUT MY FORMAL COMPLAINT, AS SHE IS YOUR COMMISSIONER AND MADE HER CLAIMS DIRECTLY TO YOU.

AFTER GRIMOLDI MADE HER ACCUSATIONS, SUPERVISORS PARLIN AND TURNBOO SIMPLY RESPONDED, "THANK YOU LINDA," WHILE THE REST OF YOU REMAINED SILENT. THERE WAS NO OUTRAGE OF A CRIMINAL ACCUSATION MADE BY HER TO YOU, OR ADMONISHMENT OF ANY KIND THAT HER CHARGES WERE MADE ON COUNTY PROPERTY, USING COUNTY RESOURCES, WITHOUT ANY EVIDENCE.

GRIMOLDI'S ACCUSATION THAT I WAS STALKING HER IS A VERY SERIOUS CHARGE. STALKING CAN BE PROSECUTED AS EITHER A MISDEMEANOR OR A FELONY, WITH INCARCERATION IN A COUNTY JAIL FOR UP TO A YEAR, OR IN PRISON FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS, AND IN EITHER CASE, A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000. FOLLOWING A FELONY CONVICTION, THAT PERSON CAN ALSO FACE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR DAMAGES.

GRIMOLDI ALSO FACES SERIOUS CHARGES. I TOLD YOU ON APRIL 19TH THAT HER CLAIMS WERE FALSE, BUT SHE HAS NOT WITHDRAWN THEM, AND YOU HAVE SAT IN TACIT SILENCE TO THEM. IF SHE WERE TO REPEAT THOSE FALSE ACCUSATIONS TO A GRAND JURY OR TO DESIGNATED PEACE OFFICERS, SHE WOULD BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND COULD BE JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR AND/OR PAY A \$1,000 FINE.

MY COMPLAINT REQUESTS YOUR REFERRAL OF THE MATTER TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION, IN PART BECAUSE ALL OF YOU ON THE DAIS ARE WITNESSES. IN LIEU OF AN INVESTIGATION YOU CAN RESCIND GRIMOLDI'S NOMINATION AT ANY TIME, INCLUDING TODAY, BECAUSE THE MATTERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN BEFORE YOU ON APRIL 12 AND APRIL 19. THAT FOLLOWS YOUR ADMONISHMENTS TO GRIMOLDI ON MARCH 22ND, WHEN YOU REMINDED HER THAT SHE WAS A DIRECT REFLECTION OF THE BOARD BEFORE YOU APPROVED HER NOMINATION ANYWAY .

FRANKLY, YOU SHOULD DO BOTH OF THE THINGS I'M REQUESTING. CUT GRIMOLDI LOOSE IMMEDIATELY FOR MAKING AN IRRESPONSIBLE ACCUSATION TO YOU AGAINST A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, AND IMMEDIATELY REFER THE MATTER TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DUE TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE CHARGE AND ITS PENALTIES.

AFTER ALL, THIS IS YOUR ISSUE, NOT MINE, BECAUSE GRIMOLDI MADE HER ACCUSATIONS TO YOU, IN HER APPOINTED POSITION, UTILIZING COUNTY RESOURCES. SO TODAY I'M ASKING WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

PLEASE TELL ME AND THE PUBLIC HOW YOU INTEND TO RESPOND TO MY COMPLAINT. I'D ALSO LIKE YOU TO ANSWER THE SAME QUESTION ABOUT THE JANUARY 10TH COMPLAINT I SUBMITTED REGARDING COMMISSIONER COCKRELL'S PUBLIC HARASSMENT OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

SILENCE IS NOT LEADERSHIP, NOR IS ALLOWING YOUR APPOINTEES TO CONTINUOUSLY ABUSE THE PUBLIC TRUST WITHOUT CONSEQUENCE. YOU ARE THE COUNTY'S SENIOR LEADERS, AND THE BUCK STOPS WITH YOU. I'M ASKING YOU TO ACT RESPONSIBLY TO THESE SERIOUS MATTERS. THANK YOU.

2040 No Name Lane
Diamond Springs, CA 95619

May 10, 2022

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County Counsel
El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer
c/o 330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Subj: Formal Complaint re: Commissioner Linda Grimoldi accusations

Dear Board of Supervisors:

On April 12, 2022 Commissioner Linda Grimoldi publicly stated to you that I had committed crimes against her, and frivolously repeated hearsay allegations that were previously dismissed by the El Dorado County Superior Court in April 2021, when Commissioners Chris Cockrell and Todd Smith attempted to disparage me on the same basis.

I publicly gave you notice on April 19, 2022 that I would file a formal complaint seeking an independent investigation of Grimoldi's criminal claims, to include that you, the County Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer, and Clerk of the Board be independently interviewed as witnesses to Grimoldi's claims.

If Commissioner Grimoldi were to repeat her false claims that I committed a felony or misdemeanor against her to either a grand jury or designated peace officers, she would be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by six months custody in the county jail, and/or a fine up to \$1,0000. Designated peace officers include a district attorney, deputy district attorney, or district attorney inspectors or investigators. (See e.g., Penal Code, sections 19, 148.5, 830.1, subdivision (a).)

I request you promptly address this complaint on the record to redress the egregious abuses of the public trust caused by Commissioner Grimoldi's frivolous claims. If you were to relieve Commissioner Grimoldi without an investigation, subject to your sole discretion, I would consider this complaint resolved provided you required Grimoldi to publicly apologize for making false accusations to you about a member of the public.

Sincerely,

s/Joseph Connolly

**FORMAL COMPLAINT
COMMISSIONER LINDA GRIMOLDI ACCUSATIONS**

**I.
INTRODUCTION**

On March 22, 2022 the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) voted 5-0 to appoint Ms. Linda Grimoldi (“Grimoldi”) to the County’s Commission on Aging, despite community objections that Grimoldi had links to extremist groups and individuals. Other questions were raised regarding her relevant experience, beyond caregiving for her elderly mother and serving as a Marshall Hospital Auxiliary volunteer.

Prior to its vote the Board summoned Grimoldi before them. Four Supervisors critiqued her social media slurs mocking President Joseph Biden as having dementia, her approval of those who objected to her nomination being publicly harassed, and whether her membership and administrator/moderator role in the group “Boots on the Ground Cali” (“BOTGC”) were intentionally omitted from her application for the Commission on Aging.

Supervisor Thomas pointedly reminded Grimoldi that “Commissioners are a direct reflection on us.” Supervisor Hidahl noted he was required to disclose any association with extremist groups in his previous security clearance reviews, and that any association with groups involved in the attempted overthrow of the U.S. Government would be problematic.

Despite these admonitions, and a direct question from Supervisor Hidahl about the truthfulness of her application, Grimoldi merely replied that she knew the BOTGC leader, Mr. Aaron Bate, because he was her “Recall Newsom captain.” She characterized BOTGC as a “charitable organization” only.

Grimoldi was expected to be truthful to the Board and the public. In responding to questions about extremist ties Grimoldi did not disclose the full extent of those connections, nor did she condemn or disavow any extremist group(s) or person(s) she may have ties to. For example, as has been separately documented to the Board, BOTGC members include advocates for, and/or members of, the Three Percenters militia group, various neo-Nazi groups, and the Proud Boys.

II.
APRIL 12, 2022 ACCUSATIONS

On April 12, 2022 Commissioner Grimoldi spoke in person to the Board during its “Open Forum” agenda item, immediately followed by four others: Ms. Mandi Rodriguez, Mr. Aaron Bate, Mr. Dean Wheeler, and Mr. Sean Ditty, a self-identified Proud Boy.¹

Grimoldi’s comments were:

“Hi. Linda Grimoldi, again. I didn’t come to the last meeting and I’ve been hearing things again, so I thought I’d come and talk. I have to wear my glasses, sorry, because I forgot mine in the car, or somewhere.

I’d like to start again that apparently some people still have no life, still have not grown up, and still are acting like five year olds. They are doing defamation of my character and slander. Defamation of character does have legal consequences, which I am now pursuing. And, as a reminder, it is either in writing or verbal, which is slander and a character assassination to damage my reputation, which is a civil wrong and infringement of my rights. **Apparently due to past behavior, Joe Connolly did all of this and he has done it to his ex-wife, and it’s documented in court orders.**

Sending stuff to the hospital auxiliary president is beyond out of bounds. As our president had been involved in government before, and saw what was trying to be done, she discarded everything that was sent to her.

Joe Connolly’s been seen driving by my house and stopping at my driveway, so technically he is now stalking me. Stalking is to harass or persecute, to annoy or harass persistently someone with unwanted or obsessive attention, and cameras will catch it all.

As far as Boots on the Ground Cali, if these righteous people would look up this organization, they would see that this veteran organization has

¹ See https://eldorado.granicus.com/player/clip/1610?view_id=2&redirect=true, time 5:31:20 to time 5:44:22.

helped many people during the emergencies and all the fires, and many of our local businesses have donated gift cards, food, water, whatever that they needed. It's a non-profit group and have been around for eight years.

I find it amazing that these people are so obsessed with me, and cannot get me out of their heads. They continue to try to degrade me from my freedom of speech, but when they're called on theirs, they call us names. I actually feel sorry for their lack of life. You only have one life to live on this earth and they are so unhappy, mean spirited and toxic that all they can do is slander, name call me and others who disagree with their thoughts. Maybe they should volunteer somewhere and do something positive in the county instead of thinking they're so superior and wasting everybody's time.

Lastly, I want to say that in my opinion, what offends toxic people the most is the people standing up for our freedom. Thanks.”² (emphasis added.)

III.

APRIL 19, 2022 NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

On April 19, 2022 I spoke in person to the Board during its “Open Forum” agenda item. I submitted a written copy of my remarks to the Board, County Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer, and Clerk of the Board.

“Good afternoon. I was unable to attend last week’s open forum, but I watched that I was the subject of comments by Commissioner Grimoldi, Mandi Rodriguez and a Proud Boy named Sean Ditty, who called me out by name and appeared to threaten me and you.

Calling a Proud Boy to be a character witness about your membership in a group with Proud Boys and other extremists seemed odd to me. But neither he nor [Grimoldi] told you he’s publicly confirmed that he was recently visited by the FBI, apparently due to a conflict with a Yolo County school board member.

² *Id.*, time 5:31:20 to time 5:34:04.

Grimoldi accused me, by name, of “defamation of character and slander.” She said, “Joe Connolly did all of this and he has done it to his ex-wife, and it’s documented in court orders.” She also said, “Joe Connolly’s been seen driving by my house and stopping at my driveways, so technically he is now stalking me.”

It was remarkable to watch an appointed commissioner tell a blatant lie to her supervisors, by accusing me of a crime while standing on county property, and using county resources to do so. This is my informal notice that I’m going to file a formal complaint about her accusations. I’m going to ask you to appoint an independent investigator, such as the district attorney, because you are witnesses 1–8. I’m going to ask that she be deposed, so her claims are substantiated on the record, and that you and I are interviewed as witnesses. My statement will affirm that I don’t know where Grimoldi lives, nor do I care, or have any reason to travel there. I’m going to ask that evidence be taken, as necessary, to document the involvement of others in making or supporting her claims.

In the meantime, please inform Grimoldi about the application of Code of Civil Procedure, section 425.16. She claims her rights have been infringed, because I had the temerity to factually document issues in the public interest. You should tell her that my divorce from nearly 20 years ago is not a matter of the public interest, and why. You should tell her that a year ago the superior court told commissioners Cockrell and Smith that their claims I’m an abusive person were hearsay, when the court upheld my right to public comment under section 425.16.

You should also appoint an independent investigator to review the public conspiracy that continues to smear me. Grimoldi is now the fourth commissioner to do so, following Cockrell, Smith and Poimiroo, and she’s at least the fifth public person to make those same claims. The first was Sue Taylor, last February, one month before the commissioners picked up the ball and ran with it.

Supervisor Parlin should recuse herself from these matters, because she has not disclosed making her own hearsay accusations about me, in the same court records that keep being referred to. I don’t believe she’s disclosed that she is friends with my ex-wife either.

I'm asking Supervisor Parlin to answer now whether she has disclosed those facts to you, and I'm asking the county counsel to meet with me to review those facts. I think that would be in keeping with your purported standards of good governance and transparency. Thank you.”³

IV.

CONSEQUENCES OF FALSE ACCUSATIONS

There are potential civil and criminal consequences related to Grimoldi's accusations.

If Commissioner Grimoldi were to repeat her false claims that I committed a felony or misdemeanor against her to either a grand jury or to designated peace officers, she would be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by six months custody in the county jail, and/or a fine up to \$1,000. Designated peace officers include a district attorney, deputy district attorney, or district attorney inspectors or investigators. (See e.g., Penal Code, sections 19, 148.5, 830.1, subdivision (a).)

On April 12, 2022 Grimoldi specifically accused me of stalking her, and described what constituted stalking by law. (See Complaint, section II.) An allegation of stalking is a serious charge, as it can be prosecuted as either a misdemeanor or felony, with penalties of up to five years in state prison and fines of up to \$1,000, in addition to civil remedies including compensatory and punitive damages. (See e.g., Penal Code, section 646.9; Civil Code, section 1708.7.)

Grimoldi claimed I defamed her, either “in writing or verbal,” that I infringed upon her rights, and that I “did all this and he did it to his ex-wife.” (See Complaint, section II.) Other commissioners made similar accusations against me in April, 2021 and the El Dorado County Superior Court dismissed those claims under Code of Civil Procedure section 425.16. The court also noted the commissioner's claims about me were hearsay. Generally, a prevailing defendant under section 425.16 “shall” be entitled to recover their attorney's fees and costs. (See e.g., Code Civ. Proc., section 425.16, subd. (c)(1).)

³ See https://eldorado.granicus.com/player/clip/1614?view_id=2&redirect=true, time 4:31:10 to 4:37:41.

V.
REQUEST FOR REDRESS

Grimoldi's claims, and the public manner in which they were made, are serious matters and abuses of the public trust granted to an appointed commissioner.

My requests for redress of her claims are either through referral to the El Dorado County District Attorney for an independent investigation and prosecution, or through the rescission of Grimoldi's commissioner appointment.

1. Referral for independent investigation and prosecution of Grimoldi's claims.

The El Dorado County District Attorney is best suited to investigate Grimoldi's claims, which were made on County property, using County resources, and directed to all elected supervisors of El Dorado County, the County Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer, and Clerk of the Board.

The District Attorney is a "constitutionally elected County official ... responsible for the prosecution of criminal violations of state law and county ordinances occurring within a County under Government Code Section 26500. This includes investigation and apprehension, as well as prosecution in court. The District Attorney serves as legal advisor to the Grand Jury ... [and] the Board of Supervisors ... [does not exercise] operational control over elected District Attorneys."⁴

While "[i]n all but a few counties, the civil (non-prosecutorial) functions are handled by the county counsel," in this case, the county counsel is a witness, as are the Board, its Chief Administrative Officer and the Board clerk.⁵

Grimoldi's claims have not been substantiated on the record, nor has she followed through on her April 12, 2022 claim to pursue "legal consequences" for "defamation of character." (See Complaint, section II.)

⁴ See California State Association of Counties description at [https://www.counties.org/county-office/district-attorney#:~:text=The%20District%20Attorney%20\(DA\)%20is,California%20Government%20Code%20Section%2026500](https://www.counties.org/county-office/district-attorney#:~:text=The%20District%20Attorney%20(DA)%20is,California%20Government%20Code%20Section%2026500). See also Government Code, sections 26500-26543 [District Attorney]; 27642 [County Counsel may not act as a public prosecutor].

⁵ *Ibid.*

Therefore, Grimoldi's claims should be subject to legal process on behalf of the public interest, owing to her public charge before a publicly elected body; i.e., the Board of Supervisors.

Grimoldi should be deposed, all witnesses and myself should be interviewed, and all others who may have collaborated with Grimoldi should be subject to relevant investigation for the purposes of collecting evidence "to document the involvement of others in making or supporting her claims." (See Complaint, section III.)

For example, when Grimoldi stated "Joe Connolly's been seen driving by my house and stopping at my driveway, so technically he is now stalking me," who made those observations? (See Complaint, section II.)

2. Rescind Grimoldi's appointment with a condition of public apology

Grimoldi made public accusations about me which have no factual basis. As I stated to the Board on April 19, 2022 "[m]y statement will affirm that I don't know where Grimoldi lives, nor do I care, or have any reason to travel there." (See Complaint, section III.)

Furthermore, Grimoldi's claims about me in reference to court records have already been adjudicated by the El Dorado County Superior Court, when other appointed commissioners tried to make those claims in 2021. The court noted those claims were hearsay and I have an official transcript of those proceedings. Otherwise, the Board and County Counsel received documentation of the 2021 proceedings and filings as they occurred.

Grimoldi's public accusations, made to her direct supervisors on County property, while utilizing county resources during a public meeting, are an abuse of the public trust and are not reflective of the County's standards of good governance. They are also subject to criminal prosecution and consequences. (See Complaint, section IV.)

Grimoldi should be held to account for her claims. She made them without reservation, but also without any evidence. Therefore, the County should see to it that those claims are resolved in the public interest.

However, Grimoldi serves solely “at the pleasure of the Board,” which may reconsider her appointment “at any time.”⁶ Should the Board choose to do so, in lieu of a public investigation, it should first require Grimoldi to issue a public apology for making frivolous claims to the Board about a member of the public.

If Grimoldi stands by her frivolous claims and will not apologize for them, the Board should rescind Grimoldi’s appointment and make that apology on its own. (See e.g., Complaint, section I, noting Grimoldi was reminded on March 22, 2022 that “Commissioners are a direct reflection on [the Board].”

⁶ See El Dorado County Ordinance Code, sections 2.20.010, 2.03.140.

F. Ott Open Forum BOS 5/10/2022

El Dorado Gold 1848
515 Main Street
Placerville, California 95667

Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, California 95667

Date: 29 April 2022

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of El Dorado Gold 1848, I'd like to thank each of you for having entrusted us with the purchase of 515 Main Street in Placerville one year ago today. We appreciate your confidence in our organization and are proud to provide you with this report of our activities these past 12 months.

Our corporation's specific purpose has been to "create a museum to display heritage and enhance future endeavors through education, the preservation of historical buildings and historical artifacts".

From the beginning, the Board members of EDG1848 determined that it would be vitally important that the corporation be financially self-sufficient. A steady stream of income would be necessary to pay the normal operating expenses without having to rely upon grants and donations. To that end, the Board of EDG1848 first entered into a 3-year contract with the District Attorney's office to provide three parking spaces for DA employees which provides a monthly income of \$235.00. Additionally, a portion of the lower floor of 515 Main Street was designated as a nonprofit center to provide offices for as many El Dorado County nonprofits as possible at extremely affordable rates with a projected additional monthly income of at least \$1,000.00. Currently, the Conference of California Historical Societies, the Placerville Downtown Association and Justin and Rachael Taylor occupy three of the suites with ongoing discussions with the Lincoln Highway Association, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Cooperative Field Trip Chairman's Association, the Oregon-California Trails Association and others.

We are all very proud of the successes we've achieved in the past 12 months and, again, thank you for having provided El Dorado Gold 1848 with this opportunity. Please keep us in mind as a financially worthy nonprofit for any assistance you may deem appropriate in the future.

Sincerely,



Fred Ott, President

Prior to the close of escrow:

- **Conducted organizational meeting**
- **Drafted governing documents**
- **Established 501(c)(3) corporation**
- **Obtained grants and gifts for \$125,000**
- **Purchased property, liability and Directors and Officers Insurance**
- **Identified office suites for future occupancy by county nonprofits**
- **Obtained estimate for repair of roof in anticipate of purchase**

Following the close of escrow:

- **Pruned trees and bushes; planted flowers**
- **Installed new "private parking" sign at entrance on Main Street**
- **Striped and numbered parking spaces in parking lot**
- **Obtained additional grants of \$6,000, \$5,000 and \$3,000**
- **Repaired roof at a cost of \$6,750.00.**
- **Re-keyed interior and exterior locks with Wayne's Locksmith**
- **Contracted with Cal.net and Bliss Electronics for Internet Service and Wi-Fi throughout building**
- **Installed interior and exterior security cameras**
- **Pruned trees and bushes and planted flowers**
- **Installed new "private parking" sign at entrance on Main Street**
- **Striped and numbered parking spaces in parking lot**
- **Established 3-year lease agreement with DA for three parking spaces**
- **Leased nonprofit office space to:**
- **Purchased and installed 20-unit cluster mailbox to support nonprofit organizations**
- **Affixed Christmas lights to the top of the building**
- **Provided an open-house to members of the El Dorado Historical**
- **Acquired tables and chairs for presentations on the upper floor:**
 - **10 each eight-foot tables**
 - **55 each folding chairs**
- **Acquired office furniture for the nonprofit suites and corporate office:**
 - **Executive office desk and credenza**
 - **7 office desks**
 - **15 office chairs**
 - **10 filing cabinets**
 - **One conference table**

- **Acquired historic items:**
 - **Donation of a Fireman's table from Celio Foundation**
 - **Donation of a piano table from Nick Pesola**
 - **Donation of an oak-and-glass display case by Folsom History Museum**
 - **Donation of a 1919 Victrola record player by a private individual**
- **Purchased and installed 20-unit cluster mailbox to support nonprofit organizations**
- **Affixed Christmas lights to the top of the building**
- **Provided an open-house to members of the El Dorado Historical Society**
- **Established the Marilyn Ferguson Research Center and Library**

Future projects:

- **Purchase/lease commercial color copier for nonprofit center**
- **Purchase computer/printer/copies for corporate office**
- **Demolish portions of the upper floor and create a museum**
- **Creation of a fluorescent & mineral exhibit inside safe**
- **Paint the entire building**
- **Purchase new awnings/canvas**
- **Activate Sonitrol security system**
- **Pave and re-stripe parking lot**

M. Lane Open Forum BOS 5/10/2022

Melody Lane, Founder Compass2Truth

5/10/22 District #4 corruption

I have been a paid member of the Taxpayers Association since 2008. The public is welcome at these meetings, but apparently I am not. During yesterday's Taxpayers business meeting Lori Parlin, Karl Weiland and Planning Commissioner Kris Payne witnessed as Planning Commissioner Andy Nevis resorted to his usual discrimination and censorship. Andy is using the same playbook as his cohorts, Sr. Services attorney Al Hamilton, former Supervisor Jack Sweeney and Sheriff D'Agostini who are on public record for threatening me.

During the meeting Brian DeBerry referred to his recent letter to the editor published in the Mtn. Democrat explaining the newspaper deliberately censored the name of recent Taxpayers speaker, Don Ashton. When I raised my hand to comment, Andy refused to recognize me. I spoke anyway describing when my consultant accompanied me to meetings with Mtn. Democrat publisher Richard Esposito. Our purpose was to discuss letters to the editor that had whole sentences removed thus changing the context of the letters, and also the subject of deliberately biased "hit pieces." Such unethical tactics are no less serious than raiding USPS mail and editing personal correspondence.

Andy proceeded to report on the private meetings of Taxpayers Directors he has been unlawfully spearheading in retaliation against me for exercising my right and duty to expose government corruption that deprives EDC taxpayers of the blessings of freedom. Secretary Todd White is required to take the minutes and make them available to the public as required by law, but Andy is complicit in using the Association for his own political agenda and conducting meetings as a secret society.

After the meeting and in the presence of Lori Parlin and Kris Payne, I approached Todd White: "Todd, you are required...hey, I'm talking to you!"

Todd replied as he turned away: "I'm not talking to you!"

I continued, "But I'm talking to you. You are required to give me all correspondence, including the schedule of speakers. Kris, you're a witness to this. Your vulgarity is a matter of public record and there will be consequences for it. **Obviously HR did NOT take any kind of disciplinary action against you.** Again, you are a public servant. Don't forget that."

I then approached Andy Nevis who turned away and would not give me eye contact: "Andy, I do not appreciate your discrimination and censorship. It is against the law... You do not have the right to control the content of anything I say when I'm addressing any public servant. It is a violation of my 1st Amendment rights and you have no authority to do that."

The facts speak for themselves: Lori Parlin, Andy Nevis, Kris Payne and Todd White are complicit in fraud and government corruption. It is called cultural Marxism which is antithetical to the Judeo Christian principles upon which our nation was founded. Be assured there will be legal consequences.

<https://www.mtdemocrat.com/letters/w-c-fields-would-be-proud/>

(At 5/9/22 Taxpayers mtg Brian said Mtn Democrat edited out Don Ashton's name)

W.C. Fields would be proud

By [Letters to the Editor](#)

EDITOR:

What we have here is a conundrum worthy of a melodramatic comedy. On the front page of the Mountain Democrat April 22 is a story about a former county employee who hit a big payday for quitting his job. He will receive \$165,000 severance pay for nine months just for quitting and an additional \$90,000 for leave balances resulting in a final paycheck of \$255,000. Really? He must have loved his job so much that he accrued a lot of vacation leave in three years.

Don't you just wish you could have a job where you could walk away anytime and receive a big payday windfall?

When asked about this at the El Dorado County Taxpayers Association meeting, it was just shrugged off with a whimsical attitude.

According to the article, the Health and Human Services director's compensation was about \$220,000. He received \$165,000 for nine months instead of the typical six months severance. According to other county officials, at his pay scale his severance pay should have been \$110,000 for a salary of \$220,000.

This is where I agree with this county official who said, "This decision is not good for the county's taxpayers or for the morale of the dedicated employees of our county," per article in the Mountain Democrat.

Now comes the choice of words. Did he resign or was he terminated? The difference? Per this same article, according to the county salary and benefits resolution for unrepresented employees adopted Feb. 4, 2020: If the county terminates any department heads, they are entitled to six months (received nine months base salary) if employed for at least one year. Continuing in the same resolution, it states that department heads are not entitled to severance pay if they resign. So, did he resign or was he terminated?

My last questions are: Why is this necessary in the first place? Why are appointed department allowed to have a safety net like this? Lastly, why is there no accountability?

This money could have been used to fix our roads that are returning to the Gold Rush era. At least the county is trying to keep this part of our history intact. We are heading into a really tough economic time and we have to make every dollar count. We cannot afford to continue with free financial safety nets like this and our county needs are not met. Be safe and prepared.

BRIAN DeBERRY
Placerville



Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

FW: 5/10/22 BOS Open Forum Public Comments - Taxpayers and Cultura Marxism

3 messages

Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>

Tue, May 10, 2022 at 7:48 PM

To: Kim Dawson <Kim.Dawson@edcgov.us>, edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosfive@edcgov.us, bosfour <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosone@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is entered into the minutes of today's BOS Open Forum.

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

"We are fast approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission; which is the stage of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule by brute force."—Ayn Rand

From: Melody Lane [mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 4:54 PM

To: lori.parlin@edcgov.us

Cc: Richard Esposito; Noel Stack; Eric Jaramishian; todd.white@edcgov.us; 'Donald Ashton'; david.livingston@edcgov.us; joseph.carruesco@edcgov.us; Andy Nevis; Daniel Harkin; John Clerici; Jon Vegna; Kris Payne

Subject: 5/10/22 BOS Open Forum Public Comments - Taxpayers and Cultura Marxism

Lori Parlin,

During Open Forum today you arrogantly demonstrated gross disrespect for the law, your oaths of office, and the citizens of El Dorado County. I did not appreciate your arrogant taunting both before I approached the podium, and after I'd already finished speaking. Furthermore Clerk of the Board Kim Dawson should be admonished for following your unlawful directive to shut off the mic when I appropriately responded to your tyrannical temper tantrum.

By your own actions you confirmed Patrick Henry's famous words, *"It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains."* To reiterate, **you are drunk on power, and this is information voters have a right to know before the June elections.**

Below are my public comments concerning your collusion with Taxpayers President/Planning Commissioner Andy Nevis, Kris Payne, Todd White and other public officials who should have learned from Mandatory Ethics Training required under AB1234 that discrimination, censorship, and abuse of the public trust is against the law. Brian DeBerry's letter to the Mtn. Democrat, which I referenced, is attached.

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I have been a paid member of the Taxpayers Association since 2008. The public is welcome at these meetings, but apparently I am not. During yesterday's Taxpayers business meeting Lori Parlin, Karl Weiland and Planning Commissioner Kris Payne witnessed as Planning Commissioner Andy Nevis resorted to his usual discrimination and censorship. Andy is using the same playbook as his cohorts, Sr. Services attorney Al Hamilton, former Supervisor Jack Sweeney and Sheriff D'Agostini who are on public record for threatening me.

During the meeting Brian DeBerry referred to his recent letter to the editor published in the Mtn. Democrat explaining the newspaper deliberately censored the name of recent Taxpayers speaker, Don Ashton. When I raised my hand to comment, Andy refused to recognize me. I spoke anyway describing when my consultant accompanied me to meetings with Mtn. Democrat publisher Richard Esposito. Our purpose was to discuss letters to the editor that had whole sentences removed thus changing the context of the letters, and also the subject of deliberately biased "hit pieces." Such unethical tactics are no less serious than raiding USPS mail and editing personal correspondence.

Andy proceeded to report on the **private** meetings of Taxpayers Directors he has been unlawfully spearheading in retaliation against me for exercising my right and duty to expose government corruption that deprives EDC taxpayers of the blessings of freedom. Secretary Todd White is required to take the minutes and make them available to the public as required by law, but Andy is complicit in using the Association for his own political agenda and conducting meetings as a secret society.

After the meeting and in the presence of Lori Parlin and Kris Payne, I approached Todd White: "Todd, you are required...hey, I'm talking to you!"

Todd replied as he turned away: "I'm not talking to you!"

I continued, "But I'm talking to you. You are required to give me all correspondence, including the schedule of speakers. Kris [Payne], you're a witness to this. Your vulgarity is a matter of public record and there will be consequences for it. **Obviously HR did NOT take any kind of disciplinary action against you.** Again, you are a public servant. Don't forget that."

I then approached Andy Nevis who turned away and would not give me eye contact: "Andy, I do not appreciate your discrimination and censorship. It is against the law...You do **not** have the right to control the content of anything I say when I'm addressing any public servant. It is a violation of my 1st Amendment rights and you have no authority to do that."

The facts speak for themselves: Lori Parlin, Andy Nevis, Kris Payne and Todd White are complicit in fraud and government corruption. It is called cultural Marxism which is antithetical to the Judeo Christian principles upon which our nation was founded. Be assured there will be legal consequences.

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Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

“There is no difference between socialism and communism, except in the means of achieving the same ultimate end: communism proposes to enslave men by force, socialism by vote. It is merely the difference between murder and suicide.” ~ Ayn Rand ~



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No I have not. Kim

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<https://www.mtdemocrat.com/letters/w-c-fields-would-be-proud/>

(5/9/22 Taxpayers meeting Brian DeBerry indicated Mtn Democrat edited out Don Ashton's name)

W.C. Fields would be proud

By Letters to the Editor

EDITOR:

What we have here is a conundrum worthy of a melodramatic comedy. On the front page of the Mountain Democrat April 22 is a story about a former county employee who hit a big payday for quitting his job. He will receive \$165,000 severance pay for nine months just for quitting and an additional \$90,000 for leave balances resulting in a final paycheck of \$255,000. Really? He must have loved his job so much that he accrued a lot of vacation leave in three years.

Don't you just wish you could have a job where you could walk away anytime and receive a big payday windfall?

When asked about this at the El Dorado County Taxpayers Association meeting, it was just shrugged off with a whimsical attitude.

According to the article, the Health and Human Services director's compensation was about \$220,000. He received \$165,000 for nine months instead of the typical six months severance. According to other county officials, at his pay scale his severance pay should have been \$110,000 for a salary of \$220,000.

This is where I agree with this county official who said, "This decision is not good for the county's taxpayers or for the morale of the dedicated employees of our county," per article in the Mountain Democrat.

Now comes the choice of words. Did he resign or was he terminated? The difference? Per this same article, according to the county salary and benefits resolution for unrepresented employees adopted Feb. 4, 2020: If the county terminates any department heads, they are entitled to six months (received nine months base salary) if employed for at least one year. Continuing in the same resolution, it states that department heads are not entitled to severance pay if they resign. So, did he resign or was he terminated?

My last questions are: Why is this necessary in the first place? Why are appointed department allowed to have a safety net like this? Lastly, why is there no accountability?

This money could have been used to fix our roads that are returning to the Gold Rush era. At least the county is trying to keep this part of our history intact. We are heading into a really tough economic time and we have to make every dollar count. We cannot afford to continue with free financial safety nets like this and our county needs are not met. Be safe and prepared.

BRIAN DeBERRY
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