

Based upon a rash of censored comments, James Longhofer submitted the following thought provoking letter to the editor of the Mtn. Democrat on April 14<sup>th</sup>. His letter was based upon an article written by Chris Daley:

<http://www.mtdemocrat.com/opinion/the-weekly-daley-free-speech-and-other-important-stuff/>

## **The weekly Daley: Free speech and other important stuff**

By [Chris Daley](#)

[From page A4](#) | April 04, 2014 | **LAST I LOOKED ONLY 46 OF THE 90 POSTS REMAINED.**

## **Censorship?**

By [Letters to the Editor](#)

[From page A5](#) | April 14, 2014 | [131 Comments](#)

EDITOR:

The Mountain Democrat Website has recently been hit with massive deletions of comments.

Is the Mountain Democrat nervous about comments concerning local and federal events?

Or, perhaps comments about individuals that are a little bit too close to home?

Mr. Editor?

JAMES E. LONGHOFER

Placerville

*Editor's note: The Mountain Democrat does not censor comments on its Website based on the viewpoints of the commenter. Deleted comments manually are solely for libel issues, which is rare. Most comments missing are deleted on an automatic-based system for being "flagged as abusive" by a number of other viewers of the Website, or for containing curse words or what the system perceives as spam links.*

### **Compass2TruthApril 14, 2014 - 11:06 am**

On more than one occasion we've met with publisher Richard Esposito and one of the directors of CalAware concerning censorship--eliminating whole sentences, changing context of LTE, etc. The Mtn. Demo has claimed "editorial privilege." Although we understand the censoring of profanity or libel, the MD does NOT have any lawful special privileges to censor or abuse 1st Amendment rights. Like many others posting to this blog I've tried posting comments that have 'poof!' disappeared immediately--nothing

abusive at all within the message. Perchance the reason is retaliation for publicly exposing during BOS meetings the inappropriate emails sent by reporter Chris Daly?

**Eldorado Co. April 14, 2014 - 11:14 am**

Compass, that is very interesting. Now it's public record, can those inappropriate emails sent by Chris Daly be seen somewhere, is there a link?

**Compass2Truth April 14, 2014 - 11:44 am**

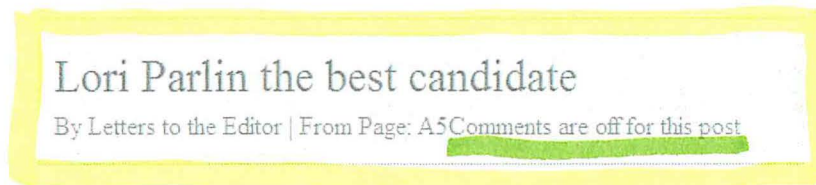
Check this out: **Item #23 of the 4/9/13 BOS video:**

[http://eldorado.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=181](http://eldorado.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=181) Note the following statement appears under the minutes of Item #23 regarding the documents submitted for the public record: ***“El Dorado County staff are developing a new version of this agenda file. If you require immediate access to the previous version(s) of this agenda file, please contact the office of the Clerk of the Board.”***

I won't read Mr. Daley's email, but I will submit my 4/9/13 transcript once again today for the public record since it pertains to **ANTI-BULLYING PERSONNEL POLICY & RETALIATION.**

Something else is looking fishy:

<http://www.mtdemocrat.com/letters/lori-parlin-is-the-best-candidate/> 31 posts before **“Comments are off for this post.”**



In closing I'd just like to comment about the live radio-conference call that I took part in last Thursday with Cliven Bundy. One of Clive's greatest concerns was about media propaganda. He wants the TRUTH to be made known about what's transpiring in Nevada. The mainstream media was given specific orders not to broach the subjects of Jurisdiction or Administrative versus Constitutional Law FOR FEAR OF LOSING THEIR JOBS.

Government has become its own special interest representing its own interest. Action is necessary to correct it. Putting the rights of a desert tortoise over those of a US citizen and being willing to enforce it with extreme military might reveals the heart of tyranny. The wind of liberty is blowing. An unjust law is no law at all. Since law originates from God, law must be just or it is not law. It gets down to Acts 5:29, "We ought to obey God rather than men."



We believe El Dorado County is facing the same ethical dilemma and that steps should be taken to address the matter.

**MADAM CLERK:** You are ordered to enter these documents into the public record:

1. This transcript
2. 4/9/13 BOS Transcript – Anti-Bullying Policy – Chris Daley email.
3. (2) CPRAs – HLP Conceptual Plan & Emergency Evacuation Plan C-L Region

Over 15 years of experience as an HR professional in both the corporate and government arenas have equipped me to speak with authority on **bully tactics**, discrimination, conflict of interest, ethics and other employee misconduct.

**Madam Clerk:** Please distribute to each of the supervisors these relevant materials.

I wish to draw your attention to my reply to Chris Daley this morning regarding an inappropriate email he sent from his business address. Chris isn't a county employee, but he is the press agent for the BOS.

*"Your **bullying** and **attempts at intimidation** are just laughable. You're going to tell my boss that I responded with "biting sarcasm" to your snarky, unsolicited email to me? Compared to your public abuse of me at numerous BOS meetings, your outrage at my changing a couple of letters in your name in a private communication seems rather puny and petty. And you expect what, that I'll be reprimanded, lose some pay or be fired?"*

Unprofessional conduct & journalistic ethics was the purpose of our 2010 meeting with Publisher Richard Esposito and the Cal Aware consultant who accompanied me. My response to Chris differentiates between whistle blower organizations such as **Compass2Truth** versus his own distorted perception of harassing **bully tactics** **particularly against women.**

Whether in the government or private sector, Mr. Daley's conduct is unacceptable by any standards.

As an example, note my comment to Chris regarding the misconduct of Gary Lyons, MGD Superintendent. Based upon notarized affidavits of witnesses and other substantial evidence, CA State Parks took proper disciplinary action. What the Mtn. Democrat didn't publish was that just months after being promoted Mr. Lyons was forced to suddenly retire for sending me a similar inappropriate email stemming from the incident that Chris Daley falsely biased to smear my good name and reputation. The media refers to such tactics as "trash journalism."

Public employees Al Hamilton and Karl Weiland have maliciously distributed similar libelous correspondence as evidenced by the materials just distributed to you.

*"The Melody Lane's of this county cause road blocks to our goals and provide no service or value to our cause. Actually she has made so much noise that she is being ignored by all."*



The actions of these GOBs are unlawful and can't be ignored. They have an obligation to comply with ethical guidelines and to conform to standards of professionalism. In order to instill public confidence in the legal profession and our judicial system, an attorney especially must set an example of lawfulness. As a legislative body the BOS has a legal obligation to act upon that knowledge in a timely manner.

You'll recall the 2010 Grand Jury report regarding SLT dysfunction & misconduct. A similar situation was raised concerning the City Council's ethics and the conflict of interest issues with the FPPC. We have the same situation transpiring here on the West Slope. However we no longer have a county Grand Jury to investigate malfeasance.

On October 7, 2005, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 1234. This bill requires that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to, or reimburses the expenses of a member of its 'legislative body' that local agency's officials **must** receive training in ethics. (**PUBLIC SERVICE ETHICS**)

Bullying and Ethics training go hand in hand. It is recommended that the BOS direct the CAO & HR Director to take necessary disciplinary action of the aforementioned county employees. It is further requested they review the mandated Ethics Training requirements as defined in California Government Code Section 54952.

The quality of local government is largely dependent upon the quality of elected leadership. It is up to this BOS to make sound policy decisions to ensure ethical standards are adhered to, enforce appropriate disciplinary measures and thus avoid the threat of costly litigation at the expense of taxpayers.

Today is a golden opportunity for the BOS to simply do what is **right and lawful**.

Do you have any other questions or comments at this time?

**Madam Clerk:** Please accept these documents into the public record.

1. BOS Transcript – (5 min. 10 sec.)
2. DOJ Ethics Training for Local Government Officials

As of 4/15/14

4/9/13 BOS Agenda:

23. [13-0401](#)

Supervisor Briggs recommending the Board approve direction to the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1) Work with appropriate county staff on the development of a County "Anti-Bullying" Personnel Policy; and
- 2) Return to the Board with a draft policy on or before May 21, 2013.

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

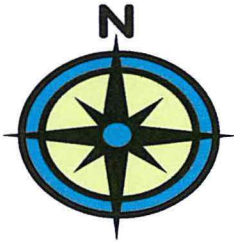
*M. Lane*

**A motion was made by Supervisor Veerkamp, seconded by Supervisor Santiago, to approve this matter.**

**Yes: 5 - Briggs, Santiago, Mikulaco, Veerkamp and Nutting**



El Dorado County staff are developing a new version of this agenda file. If you require immediate access to the previous version(s) of this agenda file, please contact the office of the Clerk of the Board.



# Compass2Truth

*Citizens Serving God in Truth and Liberty*

P.O. Box 598  
Coloma, CA 95613  
(530) 642-1670  
[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)

April 22, 2014

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
EDC Clerk to the Board

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

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

- A roster of all stakeholders, alternates, residents, County department representatives, consultants and any government agencies involved with the **Henningson-Lotus Park Conceptual Plan**.

If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the legal authorities on whom you rely.

In order to avoid unnecessary costs of duplication, digital copies of large documents are acceptable and may be emailed to [melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com).

It is requested that your determination be made within **10 days** as stipulated within the California Public Records Act **Government Code 6253(c)**.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

Melody Lane  
**Founder - Compass2Truth**





# Compass2Truth

*Citizens Serving God in Truth and Liberty*

P.O. Box 598  
Coloma, CA 95613  
(530) 642-1670  
[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)

April 22, 2014

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
EDC Clerk to the Board

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

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

- A copy of the **Emergency Evacuation Plan** for Coloma residents on the North side of the S. Fork American River and the Mt. Murphy Road Historic Bridge.
- Documentation of the **operating Fire Stations** currently servicing the Coloma-Lotus region.

If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the legal authorities on whom you rely.

In order to avoid unnecessary costs of duplication, digital copies of large documents are acceptable and may be emailed to [melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com).

It is requested that your determination be made within **10 days** as stipulated within the California Public Records Act **Government Code 6253(c)**.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

Melody Lane  
**Founder – Compass2Truth**



K. Payne Open Forum BOS  
4-22-14





2

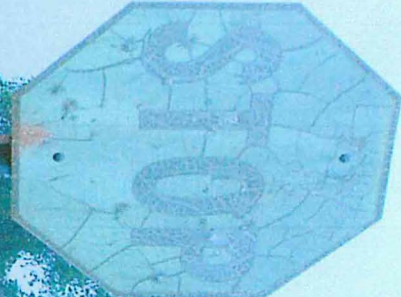
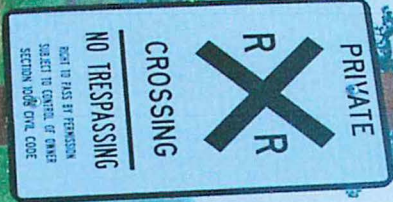


STOP

PRIVATE  
CROSSING  
NO TRESPASSING



3





A



**COVERED**  
**STORAGE UNIT**  
**622-430**  
575 North Lake Drive  
Protect Your Invest

STOP  
X







4

