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From: Carol Louis <cjrl4664@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 1, 2023 2:02 AM
To: JohnHidahl@edcgov.com; BOS-District V; Wendy Thomas; loriparlin@edcgov.us; George Turnboo; BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Salary comparison document(968).xlsx
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To All the Supervisors of El Dorado County,

The following 'Salary Comparison Document ' was prepared thru the research of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County and demonstrates the misinformation that you have consistently been presented.

It saddens me that this salary increase would be presented to the board on January 3, 2023, during the end of the holiday season from Christmas and New Years while the residents of this county are recovering from a series of winter storms. Few residents know of the salary boost for the CAO and County Council, let alone the attempt to tie these positions into 504 of the County Charter.

Recently Placer County hired a new CAO, Jane Christenson, she contracted with an annual salary of \$272,875, selected from a field of 15 candidates. In 2022 our CAO was paid \$274,643, I do not know if this included the 2% inflation benefit you just awarded all employees, except you the Board of Supervisors.

Now the CAO is requesting 15% wage increase to \$315,840, effective immediately, which would give him a considerable pay boost for his pension before his retirement in March. The math is not favorable at 17%, if it is a 'YES' vote on this matter.

The most disturbing maneuver is trying to tie the salaries of the CAO and County Council into the pay schedule of the Sheriffs Department under 504 of the county's Charter. If you do this you will be setting a costly precedent for taxpayers of this county.

The Taxpayers Association is asking for a 'No" vote on this agenda item. If the board determines that further discussion is needed we the ' Association' will be ready to present information for you to make a better decision concerning taxpayers money.

In conclusion, the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County is aware of the constant maneuvering of county management and some elected officials to boost salaries and pensions to the detriment of the county taxpayers. We the taxpayer believe in fair compensation ,but we believe you are damaging our trust in your ability to protect the taxpayer from governmental abuse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Louis, President
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From: JAMES SWEENEY <jamessweeney@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 31, 2022 1:09 PM
To: BOS-District I; BOS-District II; BOS-District III; BOS-District IV; BOS-District V; BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: More money to hire out of town CAO

I read with interest in the Mt. Democrat (Page 2 12-30-22) that the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday January 3, 2023 will be considering paying a new CAO \$315,840 plus benefits for a year of service! WOW!!

I am a lifetime member of this wonderful County and do not believe there are any other positions in the County that pay that well. I do not believe that many of the "Mom & Pop" businesses make that much for their investments.

Do we really need to compete with Sacramento and other major urban counties to hire someone with letters after their names or should we be looking for someone to run our county government that is familiar with the County and its people and their needs?

Our county government has become a money centric organization that is more interested in collecting money than in providing services needed by the people.

In my business I prepare plans, maps, and applications for clients.. For most of those applications, the County collects more money in fees for checking such applications than I do for preparing them.

Maybe it is time to quit competing with other organizations that pay too much for what they get and try to hire people that know and understand our community.

Jack Sweeney

From: Carol Louis <cjrl4664@gmail.com>
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To: JohnHidahl@edcgov.com; BOS-District I; BOS-District V; loriparlin@edcgov.us; George Turnboo; BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: FW: Note to self – How a pension deal went wrong and cost California taxpayers billions - Los Angeles Times

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<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-pension-crisis-davis-deal/>

This is further important information, as Supervisors, for you to be aware of.

The Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County wish you all a very happy and successful New Year.

Carol Louis, President