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From: Jon Jakowatz <edh@jakowatz.net>

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Subject: FW: EDC Chamber To Receive \$400k in contracts

To: bosone@edcgov.us

Cc: eldoradoeclipse@yahoo.com, jakeflesher@yahoo.com

Dear Supervisor Mikulaco,

In his email (see below bottom) Mr. Flesher brings to light a significant spending event on the EDC BOS agenda - FY 2013/2014 Promotions Contract Amendments. I share Flesher's concerns about the propriety of the EDC Chamber's political mailings.

Additionally, I am very concerned about the excessive growth in the amount of the annual "Promotions". Based on data available in the agenda items attachments (see below), the amount of the "Promotions" awards has grown 45% since FY 2010-11 from \$540,000 to \$782,247. I seriously doubt that EDC revenues have grown at this pace. Contrary to some opinions, the economy isn't out of the woods yet and now is not the time to become BIG spenders of tax payers money.

Further, there needs to be a closer look at the level of reporting provided by the "Contractors" receiving Promotion funds. Just what are they doing with tax payer dollars?

Please represent regular tax payers by ensuring that full disclosure of this spending is discussed. I urge you to pull this item from the consent agenda so that it be given proper attention. Too much money is involved for it to be given a glancing pass. The final award of the FY 2013-14 amount should be no greater a percent of the property tax revenues than was the FY 2010-11 award.

Thank you for your service to our county.

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Sincerely,

Jon Jakowatz

El Dorado Hills

PROMOTIONS CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FY 2013/14

Organization	FY 12/13 Base Contract Amount	15% Increase	FY 13/14 Base Contract Amount	Additional Payments*	Total Amendment
American River Music, Inc	\$38,467.20	\$5,770.08	\$44,237.28		\$44,237.28
El Dorado Chamber - Lake Tahoe Film & Media	\$124,827.54	\$18,724.13	\$143,551.67		\$143,551.67
El Dorado Chamber-Visitors Authority	\$204,796.21	\$30,719.43	\$235,515.64		\$235,515.64
El Dorado Hills Chamber	\$113,868.76	\$17,080.31	\$130,949.07		\$130,949.07
El Dorado Arts Council	\$122,530.28	\$18,379.54	\$140,909.82		\$140,909.82
Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber	\$74,637.69	\$11,195.65	\$85,833.34	\$1,250.00	\$87,083.34
Total	\$679,127.68	\$101,869.15	\$780,996.83	\$1,250.00	\$782,246.83

* Includes \$750 for the October 2012 State of the South Shore Economy and \$500 for the 2013 South Shore Economic Forum

FY 2010-11 Promotions Award Recommendation

Agency	FY 2009-10 Request*	FY 2009-10 Award	2010-11 Score	FY 2010-11 Request	FY 2010-11 Recommended
Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce	\$250,000	\$90,272	89.6	\$138,500	\$92,770
El Dorado Arts Council	\$160,000	\$108,750	88.2	\$148,500	\$99,450
El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce	\$111,750	\$84,405	87.5	\$138,000	\$92,420
El Dorado Lake Tahoe Film & Media Office	\$134,206	\$113,001	85.5	\$133,108	\$89,140
El Dorado County Visitors Authority Council	\$289,901	\$202,973	82.3	\$248,201	\$160,220
Bed & Breakfast Inns of El Dorado County and Three Forks Community Foundation	N/A	N/A	54.2	\$49,000	\$0
Total	\$944,007	\$600,000		\$835,308	\$540,000

*Seven organizations submitted proposals. Five were funded

From: Jake Flesher [mailto:jakeflesher@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 12:28 PM
To: Jacob Flesher
Subject: EDC Chamber To Receive \$400k in contracts

All:

I wanted to alert you an item on tomorrow's Board of Supervisor's agenda to award approximately \$400,000 in contracts to the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce.

I completely respect the Chamber's decision to endorse my opponent in the EID race. That's certainly their prerogative. However, I have legitimate concerns when the Chamber is sending political mailings under the guise of "Farmers Businesses and Homebuilders for Responsible Water Policy" from the Chamber's building when the chamber reportedly receives its building from the County for \$1 per year. For taxpayers to provide an additional \$400,000 to this politically-active group is cause for concern.

Here is the link to the agenda item tomorrow.

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Jake

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Thank you.

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