

## The Board of Supervisors Have Lost the Public Trust

I note that today on consent Item 27 two Boy Scouts have achieved the highest rank in Scouting, Eagle Scout. As a former Scout and United States Marine I would like to congratulate them for their achievement.

The Boy Scouts are notable in that they live by the Scout Law. Among these laws, the first and most important is to be Trustworthy. Quoting from my Boy Scout Handbook:

“TRUSTWORTHY – A Scout’s honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie or by cheating or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his Scout badge.” (unquote)

Board, you are not Boy Scouts, but you did take an oath of office which swore you to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State of California. A solemn oath is giving your word of honor that you uphold the public Trust. There is that word again.

On July 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 in this very chamber you violated the public trust by denying the right to vote on Measure Y to the citizens in this County even though you had given your word and sworn an oath to do so.

On August 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 in this very spot dozens of people spoke up and showed you a way to correct that mistake. You ignored those pleas. I myself stayed here until the end of the business day and itemized all of the Constitutional violations and listed the County Ethics violations which you had committed to by denying us the vote. Again I pleaded with you to correct your error and begin to restore the public trust. But once more you refused to allow equal justice under the law to the citizens of El Dorado County.

Quoting again from my Boy Scout Manual: “All our dealings with other people are based on trust. We drop a letter in the mailbox and trust the

post office to get it to its destination. We buy a can of food and trust the manufacturer to have filled it with only wholesome ingredients. We listen to the news on the radio and TV and trust the reporters to tell us the truth. We board a bus or a train or a plane and expect it to take us to the place we want to go. If we couldn't trust other people, the work of the world would soon come to a standstill. And if you can't trust a Boy Scout you can't trust anybody." (unquote)

We already know that our newspapers, radio, and television don't tell the truth. We have become used to having our politicians lie to us about everything at the National and State Level.

On July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>, you Mr. Mikulaco, Veerkamp, and Briggs, proved yourselves untrustworthy by your repeated violations of your oath of office and the Constitution of the United States. You destroyed all public trust in this Board. You destroyed the credibility of all past and future actions taken by this board. That's what happens when you become Tyrants.

If you were Boy Scouts you would be directed to hand over your Scout Badge. Instead, I direct you to step down immediately, vacate your seats so we the people can elect honest men and women in your place.

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