



## Public Comment #20

County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

**BOS Rcvd. 6/13/2022**

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### Consent Item 20 re Chris Cockrell

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To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fri, Jun 10, 2022 at 5:40 PM

For public comment. Attach to the file for consent item 20.

Supervisors,

I fully support Chris Cockrell as a Commissioner on the Veterans Commission as my District's representative. I am compelling you to DENY the removal of Chris from the Commission.

Regards,

Tracy Doyle

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**LETTER FOR PUBLIC FILE, EDC BOS 6-14-22 MEETING, ITEM #20, From Eric Nelson re Chris Cockrell**

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Fri, Jun 10, 2022 at 7:36 PM

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Dear Hon. Clerk of the Board,

Attached please find a letter to the Board pertaining to item #20, scheduled for June 14, 2022 meeting. I respectfully request it be added to the public comment file.


Thank you for your important work.

Respectfully,

Eric Nelson

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ON JUNE 14 VOTE YES TO REMOVE  
CHRIS COCKRELL FROM THE  
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

June 10, 2022

Dear Honorable EDC Supervisors,

Please consider two good reasons to remove Chris Cockrell from the Veterans Affairs Commission:

1. Each supervisor has a copy of the thorough investigation I completed recently; thus, you know Toys For Tots in El Dorado County (TFT-EDC) did not invite Mr. Cockrell to play Santa at the December 5, 2020 "Bell Tower fiasco", nor supply the Santa suit he wore. In my report I identify the person who did both of these things.

As you know, Mr. Cockrell made false accusations against Stacie Walls, director of Toys For Tots in El Dorado County, saying she invited him to play Santa and supplied the Santa suit. This implied Stacie covertly supported Mr. Cockrell's subversion of the event to gain publicity for the Proud Boys. Stacie did no such thing and didn't know who the Proud Boys were until afterwards when the matter blew up in the national media. Stacie was sickened by their theft of this honorable event for poor kids. There are at least two harms:

- Stacie Walls--25 year volunteer at TFT-EDC, Director of TFT-EDS, and honorably retired from EDSO--was required to undergo a background check by Toys For Tots national headquarters to see if she is affiliated with the Proud Boys. It was humiliating to have her associations and trustworthiness questioned. Stacie was cleared and re-confirmed as TFT-EDC Director.
- As a consequence of Mr. Cockrell and the Proud Boys stealing the bell tower show, this December it will be moved to private property so that Cockrell and the Proud Boys can be banned. Who loses when the decades old tradition of collecting toys at the bell tower is ended? Poor kids, good people, the community, and the downtown merchants.

MORE BAD NEWS: This December Mr. Cockrell plans to steal the show from Toys For Tots--again. See Attachment A where he announces he plans to run a competing toy drive.

==> A veteran's commissioner should NOT make false accusations, and he should not steal the show from poor kids, good people, the community, and the downtown merchants.

2. Mr. Cockrell insulted me because I stood up for Stacie Walls and the Marine Corps League (which he also demeaned). Attachment A shows Cockrell's venom towards me, "Hey Eric you have brought discredit to every Marine I've ever know in my life! Shame on you!"

- I was company honorman, meaning I graduated number one out of 500 when I attended Marine Corps bootcamp. I was meritorious promoted and given my pick of military occupational specialty (MOS). I promoted rapidly my entire Marine Corps career and earned an honorable discharge.
- In 1998 I was Staff Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for the Marine Corps Intelligence Association. Then director of the CIA, George Tenet, gave the award to me (Attachment B).
- One important work I carried out while in the Marine Corps was inventing G2i, which was the first "color purple" OSINT program. It was used across all federal law enforcement and military organizations. G2i broke down silos, and is credited with facilitating much important work, including real time during many special operations.

This is hardly the career trajectory of a person who has "brought discredit to every Marine." I am not a hero, but, I served with some heroes. Locally I am friends with a *bone fide* hero--Cpl. Richard Buchanan, USMC, the only living service cross recipient in El Dorado county (Navy Cross, RVN).

==> A commissioner should not demean a veteran simply because of a disagreement. Mr. Cockrell dishonored the county and his office by saying what he did to me.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Remove Mr. Cockrell.
2. Before replacing him, consult with all six congressionally chartered veteran's organizations in El Dorado County--not just American Legion. Also talk to Disabled American Veterans, Marine Corps League, both chapters of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Fleet Reserve Association. We the members of these organizations don't know anyone on the Veteran's Commission except Mr. Sweet. The Veteran's Affairs Commission doesn't represent us. This is a chance to rectify a wrong by listening to all veterans about who we want on the commission.

Respectfully yours,



Eric Nelson

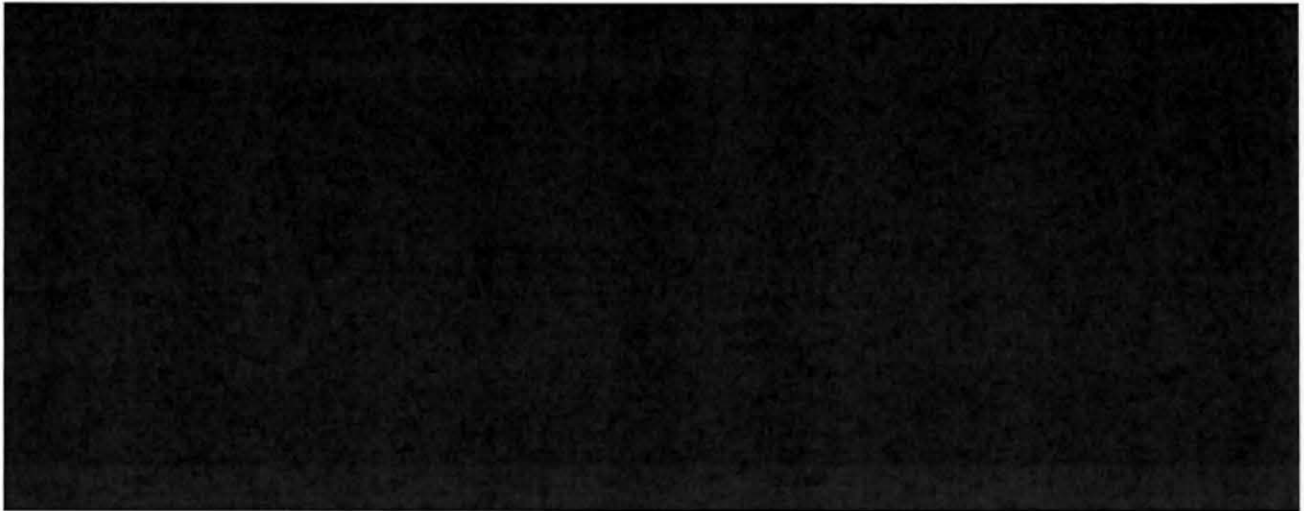
P.S. To clarify, this isn't a partisan attack. Both Mr. Cockrell and I are Ultra-MAGA. One difference might be I intentionally make friends across the aisle, then work to persuade them to jump to the right side, through the use of friendship and facts.

ATTACHMENT A

From: Chris Cockrell [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 08:58

To: Eric Nelson <phd@fastmail.com>



Subject: Re: Toys for Tots, December 5th ,2020 ,Placerville, California.

Hey Eric you have brought discredit to every Marine I've ever known in my life! Shame on you!

Stop insulting people. You and Stacy issue the statement, that Stacy Walls had invited Chris Cockrell to join her on Main Street December 5th 2020 for the Toys for Tots event and portray Santa Claus.

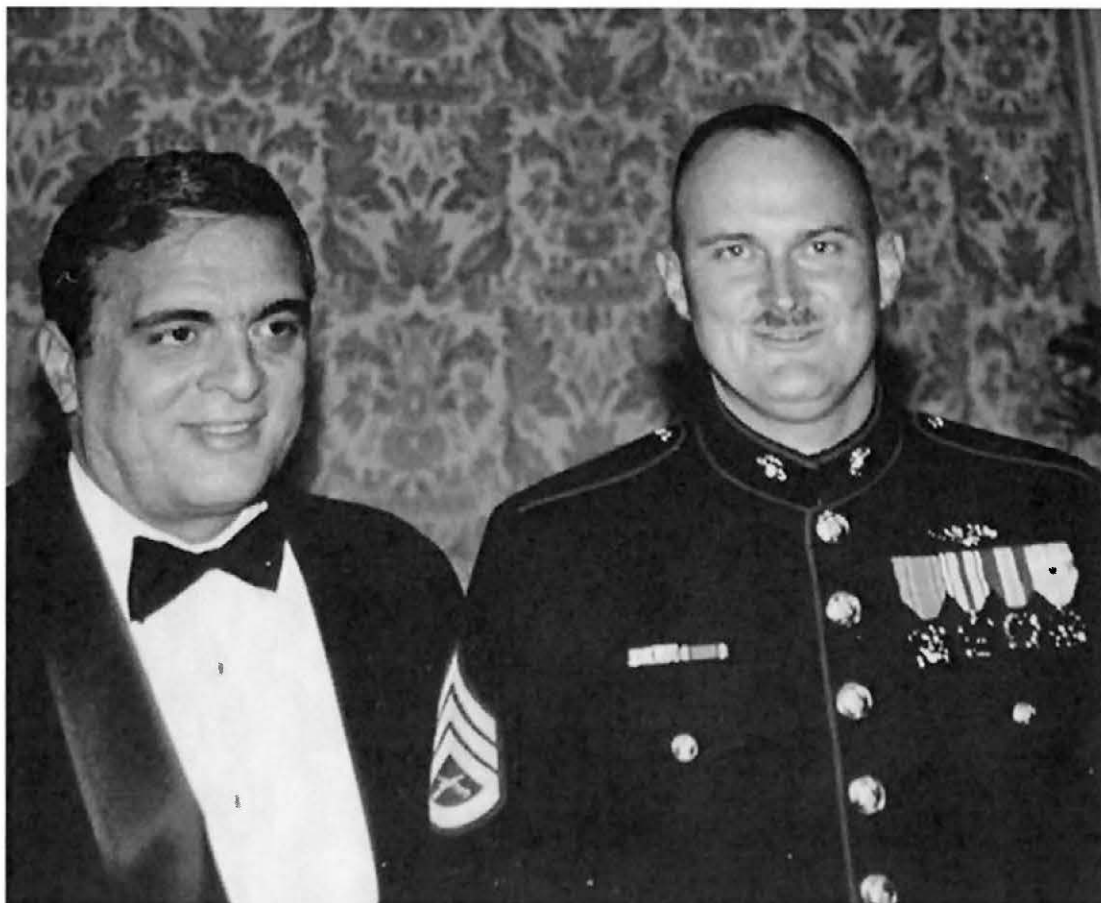
No one interjected politics into this, it was about Christmas and toys for children. This was the largest toy drive for Toys for Tots El Dorado County when Stacy herself had said they were really anticipating it to be bad. You're welcome!

Consider this my formal announcement that in December Chris Cockrell in conjunction with my bike shop Sam's Town Cyclery will launch a true toy drive for children of El Dorado County. Welcome any and all groups! I will be dressed, once again, as Santa Claus and you, Eric Nelson, can be the backup again!

Sincerely,

Chris Cockrell

ATTACHMENT B



GEORGE TENET  
DIRECTOR, CIA

SSGT ERIC L. NELSON  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



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## Comment on Agenda item 20 for 6/14/2022

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Sat, Jun 11, 2022 at 3:35 PM

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Hello Board,

I am writing to insist that you vote to keep Chris Cockrell on the Veteran's Affairs Commission. To my knowledge, he has not done anything to warrant his removal, and he is respected by the other members of the Commission. Chris has the First Amendment right to express his political opinions without it being used as a weapon against him. Diversity of thought should be celebrated, just like we are repeatedly told to do with skin color and sexuality. I am concerned about the divisive atmosphere being nurtured by El Dorado County leadership. The partisan witch hunts happening here and around the country must stop! This is in no way intended as a threat of any kind, but please keep in mind that one day soon the witch hunt may be after one or all of you. You can only poke the sleeping bears for so long...

Best Regards  
Laura Bradley



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## Agenda Item #20

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Mon, Jun 13, 2022 at 7:10 AM

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I am writing in opposition to the removal of Chris Cockrell from the Veteran Affairs Commission. I am not aware of any wrong-doing that would warrant removal, but instead quite the opposite. He is well-respected within the community and an excellent representative to have on the Commission.

This is part of the consent calendar with NO information as to why this was added. Any removals need to have a memo from the Supervisor indicating the reason for removal along with any supporting documentation (as appropriate). Waiting until the day of the BOS meeting to address the details is not acceptable.

Thanks,  
Krista Grassi

*Sent with [Criptext](#) secure email*