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Good morning Supervisors,

Attached are the TPA comments on tomorrow's Item 32, DSP funding. Thanks!



BOS 2-9-2021 DSP Comments Final.pdf

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DATE: February 8, 2021
TO: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Andy Nevis, President, Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County
RE: 2/9 Item 32 – Alternatives to Tribal Funds for Diamond Springs Parkway

The Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County Board of Directors recognizes that a modern and effective transportation system is important to the County and its residents. We do not typically submit comments about individual projects, however in this case we support alternatives to the use of Tribe Funds for the Diamond Springs Parkway (DSP) project for the following reasons.

As you are aware, Tribe Funds result from a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, intended to offset the impact of the Red Hawk Casino development on the county. While previous Boards have approved using Tribal Funds for the DSP project, it is now apparent that the county has other pressing needs for discretionary funds such as general road maintenance, overall capital improvement, and most recently recognized, vegetation management. Tribal Funds are one of the only discretionary sources of revenue available to the board to address these issues – in their absence it is likely taxpayers would receive lower levels of service or pay even higher taxes.

Tribal Funds should be prioritized to address these concerns especially where impacts of the casino are significantly felt. Most of the congestion in the DSP area is due to local and regional south County development, not the casino many miles away. Therefore it is appropriate that funding streams specifically designed to mitigate the impact of the DSP area developments finance the project.

Further, there is risk relying on Tribe Funds for a long-term project because the funding is entirely dependent on one major contributor. While the Tribal MOU goes until 2032, there is a chance the Tribe could seek renegotiation due to changing market conditions. Red Hawk Casino closed for nearly three months due to COVID-19 and their business likely

continues to be impacted. The casino faces increased competition from two large casinos in the Sacramento region that opened shortly before the pandemic. Finally, casinos across the state face the prospect that the State of California will legalize online gaming.

In addition to transportation infrastructure, the Tribal MOU also supports Public Safety and Public Health through the Tribal relationships with the County Sheriff and its Public Health Clinic. In a reduced funding scenario, these services are likely to be prioritized over the DSP. Relying on Tribe Funds for the DSP means relying on continued favorable business conditions for Red Hawk Casino to complete the project and prevents the use of those funds for other urgent activities. Thank you for the opportunity to express our thoughts on this matter.



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Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is timely posted to the 2/9/21 BOS Agenda Item #32 and distributed via the Gov Delivery System. Of particular concern is the highlighted portion below relevant to Andy Nevis' conflict of interest and unethical use of the personal letters he is submitting to the BOS on Taxpayers Association letterhead.

Melody Lane

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"It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." ~ Samuel Adams ~

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Subject: 2/8/21 Taxpayers Association meeting with BOE rep Ted Gaines

Mr. Nevis,

The objective of the Taxpayers Association is the maintenance of a forum in which to study the issues of government and the **problems** of those who are governed. I am a former BOE employee as well as a constituent of Ted Gaines. You had no authority to censor me again this morning while I was addressing BOE rep Ted Gaines. The attached notification of legal responsibility, which is the first essential of due process of law, was received by you and your employer on December 4, 2020. Your unlawful and discriminatory actions have been your modus operandi ever since you took over the Taxpayers Association.

You have no right to infringe on any citizen's First Amendment rights to address any public official, nor will your political bully tactics be tolerated.

My specific question to Ted Gaines was brief and to the point. Ted knew exactly what I was talking about because he was the recipient of irrefutable evidence that Compass2Truth presented to the FBI and US Attorney General McGregor Scott involving CA State Parks and BLM land acquisitions **negatively affecting taxpayers**, as well as evidence of rampant government corruption. It was NOT a "personal issue" as you falsely claimed when you muted the microphone and deliberately circumvented my question and nullified my voice. If Ted needed further clarification, then all he needed to do was ask me for it, but you censored me. In so doing you deliberately avoided public transparency and thus violated your Constitutional oaths of office.

After you muted the microphone Gay Willyard, who is Supervisor George Turnboo's appointee to the EDC Fair Association, turned around and viciously confronted me concerning the exercise of my First Amendment right to address Ted Gaines. Meanwhile you allowed an open mic for several members to dialog freely with Ted Gaines. Apparently Gay is not familiar with her own Principal Agent Oath of Office. When the principal has knowledge of the agent's wrong doing, but fails to take remedial action, then that means George is complicit and liable for aiding and abetting Gay's unlawful actions. Gay has consistently demonstrated her animosity when I've stood my ground upon Constitutional principles.

Lastly, by using the Taxpayers Association for your personal political interests, it presents a conflict of interest which is against the Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures. Your lack of transparency and accountability was demonstrated again this morning after Ted Gaines signed off and Todd White left the building. Gay Willyard, Steve Ferry, and Ellen Day were the only people besides myself remaining in the room. At that time you projected a partially visible letter on the screen that you had drafted concerning Item #32 on tomorrow's BOS Agenda, the Diamond Springs Parkway Project/Shingle Springs Miwok Indians MOU representing \$5.219 million in funding. Without knowing the full content of the letter, you called for a vote and unidentified individuals voiced their approval of Gay Willyard's seconded motion to present YOUR letter to the Board of Supervisors. The Association members have *no idea* what you are doing on their behalf. Since Karl Weiland was on the Zoom call I presume that he voiced his approval of the motion which is another conflict of interest; Ellen Day was the only director who audibly abstained. Evidently it was a predetermined decision made without the necessary identified director votes and transparency required by law.

Our nation is in the midst of a Constitutional crisis and political upheaval. If you are violating your oaths of office now, then it certainly does not bode well for your future aspirations to run for public office.

Regards,

Melody Lane

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“There is no difference between socialism and communism, except in the means of achieving the same ultimate end: communism proposes to enslave men by force, socialism by vote. It is merely the difference between murder and suicide.” ~ Ayn Rand ~

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Did you get this? Thanks, Kim

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