



Public Comment #8  
County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>  
BOS RCVD 4/5/2021

**El Dorado Gold 1848 Comment to BOS 4-6-2021 Agenda Item #8**

Fred Ott <fred.ott@att.net>

Sun, Apr 4, 2021 at 9:06 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, david.livingston@edcgov.us, Russ Fackrell <russell.fackrell@edcgov.us>, Laura Schwartz <laura.schwartz@edcgov.us>

Board,

Today's action in Item #8 is simply to complete over 5 months of Good Faith Negotiations between El Dorado County and El Dorado Gold 1848 and approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement. It is not (as the City is asking) a chance to reset the clock and start over or, at the very least, reconsider your actions with 1848 already taken.

We ask that you only consider the item and not to be persuaded to abandon the County's intent for the item before you.

Thank you.

Fred Ott, President

El Dorado Gold 1848

Please Note:

EDG1848 was invited by City, after their March 31, 2021 Special City Council meeting, to meet with them at City Hall. Based on a Cooperative Responsibility to the Community, I and Kris Payne did meet for an hour and a half with Cleve Morris (City Manager) and Dennis Thomas (City Mayor) last Friday. While the exchange of ideas was fruitful, no tentative agreement was reached. Below is our post-meeting response to them:

Thank you for meeting with us on Friday. Although we felt our talk was fruitful, it seems there was a misunderstanding of key components in our discussion.

We are absolutely interested in discussing a mutually beneficial arrangement between EDG1848 and the City once the sale has been completed on April 9th. Our goal has always been for our project to be inclusive and beneficial to the City and entire County and we look forward to sharing ideas.

Our first priority, however, will be to restore these buildings which includes extensive and urgently needed repairs to both roofs. Our team has the dedication and expertise to begin the restoration process immediately. Any additional delays will only serve to allow these buildings to further deteriorate, a consequence neither of us desires.

- Fred

p.s. I am copying the County here since your email stated you would be submitting a letter to the BOS prior to Tuesday's meeting. I feel it's important to clear up any misunderstandings as we move forward.



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

## COMMENTS: 515-525 Main Street - Placerville

1 message

Jennifer Chapman <jenchapman415@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 6:02 AM

To: Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Cc: John Hidahl <Bosone@edcgov.us>, Shiva Frentzen <bostwo@edcgov.us>, Brian Veerkamp <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "Parlin, Lori" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>

April 5, 2021

Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please ensure these comments reach the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

The sale of 515 and 525 Main Street. to the El Dorado County Historical Society's new sister organization El Dorado 1848 should be fully executed without hesitation. The objections being raised by the Placerville City Council are fraught with conflict of interest and a violation of the public trust in their attempt to use some of the county's most important historic resources to create an arts district. They are pursuing an arts district in the downtown historic district which was delineated by the community and approved by the planning commission in 2012. **It is the right decision for the County to ensure that these buildings are in the hands of people in the community that have a long track record with historic preservation and restoration.**

The "2017 Cultural Master Plan" for El Dorado County completed by the arts council included non-transparent collaboration with the City with invite-only participation rather than a public process to arrive at a plan for the historic buildings. No formal public comment period was provided and no alternatives were developed. The Cultural Master Plan presents ideas for the historic buildings on Main Street. The cultural plan states:

*"Historic Courthouse Complex Repurpose Project - El Dorado Superior Court, currently housed in a historic courthouse on Main Street in Placerville, is slated to move to a new location. During the Cultural Master Planning process, the opportunity presented itself to look at four buildings – the Courthouse, the District Attorney's building, and the historic City Hall and Firehouse – as an integral whole and to create a complex to house visual and performing arts, space for historical exhibitions, and live-work space for visual artists. This complex, when developed, could serve as the beginning of an arts district."*

Many other community groups had alternatives. Some of these ideas and the context of the Downtown Historic District (which did have a public process through the planning commission) are summarized here: <https://1848gold.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/alternative-master-plan-v2-.pdf>

Supervisor Thomas should recuse herself from this topic to due her direct involvement with the arts council on the development of the 2017 plan.

The historic WPA era post office at [515 Main Street](#), the mural about the timber industry inside ("Forest Genetics, 1941"), and the old BOS meeting room / annex at [525 Main Street](#) are New Deal historic resources that are nationally significant. The mural also references the railroad that played an important role in this era. Please see the attached survey forms completed by an architectural historian. *Note the coding of 3B for the historic post office which indicates national register eligibility.*

NOTE: The State Office of Historic Preservation code 3B = Appears eligible for NR both individually and as a contributor to a NR eligible district through survey evaluation.

An arts district is a great idea as a creative development strategy for Broadway or Placerville Drive, but it should not dilute the meaning and integrity of the nationally significant historic district in downtown Placerville. If this arts district is going to embrace agricultural heritage, Broadway / Upper Broadway may be the best location as a gateway to Apple Hill. It makes sense to have performances on Broadway,...*"let's go see a Broadway play!"*

Please support the vision of two separate districts in Placerville -- a historic district on Main Street -- and an arts district in a different corridor. "Arts" can include "agricultural arts" if "Ag in the Classroom" and "culinary arts" are also to be part of this arts district.

The current sale of 515 and [525 Main Street](#) to a group that is committed to the preservation and restoration of these buildings and to uses focused on heritage education and historic resource interpretation are in the best interest of the County as a whole.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Chapman  
Placerville Resident  
415-419-4846

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**2 attachments**

 **515 Main Street-1.pdf**  
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 **525 Main Street.pdf**  
262K

State of California—The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
**PRIMARY RECORD**

Primary # \_\_\_\_\_  
HRI # \_\_\_\_\_  
Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code 3B

Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of \_\_\_\_\_ \*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 515 Main Street

**P1. Other Identifier:** Placerville Post Office \*a. County El Dorado

**\*P2. Location:**  Not for Publication  Unrestricted  
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)  
\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Placerville, CA Date 1973 T 10N R 11E S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 7, MDBM  
c. Address 515 Main Street City Placerville Zip 95667  
d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10 mE/ \_\_\_\_\_  
e. Other Locational Data: e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate). APN 001-151-021  
Lot XX, Block 29 of Placerville Townsite

**\*P3a. Description:** Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries).

This Art Deco Post Office was designed by architect Louis A. Simon and built by the Federal Works Department. Built of reinforced concrete, the one-story building has five bays and a hip roof. Entry is via double glass and frame doors, accessed by concrete stairs from the sidewalk, and protected by a projecting canopy. Art Deco grille work and a golden eagle are located above the entry doors. Two windows, behind decorative Art Deco grilles, flank the entry on each side and are set in recessed panels; they continue along the side elevations.

**\*P3b. Resource Attributes:** (List attributes and codes) HP14, Post Office

**\*P4. Resources Present:**  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District  Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5a. Photo or Drawing (Photo required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) View N, June 2018

**\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**  Historic  Prehistoric  Both  
1939/1974 Remodeling

**\*P7. Owner and Address:**

**\*P8. Recorded by:** (Name, affiliation, address)  
Judith Marvin  
Foothill Resources, Ltd.  
P.O. Box 2040  
Murphys, CA 95247

**\*P9. Date Recorded:** 6/6/2018

**\*P10. Survey Type (Describe):**  
Reconnaissance

**\*P11. Report Citation:** (Cite survey

report and other sources, or enter "none.") None

**\*Attachments:**  NONE  Location Map  Sketch Map  Continuation Sheet  Building, Structure, and Object Record  
 Archaeological Record  District Record  Linear Feature Record  Milling Station Record  Rock Art Record  
 Artifact Record  Photograph Record  Other (List) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary # \_\_\_\_\_  
HRI # \_\_\_\_\_  
Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code 3D  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of \_\_\_\_\_ \*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 525 Main Street

P1. Other Identifier: Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted \*a. County El Dorado

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Placerville, CA Date 1973 T 10N R 11E S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 7, MDBM

c. Address 525 Main Street City Placerville Zip 95667

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10 mE/ \_\_\_\_\_

e. Other Locational Data: e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate). APN 001-151-031  
Lot XX, Block 29 of Placerville Townsite

\*P3a. Description: Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries).

This simple Art Deco building has a rectangular mass and a flat roof. The building is constructed of reinforced concrete. The primary façade features three traditional flat pilasters separating a fixed tripartite window and a recessed doorway. Fenestration on the side elevations consists of 2/2 light frame sash windows, double-hung.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP14, Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

\*P4. Resources Present:  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District  Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5a. Photo or Drawing (Photo required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) View NE, June 2018

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:  Historic  Both  
1936

\*P7. Owner and Address:

\*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, address)  
Judith Marvin  
Foothill Resources, Ltd.  
P.O. Box 2040  
Murphys, CA 95247

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 Archaeological Record  District Record  Linear Feature Record  Milling Station Record  Rock Art Record  
 Artifact Record  Photograph Record  Other (List) \_\_\_\_\_



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## 4/6 Item 8 Public Comment - Support

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Andy Nevis <andynevis@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 10:14 AM

To: Edc Cob <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, The BOSTHREE <bostthree@edcgov.us>, The BOSFOUR <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosfive@edcgov.us

Cc: Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>, russell.fackrell@edcgov.us

Good morning Supervisors,

I would like to express my **personal** support of Item 8 and El Dorado Gold 1848's application to purchase 515 and 525 Main St. I've had a chance to review their proposal and hear from their leadership and believe their envisioned facility would be a fantastic addition to Downtown Placerville. Downtown Placerville is a historic area, and it is appropriate that the buildings support that theme. I also believe the new history and education center could provide spillover economic benefits to Downtown businesses and increase tourism to El Dorado County.

The proposal is headed by several individuals with a track record of delivering projects that honor El Dorado County's history. I believe they should be given the opportunity to do so once again.

Thanks,

Andy Nevis  
Shingle Springs



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**Re: Public Comment - BOS 4-6-2021 Agenda - Item #8 - El Dorado Gold 1848 Administrative Record**

1 message

**Kris Payne** <krispayne999@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 12:03 PM

To: EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, The BOSTHREE &lt;bosthree@edcgov.us&gt;, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, david.livingston@edcgov.us, Donald Ashton &lt;don.ashton@edcgov.us&gt;, Russ Fackrell &lt;russell.fackrell@edcgov.us&gt;, Laura Schwartz &lt;laura.schwartz@edcgov.us&gt;, Uncle fuzzy mason &lt;unclefuzzy4au@gmail.com&gt;, Fred Ott &lt;fred.ott@att.net&gt;, Jill Kearney &lt;jbirdfootfunphone@gmail.com&gt;, Sue Taylor &lt;sue-taylor@comcast.net&gt;

COB.EDC,

Please post this email and attachment to the legistar item as a public comment for BOS 4-6-2021 Agenda Item #8.

It is important to recognize that certain incorrect information from others is being represented as the truth and it is only partial truth if that. I am posting the El Dorado Gold 1848 Administrative Record for clarity. It is also included in the El Dorado Gold 1848 Last and Best Offer. Note: it is a Pdf of screenshots of the Last and Best Offer and is practical and maybe useful to County Counsel.

Kris Payne

Past President of the EDCHS and Vice-President of El Dorado Gold 1848

**Administrative Record - Negotiations Timeline with El Dorado County 515 & 525 Main Street.pdf**

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# **Administrative Record between El Dorado County and El Dorado Gold 1848 / El Dorado County Historical Society**

**(Prepared by and approved by the 1848 Board of Directors, most specifically Fred Ott President and Kris Payne Vice-President – Being a portion of the Best and Last Offer to El Dorado County for 515 & 525 Main Street Placerville – March 19, 2021) Does not include Exhibits which are separately available.**

For a clear perspective, here is the timeline which reflects the diligence of El Dorado Gold 1848's endeavors in the good faith negotiations with the County regarding the purchase:

- 04-20-2020: Sue Taylor, EDCH Building Preservation Chair, sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the designation of the properties at 515 and 525 Main Street as surplus. (Exhibit A)
- 06-09-2020: Jill Kearney, President of the El Dorado County Historical Society, submits a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Society's interest in partnership options with El Dorado County to preserve and restore 515 and 525 Main Street. (Exhibit B)
- 06-20-2020: Kris Payne sends an email to the President of the El Dorado Historical Societies confirming the decision by the Board of Supervisors on June 16, 2020) to begin official discussions with the Historical Society for acquiring the properties. (Exhibit C)
- July 30, 2020: Jill Kearney, President of the El Dorado County Historical Society, emails Laura Schwartz requesting a meeting with County representatives to establish a working relationship and Laura Schwartz's acknowledgement stating: The Board would like to confirm the Historical

Society's interest in these buildings and schedule a follow up meeting to further negotiations. .  
(Exhibit D)

- 08-10-2020: Jill Kearney and Laura Schwartz correspond regarding proposed 'walk through' dates for inspection of both buildings. (Exhibit E)
- 09-25-2020: original proposal dated September 23, 2020 electronically submitted to the Board of Supervisors and staff by the El Dorado County Historical Society to acquire both buildings. (Exhibit F)
- 10-17-2020: Refined proposal electronically submitted to the Board of Supervisors and staff reflecting an offer to purchase both buildings for \$125,000.00. (Exhibit G)
- 10-19-2020: Good Faith Effort check for \$15,000.00 (U.S. Gold Panning Association) hand-carried by Kris Payne to CAO's office with Copy of Refined Proposal. (Exhibit G1)
- 10-20-2020: The Board of Supervisors unanimously agrees to negotiate the purchase/sale of 515 and 525 Main Street based upon the proposal submitted on 10-17-2020. (Exhibit H)
- 10-26-2020: Requests for Proposals for insurance coverage submitted to four El Dorado County Insurance agencies. (Exhibit I)
- 10-28-2020: A letter from Russ Fackrell to City of Placerville Planning Commission/Planning Department stating: "In accordance with Government Code section 65402, this letter serves as formal notice to the City of Placerville regarding the proposed conveyance of the above referenced properties [515 and 525 Main Street] to the El Dorado County Historical Society to restore, preserve, or both, for the benefit of citizens of the county, the historical nature of the property." (Exhibit J)
- 11-09-2020: Articles of Incorporation for El Dorado Gold 1848 was filed with the California Secretary of State. (Exhibit K)
- 11-13-2020: Escrow Account P-449144 was opened at Placer Title in Placerville with a \$15,000.00 good-faith contribution from United States Gold Panning Association. (Exhibit L)
- 11-17-2020: Placerville Planning Commission regular meeting minutes state (under New Business, item 7. 515 & 525 Main Street) that the El Dorado County's disposition of real property within City limits to El Dorado County Historical Society is in conformance with the City's General Plan. (Exhibit M)
- 12-31-2020: As requested by Russ Fackrell to clarify/solidify the purpose of El Dorado Gold 1848, Restated Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State, clarifying the third paragraph of Section III: "The specific purpose of this corporation is to create a Museum to display heritage and enhance future endeavors through education, the preservation of historic buildings and historical artifacts." (Exhibit N)

- 02-04-2021: Kevin Gilliland sent an email to Kris Payne, Jill Kearney and Rich Mason outlining some timeline requirements to meet the Board of Supervisor's schedule for execution of the Purchase and Sale Agreement on 3/16 and close of escrow on 3/19. (Exhibit O)
- 02-08-2021: An additional \$10,000.00 was contributed by a member of the EDG1848 Board of Directors and deposited with Placer Title. (Exhibit P)
- 02-08-2021: By electronic transfer, \$75,000.00 was contributed by the El Dorado County Historical Museum on behalf of the El Dorado County Historical Society and deposited with Placer Title, bringing the total amount deposited to \$100,000.00. (Tab Q)
- 02-19-2021: Kevin Gilliland sent an email to EDG1848 with the Final Purchase and Sale Agreement (Agreement No. 5342) with Exhibit B: Grant Deed. Following a meeting of the Board of Directors of EDG1848, the document was signed by the President and Secretary of EDG1848 was hand-carried to Russ Fackrell by Kris Payne. (Exhibit R)
- 02-19-2021: A bid for repairs/replacement of roofs of both buildings is obtained in the amount of \$34,315.00. (Exhibit S)
- 03-02-2021: The President of EDG1848 sent an email with an attached letter addressed to the Board of Supervisors to Supervisor John Hidahl requesting that the Board accept a modification of the original purchase agreement to allow for the roof repair/replacement to begin immediately after close of escrow noting that, if the modification is not acceptable, EDG 1848 would 'continue with the current agreement of \$125,000.00'. (Exhibit T)
- 03-05-2021: Insurance coverage is secured by EDG1848 in anticipation of the close of escrow on March 19, 2021. (Exhibit U)
- 03-08-2021: Kris Payne, Vice President of EDG1848, sent an email to Russ Fackrell in response to Russ's question regarding El Dorado Gold 1848 and its preservation plan for 515 & 525 Main Street. (Exhibit V)



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**El Dorado Winery Association public comment item 21-0330**

1 message

**Kara Sather** <kara@eldoradowines.org>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 11:34 AM

To: george.turnboo@edcgov.us, BOS Three <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Wendy Thomas <wendy.thomas@edcgov.us>, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosfive@edcgov.us, edc.cob@edcgov.us, Kyle Zimbelman <kyle.zimbelman@edcgov.us>

Dear Board of Supervisors and County Clerk,

My name is Kara Sather and I am the Director of the El Dorado Winery Association. Please see the letter attached from the EDWA Board of Directors regarding the sale of the surplus buildings at 515 and [525 Main Street](#) in Placerville.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kara  
Kara Sather  
Executive Director  
El Dorado Winery Association  
530-409-8688

**EDWA\_Public\_Comment - Building use.pdf**

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El Dorado Winery Association  
Regarding: Item 8. 21-0330  
Consent calendar, 4-6-21

Attn: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

The El Dorado Winery Association would like to voice strong support for the City of Placerville's petition to receive the surplus buildings at 515 and 525 Main Street in Placerville. The wine industry was pleased to be consulted in the long-term planning and vision of the Cultural District as developed by Arts and Culture El Dorado in conjunction with the City of Placerville. The building known as the D.A. Annex (525 Main) was intended to become the **Center for Arts and Agriculture**.

We are proud to consider the City of Placerville the Gateway to **El Dorado** Wine Country. The Center for Arts and Agriculture will be a destination community venue offering cultural amenities unique and authentic to Placerville. It will present events and exhibitions about the evolution of local land use in the Northern Sierra, including Native American practices, historical logging and mining, contemporary winemaking, farm-to-table agriculture, and the culinary arts. It will serve as a location for cooking and viticulture classes, healthy eating workshops, and as a home for Creative Bounty, Arts and Culture El Dorado's arts and environment program. Amenities will include a teaching kitchen and rooftop garden, and the space is seen as a gateway for agritourism and an educational resource for the community.

We would like to stress the fact that the City of Placerville, along with community members and stakeholders such as ourselves, have been working diligently and earnestly over the past four years to engage in an active and transparent public process to determine the best use for these buildings that will preserve their historic integrity while serving to support our economic development and enrich our cultural life. These are core values that the El Dorado Winery Association believe in and we implore you to allow the city of Placerville to be the determining agency over the use and development of the heart of their city.

With Respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Sather". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kara Sather, Executive Director



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

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## BOS Meeting April 6, 2021 - Agenda #8, Item #21-0330.

1 message

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keeley link <keeley.link@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 1:05 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, John Hidahl <bosone@edcgov.us>, George Turnboo 2 <bostwo@edcgov.us>, Brian Veerkamp <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Lori Parlin <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Sue Novaser <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Clerk please add this email to Public Comment on Agenda #8, Item #21-0330

Supervisors,

After participating in the City Council Meeting and hearing the presented sides I plead with you to please approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement with the buyers, El Dorado 1848. There was overwhelming support for this action during Public Comment and for good reasons. We need to protect these Historical Buildings and honor our history through preservation and education. I believe the buyers will do just that. The community itself will benefit from their efforts. Thank you for your time and consideration of this email.

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Thank you,  
Keeley Link

[916-599-5455](tel:916-599-5455)

Allison James Estates and Homes

Lic# 02003906



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## Preservation of Historic Downtown Placerville

1 message

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Alicia Selby <newcreation00@gmail.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Apr 4, 2021 at 10:37 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to strongly encourage you to hold to your agreement to sell historic buildings on Main Street in Placerville to El Dorado Gold 1848. Please do not allow the "arts" council to acquire these or any buildings in our downtown. Based on the illustrations of their proposed plans for downtown (including a hideous glass eyesore in front of the courthouse), the "arts" council will completely alter the vibe of our historic downtown. That is not what tourists come to see. They are not drawn to silly and ill-fitting modern eyesores dreamt up by outsiders with a past of mismanaging the funds of groups in other areas. El Dorado Gold 1848 has Placerville's best interest in mind, and will preserve these historic buildings that should be cherished and celebrated, not destroyed and forgotten.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Alicia Selby

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*Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.  
And in Your book they all were written,  
The days fashioned for me,  
When as yet there were none of them.  
~Psalm 139:16*



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**This item is on the agenda this coming Tuesday, April 6, 2021. It is Agenda #8, Item #21-0330.**

1 message

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**Mary Lou Shelton** <marylou.shelton@comcast.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Apr 2, 2021 at 7:18 PM

As a long time- over 35 years- resident of EDC I ask that you support and approve the sale agreement of 515 and 525 Main Street to El Dorado Gold 1848 in order to preserve the buildings and create a El Dorado County History and Education Center!

On 10-20-20 the Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to negotiate the purchase/sale of 515 and 525 Main Street with the El Dorado County Historical Society (EDCHS).

The proposal was for \$125,000 and the proposed use of 515 Main Street was to become the El Dorado County History and Education Center. It would include displays, educational opportunities and recognize Legends of El Dorado County including; Charlie Parkhurst, Hank Monk, Snowshoe Thompson, John Studebaker, the Heritage Families of El Dorado County, the Historical Placerville Post Office, the Pony Express, the indigenous peoples of the county, the Wagon Train, the Gold Panning Museum, the El Dorado Western Railway Museum, the importance of agriculture and conservation, George Peabody and Professor George Wheeldon. There will be displays for minerals and gems along with hands on educational experiences. The proposed use of 525 will be for an inclusive center for Historical non-profit organizations of El Dorado County including office spaces and a conference room for the tenants.

The plan is to also restore, preserve, for the benefit of citizens of the county, the historical nature of the property.

On 11-9-20 Articles of Incorporation for "El Dorado Gold 1848" (1848) was filed with the California Secretary of State. 1848 was formed from EDCHS in order to solidify and clarify the mission to create a Museum to display heritage and enhance future endeavors through education, the preservation of historic buildings and historical artifacts.

This item is on the agenda this Tuesday, April 6, 2021. It is Agenda #8, Item #21-0330. This is the public formal action to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow... with the buyers, El Dorado Gold 1848.... For \$125,000; and to Authorize the Facilities Manager to sign any .... related documents.

Thank you for your service in this matter

Mary Lou Shelton

Sent from my iPhone





County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Historical Buildings

1 message

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**Rosalee Chilcoat** <chilcoat\_edcrwf@netzero.net>

Fri, Apr 2, 2021 at 7:07 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

What in the world is going on with our City Council? It appears you are selling Placerville and our history / legacy out to the progressives yet again. When will this stop?

No one in their right mind could possibly be OK with the hideous plan someone has come up with for these buildings.

The proposed drawings are absolutely horrid and look like something you would find in a town in Southern California or maybe in a movie out of HollyWEIRD.

The members of the EDC Republican Women Federated urge you to NOT sell us out to this garbage.

Thank you,  
Rose Chilcoat, President  
EDC Republican Women Federated

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## Move forward with the sale of the Old Post Office

1 message

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**Nancy Spitzer** <kandnspitzer@yahoo.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Apr 4, 2021 at 6:42 AM

Please move forward with the sale of the Old Post Office and the Annex building to El Dorado 1848 Gold non Profit.

Keep Old Placerville Historic.

Thank you,

Nancy Spitzer  
PO Box 546  
Somerset CA 95684



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## Quit trying to ruin old town

1 message

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**brad popejoy** <popejoyswater@outlook.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sat, Apr 3, 2021 at 10:24 AM

The new concept for the courthouse looks terrible.... If you want a art building do it somewhere else, how about a bike park for kids, or another playground or park. This is a dumb concept!!!! Quit trying to change Placerville, including the noose and Hangtown... there's nothing wrong with downtown!! If you want to live in Davis and look at ugly modern buildings move there..... We don't want that in this town.

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## Email to BOS regarding consent item for Tuesday April 6th Board Meeting

1 message

**Charlie Downs** <charliedowns@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 3, 2021 at 10:20 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, kim.dawson@edcgov.us

Cc: donald.ashton@edcgov.com

Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter in support of the City of Placerville's Proposal dated March 19, 2021 in regard to the sale and use of the former EDC District Attorney's office building and its adjacent annex. The City of Placerville is the appropriate entity to purchase these two buildings and determine their adaptive reuse based on the City's understanding of the needs, aspirations and goals of its residents and business's. The potential unilateral County sale of these important civic assets did not include public input effectively ignoring the focused work of the City and the collaborative effort it took over many years to establish a sound proposal and to identify a champion for their reuse and operation.

I urge you to respect the position of the City of Placerville's Mayor, Dennis Thomas and that of Cleve Morris, City Manager as stated in their letter to your Board dated March 17, 2021 and act accordingly. This position represents the wishes of the City's residents through their elected public officials on the City Council. As a property owner within the City of Placerville I firmly believe the City acting through its Council will best reflect the wishes of its residents while maintaining a focused strategy toward further economic betterment through facilities that are developed primarily for the use of its residents/business's and secondarily for those visiting our community.

Please set a proper course for all the subsequent work ahead that will result in the best outcome to serve the residents of the City of Placerville and the entire community. This is a great opportunity in the interest of creating a more robust economy by an investment in civic assets that will facilitate adaptive uses by the community for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Charlie Downs



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## Historical Ourthouse

1 message

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**Charilyn Damigo** <cdamigo@pacbell.net>

Sat, Apr 3, 2021 at 8:19 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To Whom It May Concern

My family and a long history in Placerville. My paternal grandparents, maternal grandparents, my husband's grandparents, and both sets of parents, along with numerous extended family have lived in or had ties to Placerville for more than a century. I recently saw the proposed plan for the old courthouse and showed it to my parents as well. We all think it's the most ridiculous plan for a historical building we've ever seen. We are firmly opposed to any plan that detracts from its historical value. We sincerely hope you will reject the current proposal. Please honor and preserve the history of your amazing town.

Charilyn Damigo  
Ben & Charlotte Haley



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## Proposed Use of 515 & 525 Main Street

1 message

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**Ashley Bertram** <baileebenni@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 3, 2021 at 5:56 PM

To: Edc.cob@edcgov.us

To All Members of BOS

The proposed use of 515 Main Street was to become the El Dorado County History and Education Center. It would include displays, educational opportunities and recognize Legends of El Dorado County including; Charlie Parkhurst, Hank Monk, Snowshoe Thompson, John Studebaker, the Heritage Families of El Dorado County, the Historical Placerville Post Office, the Pony Express, the indigenous peoples of the county, the Wagon Train, the Gold Panning Museum, the El Dorado Western Railway Museum, the importance of agriculture and conservation, George Peabody and Professor George Wheeldon. There will be displays for minerals and gems along with hands on educational experiences. The proposed use of 525 will be for an inclusive center for Historical non-profit organizations of El Dorado County including office spaces and a conference room for the tenants.

The plan is to also restore, preserve, for the benefit of citizens of the county, the historical nature of the property.

I am writing in absolute Complete support and approval of the sale and agreement of 515 and 525 Main Street to El Dorado Gold 1848 in order to preserve the buildings and create a El Dorado County History and Education Center! It's been a long road to create a place for interactive historical educational experiences for the County. Given that our Motherlode is the birth place of the Gold Rush, which changed the world and brought immigrants here from all around the world, it is a history that needs to be shared and not forgotten.

As a homeschooling family we have been so fortunate to live in the heart of Gold Country! My children have learned so much of California's history right here at home! It would be marvelous if our ever growing homeschool community had access to such resources as the Eldorado Gold 1848 would provide! I see so many possibilities for our entire community! What a sight it would be to see California history students from both Schenell and Sierra walking the beautiful walking trail to our Historical Main Street. There, they can go through pur Eldorado History and Educational Center. Perhaps they can stop by The oldest Hardware store, and pick a fun place to stop and eat lunch! Our Ever growing homeschooled community would. Why stop there? Perhaps they'd even consider offering tours to all fourth graders through out California!

I truly love where we live. The pride and full heart I have to raise our children here is unmeasurable. To be able to share what our historic Main Street has to offer is so extremely valuable to the youth and to their future here in California and Eldorado County.

I would also like to add to Wendy, what a very fun place to have your Great Grandmother Elma Crocker Bosquit's story shared! It sure made me smile reading of her winning a car in a beauty pageant and becoming the first woman in Eldorado County to own a car and drive! I was just as happy to share your story during women's history month because it also shared a part of our cities history as well! I've always loved the way you dress up at the wagon train too!

I truly love where we live. The pride and full heart I have to raise our children here is unmeasurable. To be able to share what our historic Main Street has to offer is so extremely valuable to the youth and to their future here in California and Eldorado County.

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

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## Agenda Item #8

1 message

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**Diane Primicerio** <diprimo@pacbell.net>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Apr 4, 2021 at 7:02 PM

City Council Members

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>>> I support the approval and the sale agreement of 515 and 525 Main Street to El Dorado Gold 1848 in order to preserve the buildings and create a way to preserve El Dorado County History, historical buildings and artifacts. I have been an El Dorado County resident for over 40 years, cherish the history here, and feel that we should preserve it. Thank you for your consideration.

Diane Primicerio  
Placerville California

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**Public comment: BOS meeting 4/6/21 - Item #8**

1 message

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**tamara@reverieretreat.com** <tamara@reverieretreat.com>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 10:44 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

April 5, 2021

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

This letter is in reference to Item #8 on the Consent Agenda for the board meeting on Tuesday, April 6, regarding the sale of county-owned facilities located at 515 and [525 Main Street, Placerville](#).

I am writing to urge you to take a pause in the sale arrangements and create a process to consider public input on the future of these buildings before you make a final determination of sale and ownership. These buildings are located in the heart of the Placerville downtown district, and while they are owned by the County, they directly impact businesses and residents in Placerville, who should have a voice in the future direction of the use of the properties. The County has not solicited public input for the future of these buildings to date. All of the deliberations among the Board of Supervisors have been in closed session, which means that the public has been closed out of knowing the details of the proposals, the deliberations, or even how each Supervisor voted. To say there has been a lack of transparency is an understatement. Good governance requires that the public have an opportunity to weigh in on public assets. And from a practical perspective it is important to have public input in order to give the project the best chance of success.

In fact, the public has weighed in on these two buildings in a public process conducted at the City of Placerville level, and that 2+ year process resulted in the choice of a different path forward than the one that the Board of Supervisors has chosen without public scrutiny or transparency. By choosing a single nonprofit with a very specific mission and programmatic focus to sell the building to, the Board of Supervisors is effectively making a different choice for the direction of these buildings than the one that was chosen as part of a public vetting process. If members of the Board of Supervisors feel like it is more appropriate to make this choice at the County level, rather than at the City of Placerville level, then at the very least there should be a new planning process with extensive public input and outreach.

I urge you to remove Item #8 from the Consent calendar, allowing for public input on this item in the BOS meeting, and either create a process for public input at the County level before you finalize the sale, or sell the building to the City of Placerville, which has already conducted a public process at the City level. As a business owner and someone who is very involved in our community (you can see my affiliations following my signature), I care deeply about what happens in our County. However, I want to be clear that I am speaking for myself in this letter, not on behalf of any of the organizations in which I participate.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Tamara Johnston

Owner, Reverie Retreat

Member, EDC Community Economic Development Advisory Council

Chair, Georgetown Divide Fire Safe Council





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**Written Statement in Support of Sale and Purchase Agreement with EDCHS/EI  
Dorado Gold 1848 - April 6, 2021, Agenda #8, Item #21-0330**

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Kristin B <murillo124@msn.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 11:26 AM

Please see attached written statement for Agenda #8, Item #21-0330.

Thank you,  
Kristin

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April 5, 2021

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of Placerville and I fully support the sale and purchase agreement between EDCHS and El Dorado County officials. I am a strong supporter of the historic preservation of El Dorado County and its iconic legends such as the Monroe family, John Studebaker, James Hume, and George Peabody, just to name a few. We need to carry on the tradition of preserving their history, their stories, and their artifacts with the ongoing efforts of the EDCHS. Since Placerville's inception, the residents have a history of preserving the City's history through its Museums and the EDCHS.

According to the Arts Council website, they have a belief system that minorities are not represented and there is inequity due to the majority of the El Dorado County population being Caucasian. I oppose the use of such buildings to be used with a "Racial Equity Statement" that infers or excludes ANY race in order to claim certain ethnic backgrounds are not represented without factual statistics to prove that misrepresentation and/or inequitable treatment exists. As a Hispanic myself, I find this to be offensive and without merit. My grandmother owned two stores on Main Street and has lived in Placerville for 40 years. We were always supported by the residents and business owners of Placerville regardless of our race.

In addition, I strongly oppose the altering, removal, or obscuring of the historic Placerville Post Office, Placerville Firehouse, and Placerville City Court House by any business entity.

Thank you for your time,  
Kristin



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## Support of Consent Item 21-0330

1 message

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**Alfred Neuman** <hazebrewer@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 1:12 PM

Good day,

I am writing in support of the proposed Board action (Item 21-0330) to sell the properties at 515 and [525 Main St., Placerville](#), to El Dorado Gold 1848.

I attended a Special Meeting of the Placerville City Council last week where I learned about the 1848 group. A brief presentation was provided and from this information it seems that this group has the best interests of preserving our local history as a principle objective. I support this wholeheartedly.

Thank you



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**Item number is 8. File ID is 21-0330**

1 message

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**Michelle Greene** <mgreeneblmedc@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 1:36 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Good morning. I am requesting to pull Item number 8 File ID is 21-0330 from the consent calendar. This item deserves more discussion at the BOS meeting tomorrow 4/6/21.  
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone



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**515 & 525 Main Street, Placerville**

1 message

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**Kathi Lishman** <kathilish@yahoo.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 3:52 PM

Dear Chair Hidahl and Members of the Board,

As a resident of the City of Placerville, I strongly support El Dorado County selling 515 & 525 Main St. to the City of Placerville. Since everything has been handled in closed session, I am just learning details of the sale of the property. I believe there is a better solution than what is before you.

It seems originally the County was going to turn the buildings over to the City. It is unclear to the public why that process has gone completely off the tracks. The buildings should be in the hands of the City so they can decide, as officials elected by a majority vote, what should happen to them.

While the City has made a commitment to a Cultural District, this is really less about the Cultural District and more about the long-term future of downtown Placerville. It is important for the County to respect the sovereignty of the City. If the City's proposal is competitive and public, it should trump private endeavors.

The City's proposal is very inclusive, thorough and well thought-out. It includes historical preservation, arts and culture, agriculture, local history, as well as other elements. It paints a picture of a community and a plan for Downtown Placerville, including a financial plan.

The purchase agreement between 1848 and the County, appears to have no benchmarks, no timeline, no guardrails – nothing that ensures an actual outcome. All it says is that the buildings must be restored for the use of the citizens of El Dorado County and that the buildings will revert to the County only if 1848 tries to convey them to an entity other than another nonprofit with a historical purpose.

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors designated Arts & Culture as the State-Local Partner to the California Arts Council. Because of the community support and the City's approval of a Cultural Center, it is important to know in April 2019 Arts and Culture El Dorado received funding from National Endowment for the Arts for planning and development of the Downtown Placerville Cultural District.

I can't express strongly enough how frustrating it is to just now learn of how far along the County has gotten in a closed-door process, while City of Placerville residents have been left in the dark and not been given equal opportunity, or really any opportunity until now, to weigh in on a decision that is very important to Placerville residents.

It is important for El Dorado County to honor and support the City of Placerville being the agent of its own economic and cultural development. If you look again at the City's inclusive, thorough and well thought-out proposal, you can see how well [515 & 525 Main Street](#) fit into Placerville's overall plan for a Cultural District that both preserves our past and secures our present and future.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Lishman  
Placerville