



**Fw: Tom Soike**  
The BOSTWO to: Cynthia C Johnson  
Sent by: Kitty J. Miller  
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**Tom Soike**

Mountain Republic to: bostwo

02/12/2010 02:38 PM

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Supervisor Nutting,

This is a letter of support in favor of letting Mr. Soike proceed with inscribing his bench as planned. He is a veteran and deserves to be treated with respect.

The County of El Dorado is NOT granted the power by the Constitution of The United States to restrict the placement of this bench or it's inscription. By doing so, you would be violating Mr. Soike's 1st Amendment rights.

I urge the Board to give this matter careful consideration and to make the only decision possible under constitutional law. Allow Mr. Soike's bench to be completed any way he wants.

Sincerely,

**Mountain Republic**

"For Our Troops, For Our Country, For Our Future"

<http://mountainrepublic.wordpress.com>

link to post about Mr. Soike:

<http://mountainrepublic.wordpress.com/2010/02/12/tom-soike-needs-our-help/>



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**Tom Soike**

**James Simms** to: bostwo

02/15/2010 05:56 PM

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Mr. Nutting,

I am writing you on behalf of an announcement that I saw on the cover of the Feb. 12th Gold panner. I would like to however state my opinion on the matter. I am a Christian who is proud of his country ; country was founded by people who believed in God and that God was central to the United States. I strongly believe that this man Tom Soike paid \$3,500 and cannot have these simple words engraved on HIS family bench. Please give your consideration.

Thank you,  
James Simms

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!



**Fw: Public Hearing February 23 re-Veterans' Memorial Bench Inscription**

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**Public Hearing February 23 re-Veterans' Memorial Bench Inscription**

**John Garon to: bostwo**

02/14/2010 10:13 PM

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Dear Mr. Nutting:

I have just read in the Gold Panner that you will hold a 'discussion' on the request by Tom Soike's family that the bench they generously donated to Veterans Memorial, be inscribed with what is clearly a Judeo-Christian prayer.

As a U.S. Army veteran myself, and as a resident of your district, I would like to make two comments on this matter:

\* The answer already given by the Board of Supervisors to the Soike family is the correct one: prayers of any kind, to any god, have no business being displayed in a publicly-supported venue. This matter was adjudicated in 2003 by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals that upheld a lower court's order, forcing Alabama's state Judge Roy Moore to remove a monument of the 10 commandments from his courthouse steps. The U.S. Supreme Court has been very clear on several occasions as to interpretation of the Establishment Clause. The Soike family's request clearly steps over the line.

\* I am also bothered by the fact that, on February 23, you will be holding a public 'discussion' on this matter. How can a County government hold a sensible discussion on the U.S. Constitution's Establishment Clause? Will Constitutional lawyers be present or, at the very least, the County Attorney? Will 'the other side', i.e. those strongly opposed to religious meddling in secular affairs, be allowed to speak? What can the County possibly gain from such a discussion? It's easy to guess that the majority of the audience will support vociferously the Soike family, nor would I be surprised to see the Otterstad circus show up. This 'discussion' has all the earmarks of turning into a polarizing, shouting fest. Surely, you and the County have better things to do.

Sincerely,

John C. Garon  
3860 Wilson Loop  
Placerville, CA 95667



**Fw: Soike Family Bench**  
The BOSTWO to: Cynthia C Johnson  
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**Soike Family Bench**

Don Ravanelli to: bostwo

02/15/2010 06:02 PM

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**Dear Mr. Nutting:**

I rarely read the Gold Panner, however I happened to spot one today that mentioned you will hold a meeting to discuss putting a “Christian” Prayer on the Soike Family Bench that they donated to Veterans Memorial? I strongly object to this thought.

**The Board of Supervisors has already answered their request: Prayers of any kind, to any god, have no business being displayed in a publicly supported venue.**

To hold a public meeting about this simply invites the right wing religious nutcases (of which there are many!) in this county to show up and turn this meeting into a joke. Surely there are more important items of county business that the board and you can be attempting to do in these days of budget shortfalls, a down economy, and many other items of interest to all citizens of the county?

Sincerely,

Don Ravanelli



**Fw: Enough already!!!!**  
The BOSTWO to: Cynthia C Johnson  
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**Enough already!!!!**

**Stu Macy to: bostwo**

02/16/2010 09:30 AM

Cc: katlibicki  
Please respond to stu

Mr. Nutting...

I support Mr. Soike's desire to inscribe his family bench at the County's Veteran's Memorial as he requested. The reference to God is appropriate for a memorial and is consistent with the heritage of our country. Being "political correct" is not necessarily being right. Please vote to allow Mr. Soike's request, do what's right.

The following message was at the top of the Gold panner weekly want ad's. It caught my attention and should our God blessed nation spitting in the face of the God that I love so dearly and has so graciously blessed our nation stand up for what we believe in and stop the madness. God will judge us for the actions that we have taken or :

**Tom Soike gave \$3,500 from his small family inheritance to Veterans for the purchase of a family bench Memorial. The Memorial was constructed, one bench was left uninscribed, Mr. Soike's family bench. Tom unsuccessful in getting county officials to allow him to inscribe HIS family bench with the following:**

**" God I've tasted your Heaven through freedom and fought through the pain of these wars and wonder given could somehow have been something more..."**

**Mr. Soike objected to the requirement that, before his bench could be inscribed, he would have to remove the quote. He was later told that he had to remove the entire quote because it is "Too prayer like." Supervisor Ray Nutt discussion on Tuesday Feb. 23 at 9:30 am In the board meeting Rm. 330 fair lane, Placerville, ca. We do not have an attorney, we're counting on public support. If you can be there or send an email Tom Soike @ [katlibicki](mailto:katlibicki) it.**

**Ray Nutting's contact info is: (530) 621-5651**

**bostwo@edcgov.us**

**Thank you and God bless.....**

**James**



**Fw: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!**  
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**Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!**

mikemue2 to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

02/16/2010 10:25 PM

Dear Supervisor,

This letter is to ask you to allow Mr. Soike to inscribe his bench as he has requested. After all he shed his blood, sweat and tears for the right of free speech, which is currently being unjustly denied.

In addition, this absurd bowing to the ridiculous P.C.

Political Corruption is exactly what has ruined the best of this once great country. Our Judeo Christian beliefs!

Once again, please resolve to allow this great man his wish.

May God Bless you and give you wisdom.

Respectfully,

Michael C Mueller, RCDD, DCCA

Diamond Springs



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**Fw: Please Verify: Denied the Freedoms he fought for?**  
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**Please Verify: Denied the Freedoms he fought for?**

**Ken Dean** to: bostwo

02/17/2010 07:50 AM

Cc: bosone, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive

Hello Mr. Nutting,

I would like to verify that the e-mail I received with copy below is legitimate.

If this is truly an issue that is being faced in our county please advise.

Thank you,

Ken Dean  
Mount Aukum, CA  
530.620.0103

### **Denied the Freedoms He Fought For**

Published in "**GOLD PANNER**", FEBRUARY 12,2010, (See the above attachment) v  
is being denied the very rights he fought for. As noted in the article, he has been asked to ren  
**Heaven**" from a proposed inscription on a memorial bench.

This is a local issue! If this bothers you, there are several things you can do.

- (1) Write a letter to the Board of Supervisors.
- (2) Call Ray Nutting and tell him how you feel.
- (3) Be at the meeting on Tuesday Feb. 23rd at 9:30 AM



(4) Write a letter for Mr. Soike at **PO Box 129, Somerset, Ca 95684** and support his ri  
the United States of America.

Contact: **Pacific Legal Foundation**

**3900 Lennane Drive Suite 200**

**Sacramento, Ca Phone: (916) 419-7111**

E-mail your support and rational to Tom Soike

**Katlibicki@aol.com**

Remember, if this man loses his right of freedom of expression, we all do. This is a basi  
Dena Freeman



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**Fw: Please support Mr. Soike's right to freedom of speech**  
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**Please support Mr. Soike's right to freedom of speech**

Kathi Shull to: bostwo

02/17/2010 09:23 AM

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Councilman Nutting, it has come to my attention that the county has intervened and stopped the Soike's family from placing their sentiments on the bench they donated to the Veterans Memorial. Unbelievable...what happened to freedom of speech? It is simply a personal statement of patriotism and hope. Please support the Soike's efforts. Regards, Kathi Shull



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**Re: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!**

Dena Freeman to: bosone, bostwo, bosthree, bosfour, bosfive, mikemue2

02/17/2010 09:40 AM

Michael,

Thanks for your support of our Constitutional rights.

Dena

--- On Tue, 2/16/10, mikemue2@comcast.net <mikemue2@comcast.net> wrote:

From: mikemue2@comcast.net <mikemue2@comcast.net>

Subject: Approve the Veteran Soike Bench!

To: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 10:24 PM

Dear Supervisor,

This letter is to ask you to allow Mr. Soike to inscribe his bench as to all he shed his blood, sweat and tears for the right of free speech, which is being unjustly denied.

In addition, this absurd bowing to the ridiculous P.C. *Political Corruption* has ruined the best of this once great country. Our Judeo Christian heritage. Once again, please resolve to allow this great man his wish.

May God Bless you and give you wisdom.

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**Tom Soike bench**

**Thaleia Georgiades** to: bosfour, bosfive, bostwo, bosthree, bosone

02/17/2010 11:39 AM

Cc: bostwo

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Hello Board Members,

I support the rights of Tom Soike to inscribe his bench as he has proposed, including the words "God" and "heaven". This has been an issue for some time and should not be an issue at all. Regardless of the religious beliefs of those who might read the inscription, I do not find the inscription offensive or controversial. Freedom of speech is one of our rights. God is referenced in everything from our money to our pledge of allegiance in this country. Those who would be offended by the inscription can chose not to read it. Unless there is a law against using the words proposed, I do not believe the Board should stand in the way of our freedom of expression. I would like you to uphold our freedom and approve the inscription as proposed.

Respectfully,

Thaleia Georgiades