

Open Forum BOS 6/28/2022

Diamond Springs / El Dorado Community Coalition
05/27/2022

Good afternoon, my name is Larry Rolla with the Diamond Springs / El Dorado Community Coalition.

We recently conducted a new survey, this time focusing on our community's concerns with regards to the 382-residential development called Dorado Oaks slated for Diamond Springs. We received over 230 responses from the community and the results deliver a clear and strong message.

This first graph represents the concerns of those who live in, work in, and regularly drive through Diamond Springs. Daily traffic congestion in the area is foremost among their worries. Second is emergency evacuation, a topic that is coming to the forefront of our minds as we enter into the summer months, and approach the first anniversary of the Caldor Fire. In addition, people are wondering where in the world the water is going to come from for all of these proposed homes.

The second graph, asked if they would support their Supervisor's re-election if Dorado Oaks is approved. The message was undeniably clear that they would oppose their re-election. The Red bar on this graph illustrates the community's sentiment on this point. Don't think this is just about Dist. 3 either. Many responses from outside Dist. 3 said they are also watching their Supervisor's vote on this development with the next election in mind.

Some have dismissed our concerns over the massive development planned for Diamond Springs and El Dorado by flippantly declaring it to be a result of the Not In My Backyard. This is not a NIMBY situation, and those who repeatedly hurl that term are disregarding the very real threats faced by those who actually live in the area, such as:

- Traffic swelling beyond already dense congestion
- A potential catastrophe during another wildfire evacuation

- The loss of their hometown as they know and love it
- A reduction in Fire and EMT services

High density housing is not just a function of property zoning. Existing traffic Level of Service, road capacity, emergency services, water, electricity, and historic town character all come into play when evaluating high density housing. The cover page of our General Plan states and I quote “A Plan for Managed Growth and Open Roads; A Plan for Quality Neighborhoods and Traffic Relief”. We need to live up to that vision statement with our planned developments. The General Plan and Measure E should be our safe guards that ensure the vision statement is not just a cute slogan but actual reality.

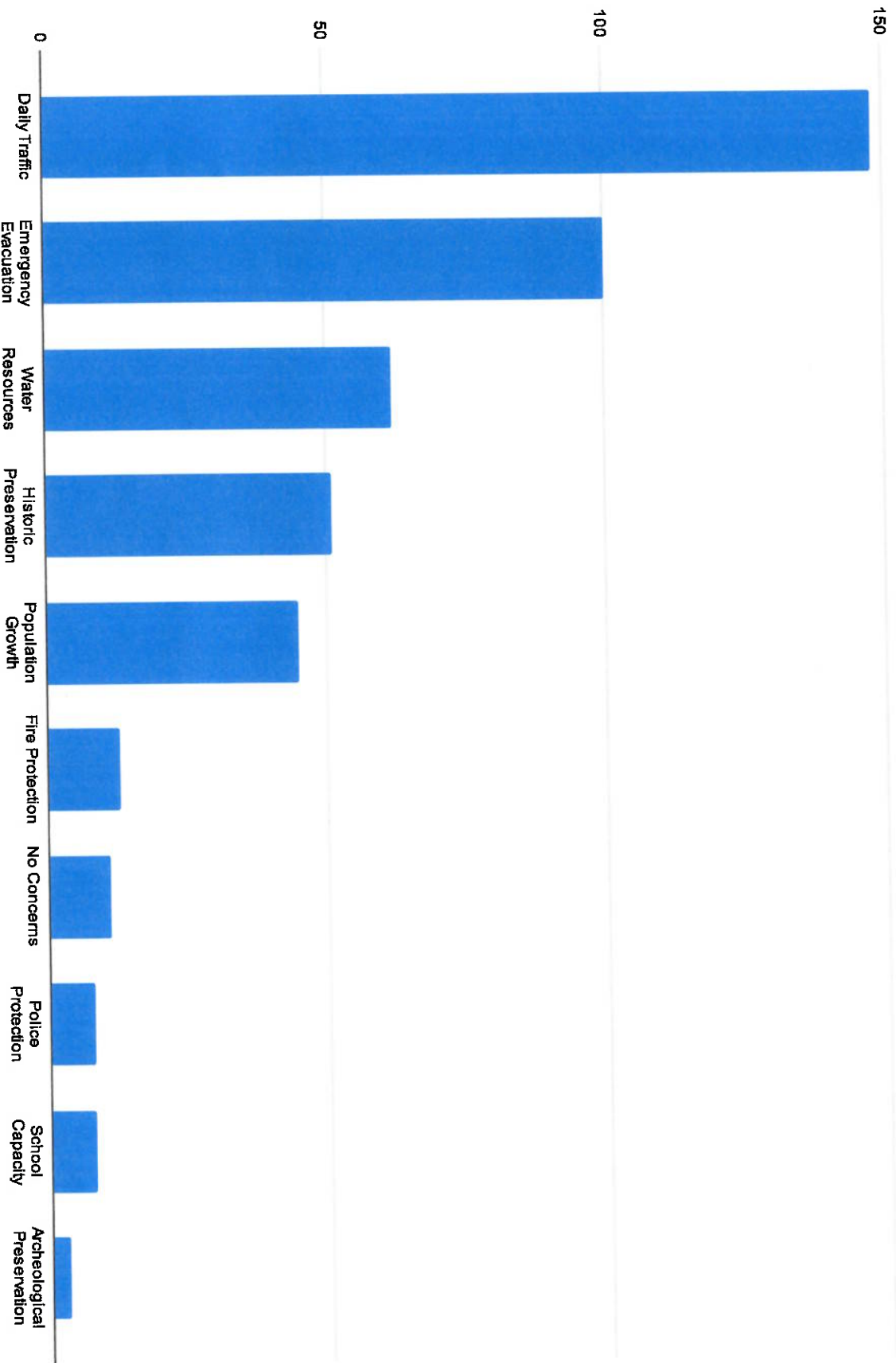
I'm leaving a copy of all 6 questions and results from the community. Please take the time to review this information to better understand the community concerns.

The Diamond Springs / El Dorado Community Coalition is hosting a Townhall Meeting with Supervisor Thomas to discuss this matter with the community. Please join us on Thursday, July 21, at the Charles Brown gymnasium from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thank you for your time.

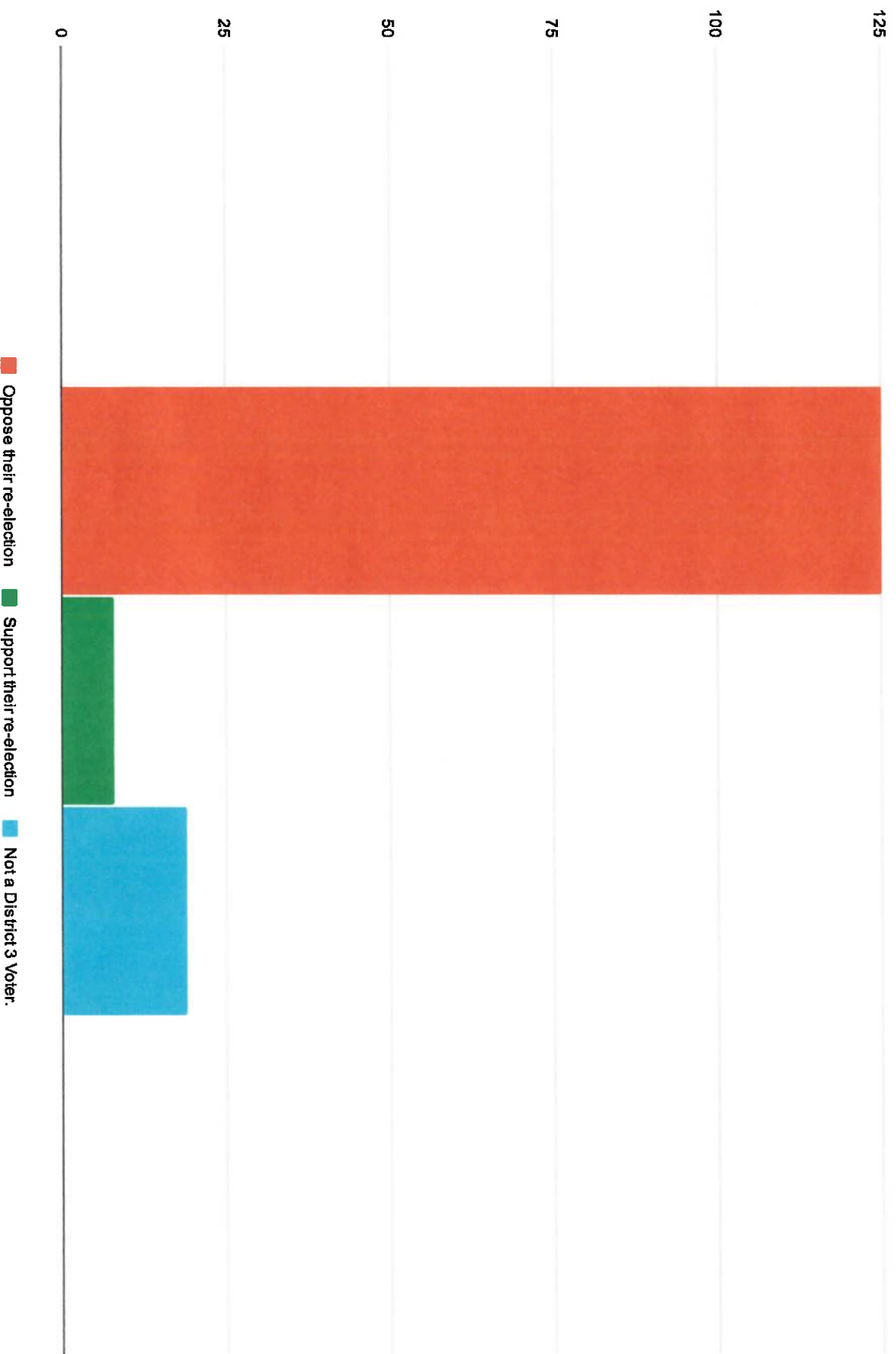
Here is just one quote from a resident from El Dorado

“My husband and I bought a home in El Dorado a little over a year ago because we fell in love with the small town feel. This project that is being discussed breaks my heart! We left the Bay Area for a more peaceful, simpler life. We love the small town feel, and now to hear about all of these potential projects makes me angry!!!! Another thing..... WHERE IS ALL OF THIS WATER GOING TO COME FROM?????”

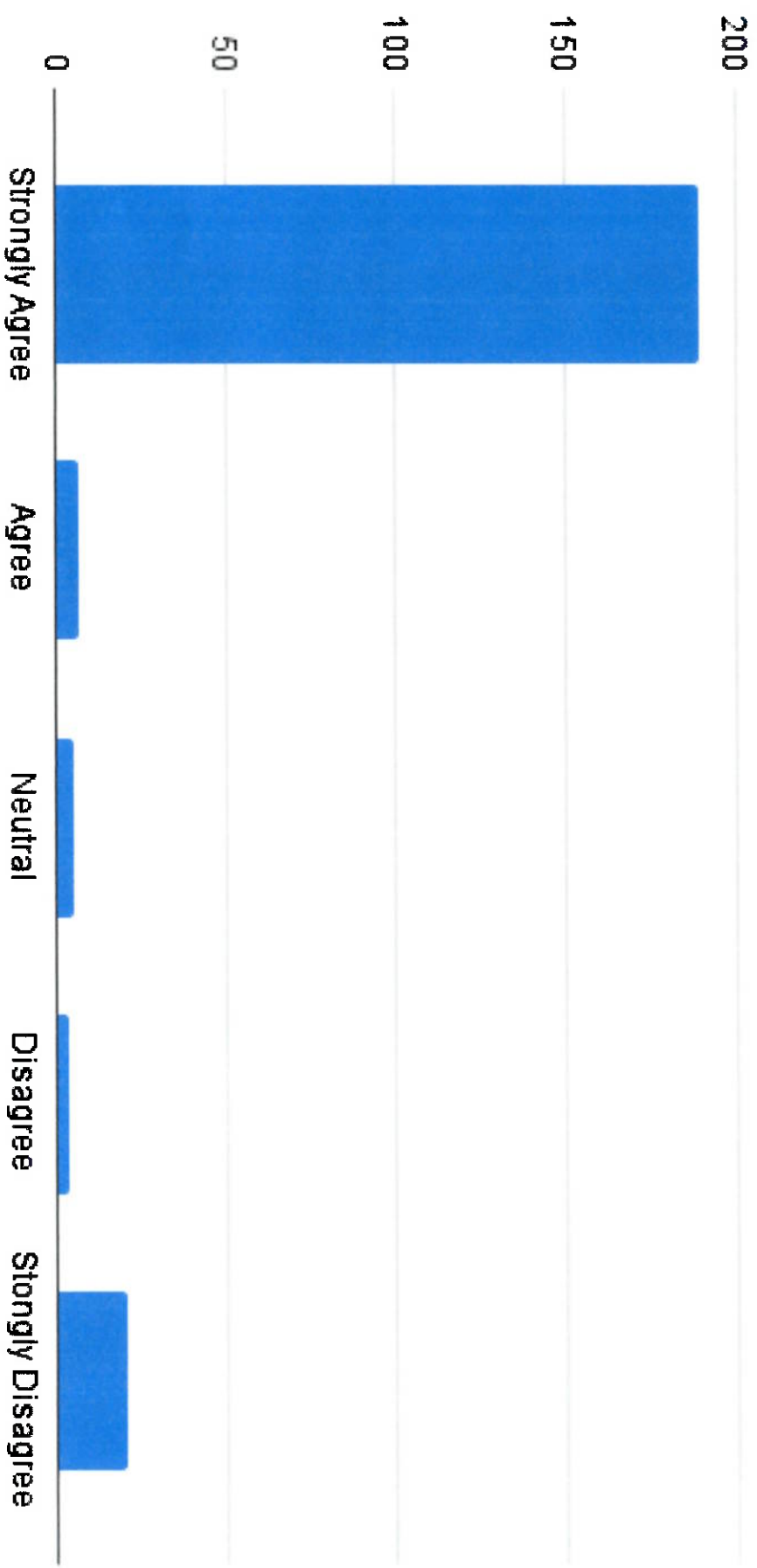
Dorado Oaks Top Concerns



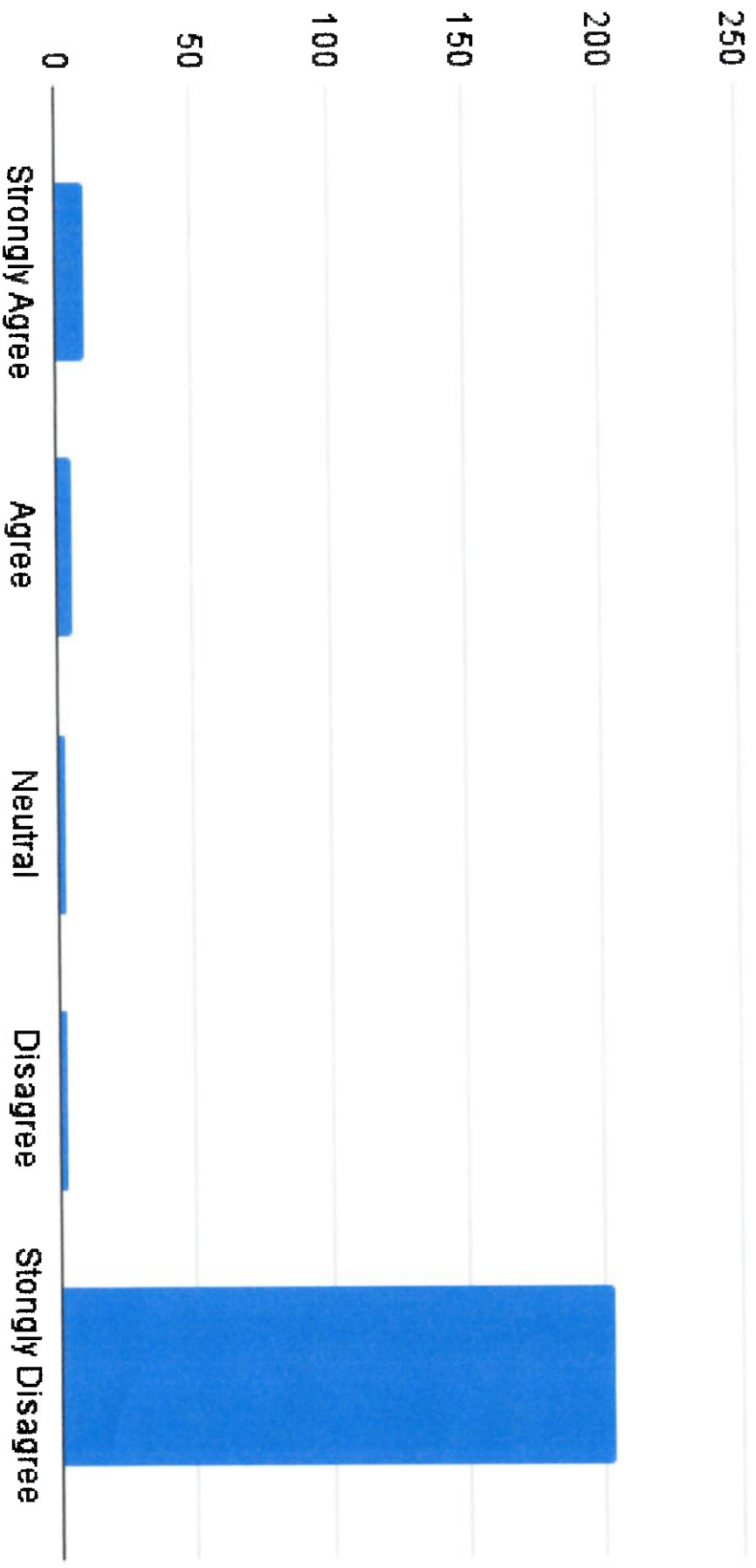
If the District 3 Supervisor votes to approve Dorado Oaks, will you support or oppose their re-election?



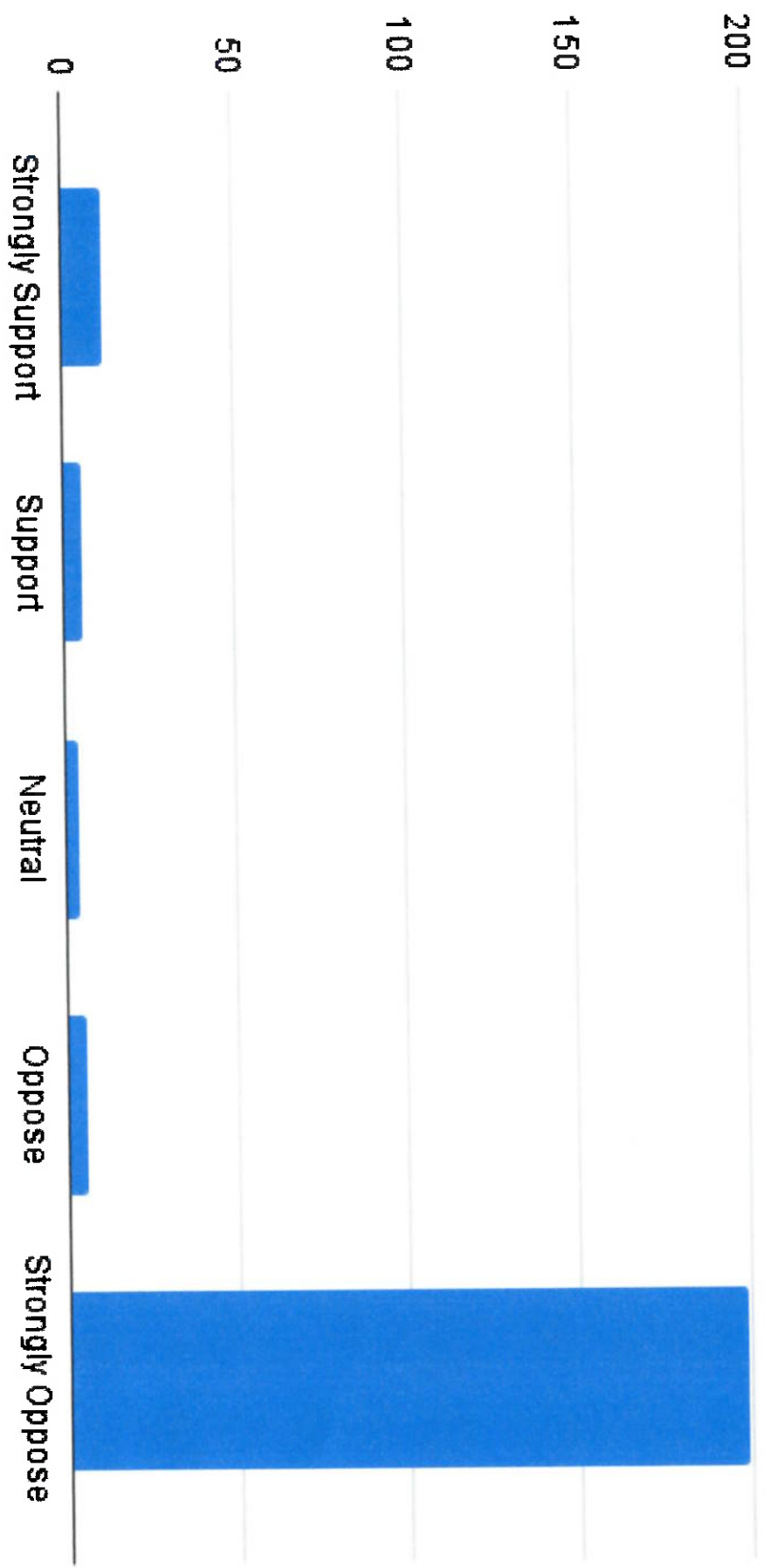
The Dorado Oaks housing development would permanently change the historic town of Diamond Springs in a **NEGATIVE**



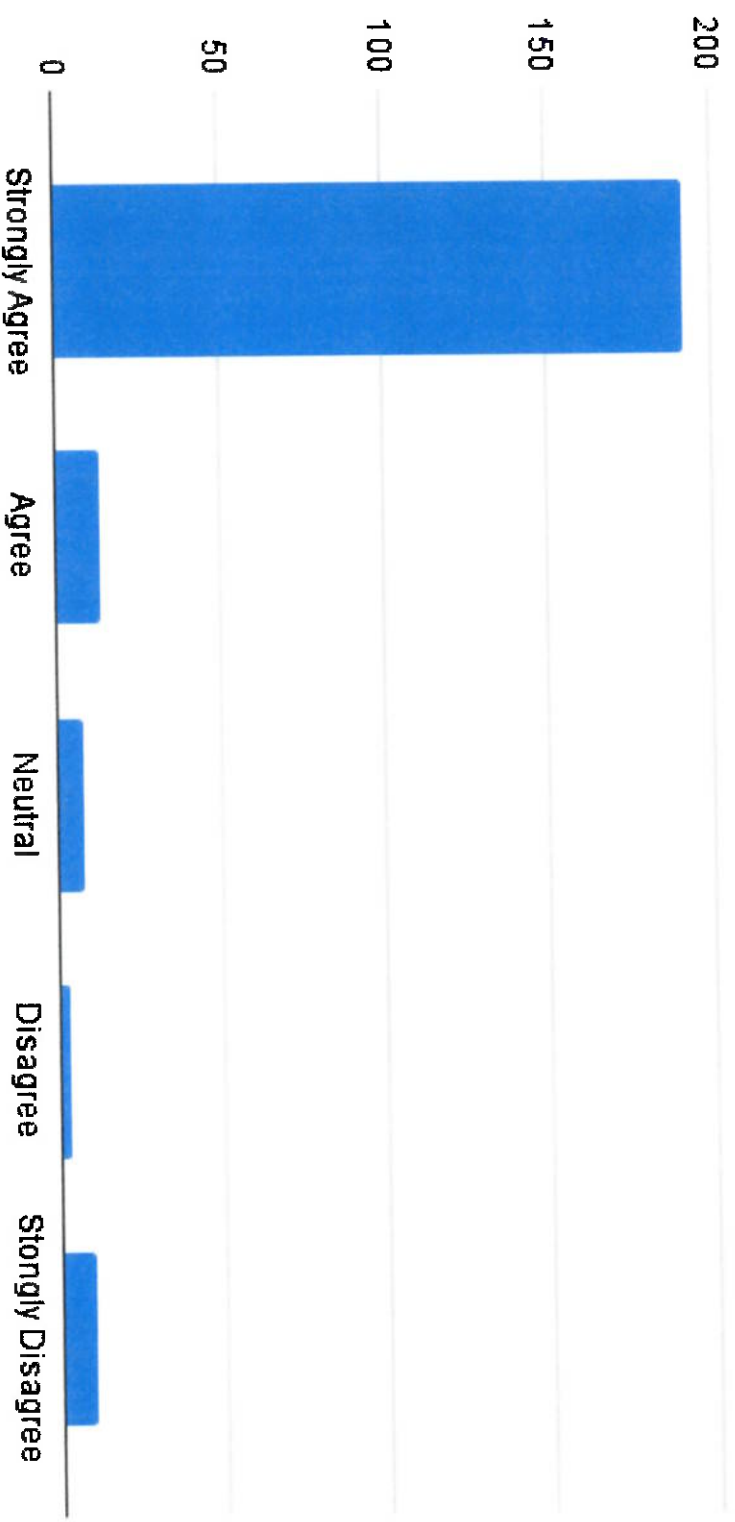
The Board of Supervisors SHOULD approve high density housing in small Gold Rush towns such as Diamond Springs and



Do you Support or Oppose the 382 unit Dorado Oaks housing development?



It's important to PRESERVE our historic towns and maintain their unique character.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC COMMENT
JUNE 28, 2022

GOOD AFTERNOON. BEFORE ASSUMING YOUR ELECTED OFFICE EACH OF YOU SWORE AN OATH THAT OBLIGED YOU TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. THREE OF YOU TOOK THAT OATH, AS ADMINISTERED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, ON JANUARY 4, 2021, AND THEN AFFIXED YOUR SIGNATURE TO A PRINTED COPY OF THAT OATH.

YOUR OATH WAS: "I (YOUR NAME) DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT I TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY, WITHOUT ANY MENTAL RESERVATION, OR PURPOSE OF EVASION, AND THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES UPON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER."

ON JANUARY 6, 2021, A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS WAS CONVENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TWELFTH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND THE ELECTORAL COUNT ACT. THAT SESSION WAS THEN VIOLENTLY OBSTRUCTED BY EXTREMIST GROUPS INCLUDING THE PROUD BOYS AND OATHKEEPERS, WHOSE LEADERS ARE AWAITING TRIAL FOR SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY.

THE INFORMATION YOU ARE RECEIVING TODAY DOCUMENTS TIES BETWEEN YOUR COMMISSIONERS AND THOSE CHARGED WITH SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY TO “OPPOSE THE LAWFUL TRANSFER OF PRESIDENTIAL POWER BY FORCE, BY OPPOSING THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND BY PREVENTING, HINDERING, OR DELAYING BY FORCE THE EXECUTION OF THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TRANSFER OF POWER, INCLUDING THE TWELFTH AMENDMENT.”

YOUR OATH OBLIGES YOU TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION AND GIVE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO THE HIGHEST LAW IN OUR COUNTRY, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION. INSTEAD, THROUGH THE APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS COCKRELL, LINK, AND GRIMOLDI, YOU HAVE REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED ALLEGIANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH UNREFUTED TIES TO A SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY.

FOR EXAMPLE, SUPERVISOR HIDAHL PRIVATELY MOCKED THE PUBLIC’S OPPOSITION, SAYING “YOU CAN’T FIX STUPID.” SUPERVISOR PARLIN NEVER DISCLOSED THAT SHE ASKED TO MEET, OR DID MEET, WITH COCKRELL PRIOR TO VOTING ON HIS APPOINTMENT. SHE ALSO PUBLICLY APOLOGIZED TO GRIMOLDI FOR PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO HER EXTREMIST TIES. LATER, WHEN THOSE EXTREMISTS CONFRONTED ME IN THIS CHAMBER, SUPERVISOR PARLIN SAID “I’M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY,” AMONG OTHER DISMISSIVE COMMENTS. ALL OF YOU HAVE REMAINED SILENT TO THAT ABUSE AND OTHER PUBLIC

HARASSMENT CARRIED OUT BY YOUR COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR EXTREMIST SUPPORTERS.

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS YOU HAVE NOT FULFILLED YOUR OATHS TO DEFEND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, OR TO DISCHARGE YOUR DUTIES “WELL AND FAITHFULLY,” ACCORDING TO THE OBLIGATION YOU SWORE TO AS A CONDITION OF HOLDING OFFICE.

AS I SAID BEFORE, YOU ARE TO MY KNOWLEDGE THE ONLY ELECTED BODY IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH ALL OF YOU HAVE SUPPORTED EXTREMISTS WHO SOUGHT TO OVERTURN THE OUTCOME OF A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION—BY FORCE—WHEN THE VICE—PRESIDENT WOULD NOT JOIN AN UNLAWFUL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL CONSPIRACY.

IF YOU CANNOT FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATION TO DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION, BY REJECTING ALL EXTREMIST LINKS TO AN UNPRECEDENTED ATTACK ON A CONSTITUTIONAL ACT, THEN I CALL UPON YOU TO RESIGN.

June 28, 2022

From: Joseph Connolly, M.A., QMCS, USCG (Ret.)

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Copy: El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer
El Dorado County Counsel

Subj: El Dorado County Links to Seditious Conspirators

Dear Supervisors:

Since February, 2021 you have appointed three commissioners with links to extremist groups and individuals who conspired to overthrow our national government on January 6, 2021. Those include the extremist groups Proud Boys and Oathkeepers, whose leaders - Enrique Tarrío and Stewart Rhodes - remain in jail awaiting trial on charges including seditious conspiracy.

As documented herein, Tarrío and Rhodes met on January 5, 2021 in Washington, DC along with Josh Macias, leader of the group "Vets for Trump." The next day, Macias interacted with extremists linked to your commissioners at the U.S. Capitol, in their joint effort to unlawfully overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

The congressional select committee investigating the events of January 6, 2021 ended its June 23rd hearing with this summary:

"[T]here was a scheme to get the former Vice President, Mike Pence, to **violate the law and the Constitution** by rejecting the Electoral College votes on January 6th and blocking the peaceful transfer of power. ... [W]hen [Vice President Pence] refused to bow to the pressure in those critical moments on January 6th, there was a backup plan for stopping the transfer of power: the mob and their vile threats.

Up to this point, we've shown the inner workings of what was essentially a political coup, an attempt to use the powers of the government **from the local level all the way up to overturn the results of the election.**

When the Select Committee continues this series of hearings, we're going to show how Donald Trump tapped into the threat of violence, how he summoned the mob to Washington, and how after corruption and

political pressure failed to keep Donald Trump in office, **violence became the last option.**"¹ (emphasis added.)

You have received unrefuted documentation of multiple links between your appointed commissioners and extremists who planned and carried out a seditious conspiracy to "overturn the results of the election." Those links predated each commissioner's appointment, were never publicly disclosed by them to you, and remain in place today.

The select committee also reminded us of our responsibilities to uphold the rule of law and the U.S. Constitution. "It's now up to every American, now and in the future, to stand for truth, to reject the lies wherever we confront them. And our towns, and our capitals, and our friendships, and our families, and at the ballot box, and within our own minds and hearts."²

You took oaths of office that stated, "I (name) do solemnly swear that **I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States**, and the Constitution of the State of California, **against all enemies, foreign and domestic**, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of California, that I take this **obligation** freely, **without any mental reservation, or purpose of evasion**, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter."³ (emphasis added.)

I urge you to uphold your solemn oaths of office by removing any appointee with links to those extremists who attacked our nation's Capitol with the express purpose of subverting a constitutional process. Respectfully, your support of extremists over an obligatory defense of the U.S. Constitution is incompatible with your oath of office.

Sincerely,

s/ Joseph Connolly

Encl: (1) El Dorado County Links to Seditious Conspirators

¹ Chairman Bennie Thompson, House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the U.S. Capitol, June 23, 2022. See transcript at <https://www.npr.org/2022/06/23/1106700800/jan-6-committee-hearing-transcript>.

² *Id.*, Representative Adam Kinzinger.

³ See e.g., administration of oaths on January 4, 2021 at <https://www.facebook.com/ElDoradoCountyNews/videos/el-dorado-county-board-of-supervisors-swearing-in-ceremony/412312179971675/>.

El Dorado County Links to Seditious Conspirators:

How a “Vets for Trump” leader connects the Proud Boys and
Oathkeepers groups to El Dorado County Commissioners



An Independent Citizen's Review of Relationships Between Insurrectionists
and El Dorado County Commissioners

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June 28, 2022

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INTRODUCTION

On January 6, 2021, at 1 p.m., a joint session of Congress convened to count the votes of the Electoral College in accordance with the Twelfth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Title 3, Section 15 of the United States Code—the Electoral Count Act.⁴

The joint session of Congress was obstructed by an insurrection planned and carried out by extremist groups. After order was restored at approximately 8 p.m. on January 6, 2021, Joseph Biden and Kamala Harris were certified as the elected President and Vice-President and the joint session concluded at approximately 3:45 a.m. on January 7, 2021.

As a congressional select committee noted on June 23, 2022, “there was a scheme to get the former Vice President, Mike Pence, to violate the law and the Constitution by rejecting the Electoral College votes on January 6th and blocking the peaceful transfer of power. ... [W]hen [Vice President Pence] refused to bow to the pressure in those critical moments on January 6th, there was a backup plan for stopping the transfer of power: the mob and their vile threats.”⁵

Members of two extremist groups that attacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021—the Proud Boys and Oathkeepers—have been arrested, charged with seditious conspiracy, and remain in jail awaiting trial.

The purpose of their conspiracies were “to oppose the lawful transfer of presidential power by force, by opposing the authority of the Government of the United States and by preventing, hindering, or delaying by force the execution of the laws governing the transfer of power, including the Twelfth Amendment to the [U.S.] Constitution and Title 3, Section 15 of the United States Code.”⁶

⁴ See e.g., paragraphs 1-4, third superseding indictment of Proud Boys, at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1510966/download>.

⁵ Chairman Bennie Thompson, House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the U.S. Capitol, June 23, 2022. See transcript at <https://www.npr.org/2022/06/23/1106700800/jan-6-committee-hearing-transcript>.

⁶ See June 6, 2022 third superseding indictment of Proud Boys at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1510966/download>; January 12, 2022 indictment of Oathkeepers at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1470536/download>.

JOSH MACIAS: CO-FOUNDER, VETS FOR TRUMP

On January 5, 2021 the national leaders of the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers—Enrique Tarrío and Stewart Rhodes—met in a Washington, DC garage for approximately 30 minutes. They were joined by others including Josh Macias, co-founder of the group “Vets for Trump.”



Josh Macias (left), Stewart Rhodes (center), Enrique Tarrío (right)

Prior to the January 5, 2021 meeting, Oathkeeper Kelly Meggs of Florida “organized an alliance of Oath Keepers, Florida 3%ers, and Proud Boys. We have decided to work together and shut this shit down.”⁷

Author Kelly Meggs (Facebook: 1517304829)

Sent 2020-12-19 15:22:53 UTC

Body Well we are ready for the rioters , this week I organized an alliance between Oath Keepers , Florida 3%ers , and Proud Boys . We have decided to work together and shut this shit down

⁷ See “New evidence suggests ‘alliance’ between Oath Keepers, Proud Boys ahead of Jan. 6,” at <https://www.politico.com/news/2021/03/24/oath-keepers-proud-boys-alliance-capitol-riot-477741>; see also page 7 of “Government’s Opposition to Defendant’s Renewed Request for Pretrial Release,” at <https://www.politico.com/f/?id=00000178-6431-d985-abf9-edfdc63b0000>.

Meggs is one of ten Oathkeeper co-defendants, along with Rhodes, who are charged with seditious conspiracy. Tarrío was the Proud Boys chairman and a Florida resident at the time of Megg's "alliance" post. Tarrío and four other Proud Boys leaders are charged with seditious conspiracy, including Joseph Biggs, another Florida resident. (See indictments at footnote 6.)

Macias was already awaiting trial for election interference and illegal gun possession in Pennsylvania. On November 5, 2020 he and Army veteran Antonio Lamotta were arrested outside the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, where presidential election ballots were being counted.⁸

In a Facebook live video outside the convention center, Macias called on others "to fight and "not give up our freedoms" and "ensure that every legitimate vote is counted. Not these ballot stuffers that are going on in these back rooms." He continued, "we are in a fight for America as we know it" and concluded by encouraging others to "get off of their seats and take action.""⁹

JOSH MACIAS: U.S. CAPITOL - JANUARY 6, 2021

On January 6, 2021 Josh Macias and Antonio LaMotta unlawfully entered the restricted grounds of the U.S. Capitol, and LaMotta unlawfully entered the U.S. Capitol.

Macias and LaMotta were repeatedly filmed on the east side of the Capitol, including on the terrace outside the "Columbus Doors," the main entrance to the Capitol Rotunda, and the steps leading to that entrance.

While there Macias and LaMotta interacted with Proud Boys and local extremists, including Denise Aguilar and Tara Thornton of the group "Freedom Angels," Jorge Riley of Sacramento, and Stephanie Baez of California.¹⁰

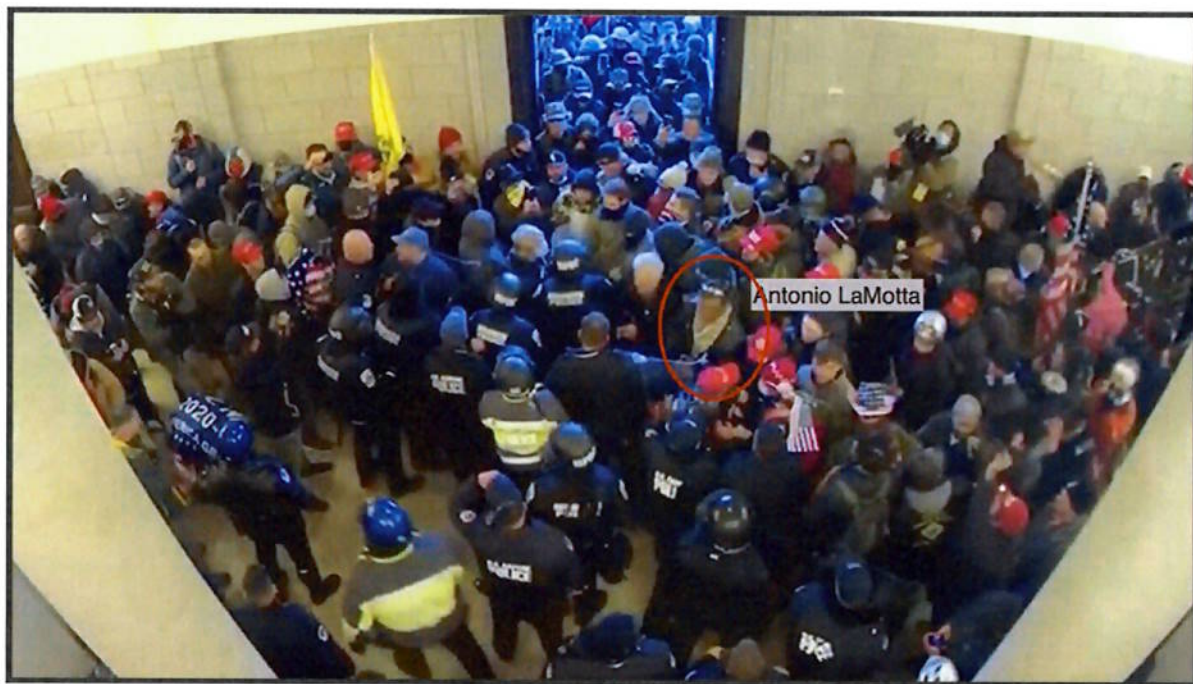
⁸ See e.g., <https://www.phillyvoice.com/joshua-macias-veterans-for-trump-larry-krasner-jan-6-insurrection-proud-boys/>; <https://www.phillyvoice.com/qanon-threat-philadelphia-vote-count-pennsylvania-convention-center-arrest/>.

⁹ See <https://www.adl.org/resources/blog/philadelphia-police-stop-potential-election-related-attack-qanon-adherent>.

¹⁰ Riley and Baez have been arrested and charged for unlawful acts at the U.S. Capitol. See Baez statement of facts at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1401761/download>; Riley statement of facts at <https://www.justice.gov/opa/page/file/1357041/download>.



Antonio LaMotta (left), Josh Macias (right)
East terrace of U.S. Capitol - January 6, 2021¹¹



Antonio LaMotta - East Foyer leading to the Capitol Rotunda
January 6, 2021¹²

¹¹ See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feGZxIOJ1U4&ab_channel=LifeWithLemnz.

¹² See <https://twitter.com/capitolhunters/status/1498467755481202693>.

A.
LINKS TO “FREEDOM ANGELS” FOUNDERS

Just prior to the Capitol attack, Macias and LaMotta participated at a “Freedom Rally” one block north of the U.S. Capitol, where Proud Boys acted as security.



Antonio LaMotta (left), Josh Macias (right)
Freedom Rally - Washington, DC - January 6, 2021¹³

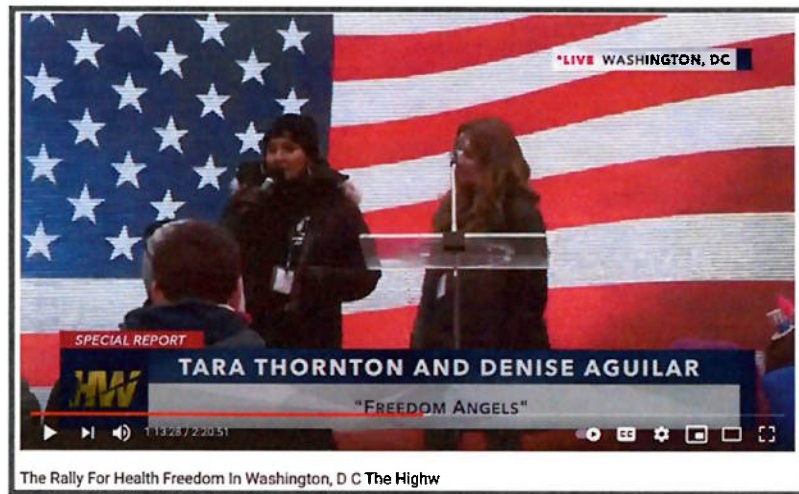


Proud Boys George Asher Meza (#RabbiPB, left) & Alexander John Bouzakis (#TheGreekPB, center); Josh Macias (right)¹⁴

¹³ See <https://twitter.com/CMominator/status/1455790065708318722/photo/1>.

¹⁴ See <https://twitter.com/neondistracton/status/1420668359381762048>; see also <https://twitter.com/capitolhunters/status/1504557989356781568>.

Also speaking at the rally were Denise Aguilar and Tara Thornton, co-founders of the local group “Freedom Angels.”¹⁵



Denise Aguilar (left), Tara Thornton (right)
Freedom Rally - Washington, DC - January 6, 2021

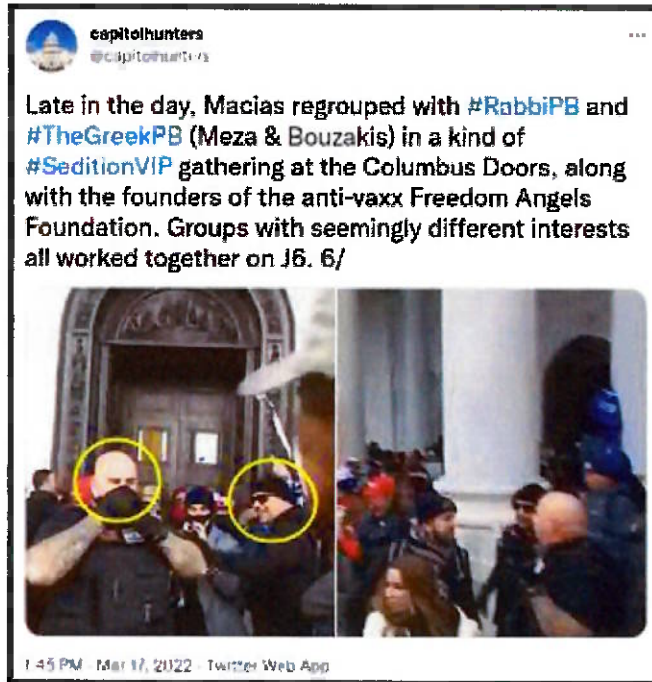
Following their participation at the Freedom Rally, Macias, LaMotta, Aguilar, Thornton, Proud Boys Meza and Bouzakis, and others unlawfully entered the restricted Capitol grounds and congregated on the east side of the Capitol.



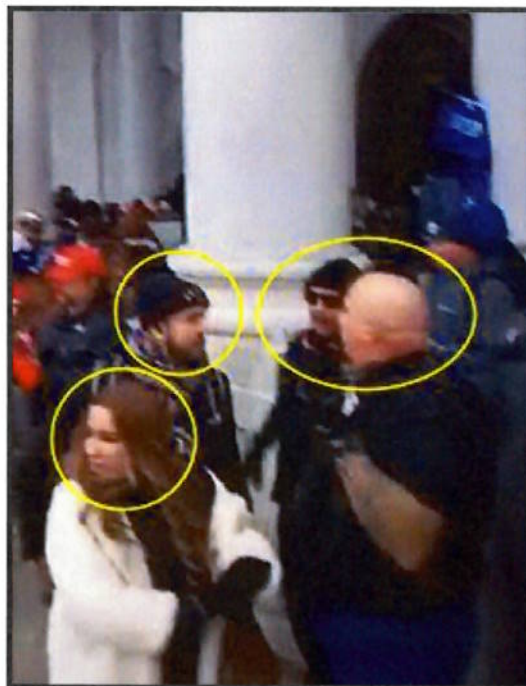
Proud Boy Asher Meza (#RabbiPB)
East Capitol main entrance steps - January 6, 2021¹⁶

¹⁵ See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URGEGrz2Y6U&ab_channel=JohnSmith; time 1:12:45-1:24:00.

¹⁶ See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aV75sAd1kA&ab_channel=AuthenticMediaProductions.



Proud Boys Bouzakis (left), Meza (right)
East Terrace – U.S. Capitol – January 6, 2021¹⁷



Tara Thornton (left), Josh Macias (center), Proud Boys Meza & Bouzakis (right)
East Terrace – U.S. Capitol – January 6, 2021¹⁸

¹⁷ See <https://twitter.com/capitolhunters/status/1504559535117189128>.

¹⁸ See <https://twitter.com/capitolhunters/status/1504559535117189128/photo/2>.

Multiple videos showed the interactions of Macias and local extremists with ties to former commissioners Chris Cockrell and Keeley Link.¹⁹

In one example, a live feed of the east Capitol showed Tara Thornton, Denise Aguilar, and Aguilar’s husband Primo Mendez ascend the main stairs to the east terrace, where they interacted with Macias and others.²⁰

Mendez was wearing a hooded sweatshirt with the name and logo of the group “Freedom Angels,” which was co-founded by Aguilar and Thornton.



Proud Boy Alexander Bouzakis, Macias, Others (upper right)
Primo Mendez (lower left), Denise Aguilar (lower center), Tara Thornton (lower right)
East Capitol main steps – January 6, 2021

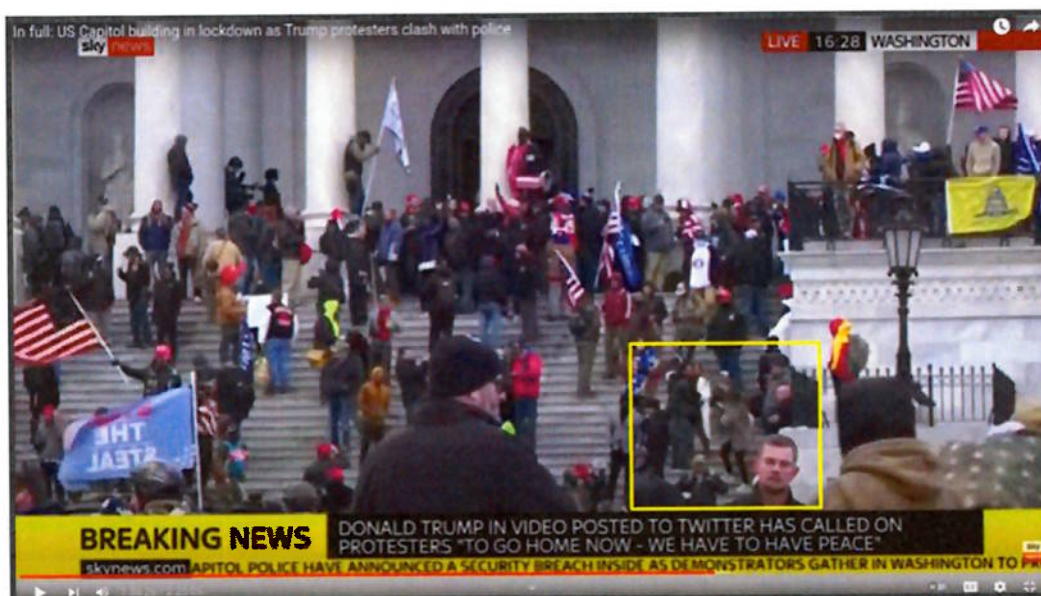
¹⁹ Keeley Link resigned in February, 2022 in order to move to Oklahoma. Chris Cockrell resigned on June 13, 2022, one day before the Board of Supervisors were to vote on a recommendation to rescind his appointment.

²⁰ See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-TgVS-baIQ&t=4552s&ab_channel=SkyNews, starting at time 1:26:36.



LaMotta (lower left), Bouzakis (lower right)
 Macias (upper right) – Thornton, Aguilar, Mendez (upper right oval)
 East Capitol main steps – January 6, 2021²¹

After Macias, Thornton, Aguilar and Mendez descended the stairs they were followed by Jorge Riley of Sacramento and Stephanie Baez of California (see footnote 10), who took photos with Thornton while Proud Boy Alexander Bouzakis observed. As they interacted on the steps, local Proud Boy Ricky Willden exited the crowd from their vicinity.²²



²¹ *Id.*, time 1:27:16.

²² *Id.*, time 1:38:26. Willden pled guilty to assaulting officers, cooperated with ongoing investigations, and is due to be sentenced on August 5, 2022. See plea agreement at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1492861/download>.

Thornton was later filmed exchanging information from her phone with Macias and LaMotta.²³



Proud Boy Alexander Bouzakis (Upper right)
LaMotta (lower left), Macias (lower center), Thornton (lower right)
U.S. Capitol East Plaza - January 6, 2021

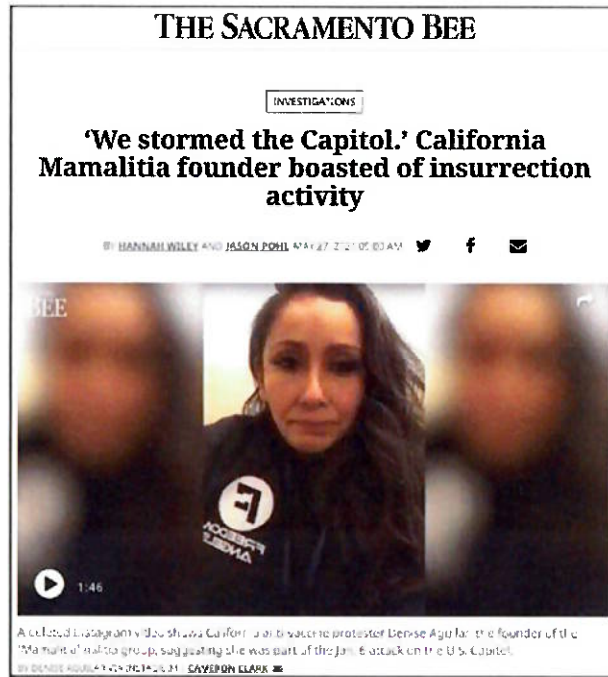
LOCAL LINKS

Proud Boy Ricky Willden of Oakhurst, CA was later photographed leaving the area with Primo Mendez.



²³ See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34gwzOIF1kA&ab_channel=GHVideography-Photography-GraphicDesign, time 3:25.

Aguilar admitted “we stormed the Capitol,” as reported by the Sacramento Bee on May 27, 2021.²⁴



Denise Aguilar – Admission of “insurrection activity”
May 27, 2021

Aguilar’s comments included,

“... the revolution’s here guys. I mean, what we witnessed today was absolutely life changing. We had our event today, and we were speaking on the Health Freedom stage. Right when we finished, **we walked over to the Capitol, because we heard that there were people who were storming the Capitol. ... We stormed the Capitol, and patriots broke open the doors.** They took back ... we’re taking back our states. Really, this is what it is. This is a revolution, and we’ve been talking about this for a very long time, and it’s here. **We went into the Capitol. ... We are front line. Freedom Angels are front line patriots. We will storm our capitols if needed.** And we need more front line leaders.” (emphasis added.)

²⁴ See “ ‘We stormed the Capitol.’ California Mamalitia founder boasted of insurrection activity” at <https://amp.sacbee.com/news/investigations/article251672893.html>.

Aguilar and Mendez were filmed entering the U.S. Capitol through the north entrance of the Senate Wing at approximately 3:10 p.m. The group “Sedition Hunters” has identified Aguilar as “#Insider1791” and Mendez as “#Insider2291.”²⁵



Mendez (arrow), Aguilar (circled)



Mendez (circled)

Immediately behind Aguilar and Mendez was Proud Boy James Haffner (#ZZTopPB).²⁶ Haffner did not enter the Capitol then because all those who entered at that time were immediately repulsed by officers.



Proud Boy James Haffner (#ZZTopPB)

²⁵ See “Battle over Northeast entrance to U.S. Capitol on January 6 - PREVIOUSLY UNRELEASED 4k FOOTAGE” at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TshRdxXi9c&ab_channel=News2Share.

²⁶ Haffner joined Willden and Proud Boy Ronald Loehrke (#MaroonPB) in assaulting officers at the Columbus Doors, breaching those doors, and entering the Capitol. See statement of facts at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1459171/download>.

The extremist ties between former commissioner Keeley Link, Denise Aguilar, and the Freedom Angels were documented and submitted to the Board of Supervisors long ago; e.g., “Commissioner Keeley Link - Personal Links to Divisive & Dangerous Groups,” dated May 2, 2021.

INTRODUCTION:

Keeley Link was nominated by Supervisor George Turnboo for the Commission on Aging, and was appointed by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors on April 20, 2021 on its consent calendar by a 4-1 vote. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Link was an active protestor of vaccination and COVID-19 mitigation measures, in person and online as the moderator of the El Dorado County Freedom Fighters Facebook group, and as the El Dorado County representative for the group “Freedom Angels.” Ms. Link also supported and promoted the group “Mamalitia,” founded by a co-founder of the Freedom Angels, Ms. Denise Aguilar, aka Denise Mendez.

After her appointment it was discovered that Ms. Link has personal links to the “President” of the Hangtown Proud Boys, which she has not disclosed. She is the third nominee of Supervisor Turnboo since January, 2021 with direct links to the Hangtown Proud Boys. One other nominee was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to the Veteran Affairs Commission in February, 2021. He also did not disclose a personal to the Proud Boys, nor acknowledged that link since it became public information.

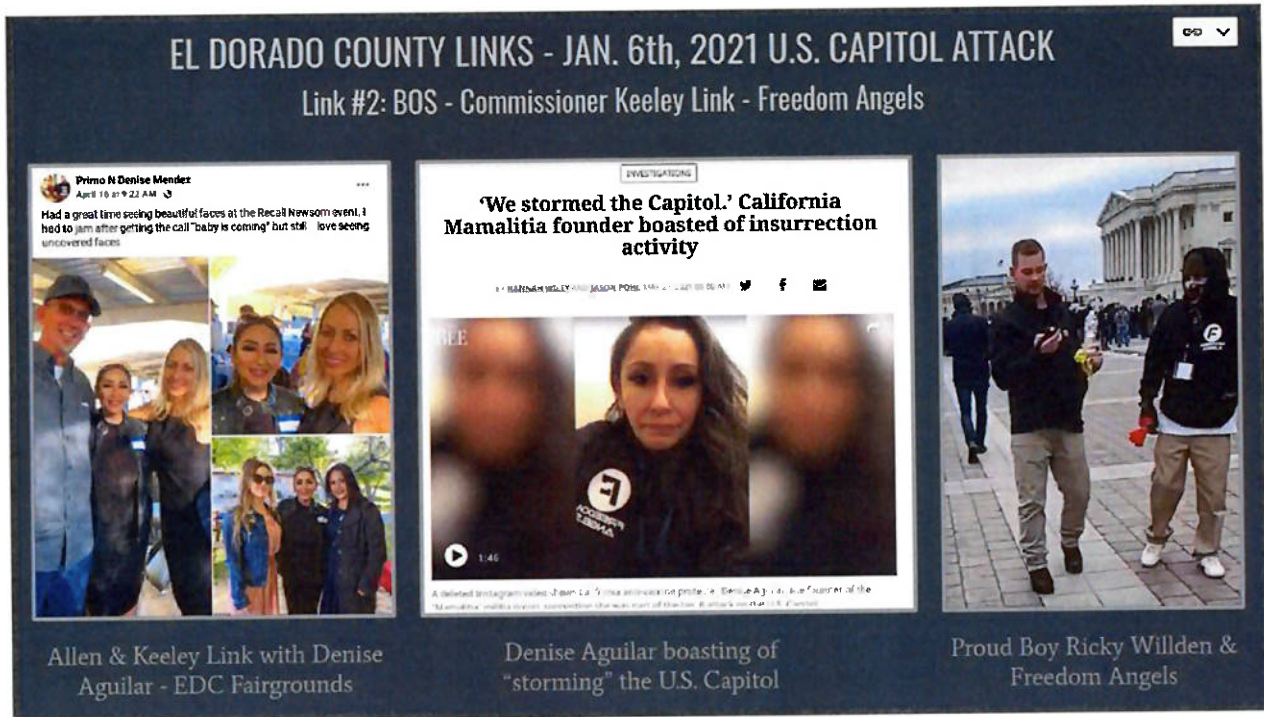
This document summarizes Ms. Link’s connections to the groups El Dorado County Freedom Fighters, Hangtown Proud Boys, and Mamalitia, as of May 2, 2021. It also shows her relationship to Ms. Aguilar/Mendez, who supports the Proud Boys organization as a whole.

Introduction - Summary of former commissioner Keeley Link’s ties to Denise Aguilar
May 2, 2021



Keeley Link - Leader of El Dorado County Freedom Angels
September, 2020

Those links to Denise Aguilar and her part in the January 6, 2021 attack of the U.S. Capitol were submitted to the Board of Supervisors more recently by the following image.



Presentation Slide to El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
June, 2022

The extremist ties between former commissioner Chris Cockrell and multiple extremist individuals and groups has been extensively documented since March 15, 2021. They include a direct link to the Proud Boys group that led the attack on the U.S. Capitol, and Cockrell’s recent following of Aguilar’s Instagram account.²⁷

Current commissioner Linda Grimoldi has links to local Proud Boys from Yolo, Placer, and El Dorado counties, and other undisclosed extremist links, as has been documented to the Board of Supervisors.

²⁷ See e.g., “Local Steps to a National Insurrection: Proud Boys plea deals link local extremists to the Jan. 6, 2021 Insurrection,” dated April 25, 2022.

CONCLUSION

Since February, 2021, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors has appointed three commissioners with ties to two extremist groups charged with seditious conspiracy against the United States. Those ties encompass individuals connected to the highest levels of the Proud Boys and Oathkeepers groups.

Those groups attacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021 “to oppose the lawful transfer of presidential power by force, by opposing the authority of the Government of the United States and by preventing, hindering, or delaying by force the execution of the laws governing the transfer of power, including the Twelfth Amendment to the [U.S.] Constitution and Title 3, Section 15 of the United States Code.

Before assuming their elected office, El Dorado County Supervisors take a solemn oath “to support and defend the Constitution of the United States ... against all enemies, foreign and domestic.” They swear to “bear true faith and allegiance” to that Constitution, and to take that “obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.” They conclude their oath by affirming they “will well and faithfully discharge the duties” they are about to enter.

On January 5, 2021, former commissioner Cockrell’s nomination was continued after significant public opposition to his appearance with local Proud Boys one month before. Cockrell’s nomination was approved on February 9, 2021, followed by former commissioner Keeley Link, and Link’s replacement Linda Grimoldi.

To date, no supervisor has objected to the ties connecting El Dorado County to the extremists who seditiously violated the Twelfth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Supervisors privately mocked the public’s opposition, publicly apologized to one nominee for public opposition to her extremist ties, and remained silent while the public was harassed by those commissioners and their extremist supporters.

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors has not fulfilled their oaths to defend the U.S. Constitution or to discharge their duties “well and faithfully,” according to the obligation they swore to as a condition of office. They have demonstrated allegiance to individuals with extremist ties to a seditious conspiracy, rather than the United States Constitution.