

Board agenda item #60 Interim Sheriff
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Hi Suzanne.

I will be making a presentation to the board at tomorrow's meeting (December 10) It is item number 60. I have sent this same email to all of the Supervisors, and I would like you to have this copy for your processing as well.

Thank you so much for your assistance.
Kevin House

Chairman Ron Briggs
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Honorable Board Members,

El Dorado County's interim Sheriff and the department itself is facing some very critical issues such as: budget cuts to comply with countywide tier III reductions, the Deputy Sheriff's Association contract has moved to impasse, and providing a sufficient transition plan for the next elected Sheriff is vital to our success. (The department still needs to cut \$400,000.00 in the 2009-10 fiscal year), There is also a serious need to re-establish a rapport and a working relationship with your board, and the CAO. While the aforementioned is imperative for those of us in county government, we must never lose sight of our responsibility to protect and serve the citizens of our community.

We need an interim Sheriff who is capable of accomplishing these tasks, and will make the difficult decisions needed to balance and make adjustments as necessary.

I am that man.

I have worked for the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office for 27 years. I have worked a multitude of assignments and have risen from within the ranks, beginning as a deputy sheriff in the jail in South Lake Tahoe. I have lived in this county for over 45 years. I grew up here and went to school locally. I have successfully raised my family here and now I am blessed to be able to see my grandchildren grow up here as well. I still live in this community, and I intend to do so long after I retire. All of these positive life experiences have given me intimate knowledge of our county, the community and the inner workings of the Sheriff's Office itself. I believe that families, friends, fellow employees and the community at large will greatly benefit from my appointment as your interim Sheriff.

Finally, two bits of information for your deliberations:

1. I will not be a candidate for Sheriff in the 2010 elections, nor would I endorse any candidate for the position.
2. There is a significant financial benefit to my appointment for your board to consider. My appointment creates a vacant position at the Sheriff's Lieutenant level with a salary and benefits savings of approximately \$190,000.00. As interim Sheriff I would not appoint an Undersheriff, thus creating another vacant position with a salary and benefits savings of \$220,000.00. This amounts to \$410,000.00 in

immediate current fiscal year budget savings.
I am happy to answer any questions your board might have of me.
Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Respectfully,
Kevin House
Lieutenant, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office