

Public Comment # 27
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To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Public Comment for Item #27 on Feb 14th Agenda

Please include this as public comment for Item #27.

Thank you.

Members of the Board,

You are being asked to authorize the Board Chair to sign a CERF Collective Partnership Agreement Letter with Valley Vision. The first sentence of this letter states "The County of El Dorado is pleased to inform you that we are in agreement with the goals of the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) proposal developed collaboratively and led by Valley Vision, who would act as both the Fiscal Agent and Regional Convener."

I would like to explore the "Goals" of the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) to see if this county really agrees with them.

First, CERF believed in "Social Equity". Social Equity is based on an equality of OUTCOME, not opportunity. According to Urban Strategies, Inc "Rather than simply not discriminating (which is the basic promise of equality), EQUITY recognizes structural oppression and is accommodating based on peoples' lived experiences". In other words, we MUST discriminate against one group to end discrimination of another. THIS IS NOT A VALUE THAT EL DORADO COUNTY HOLDS.

Second, CERF believes in "Environmental Justice". According to GreenAction "Environmental Justice is the movement's response to Environmental Racism." The whole concept of Environmental Justice and Environmental Racism is outrageous and ridiculous. THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEFINITION CANNOT BE RACIST! Yet Valley Vision proudly supports this insane agenda and clearly states that it is one of their guiding principles. THIS IS NOT A VALUE THAT EL DORADO COUNTY HOLDS.

El Dorado County is not the Bay Area, it's a majority conservative rural county. STOP THIS MADNESS. Do not sign on to this outrageous agenda for the sake of getting a grant. I find it reprehensible that this Board would even consider selling out the values of the majority of the county just to get a couple of scraps from the table of Big Government.

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