

M. Lane BUS 11/8/2022 Items

Melody Lane, Founder – Compass2Truth

11/8/22 Closed session #33, 34 & 36 – Bly-Chester lawsuit

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RE: Termination of Membership and Prohibition on Participation at Association Meetings and Events

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Kim Dawson

From: melody.lane@reagan.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 1:01 PM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board; Kim Dawson; Lori Parlin; George Turnboo; Wendy Thomas; John Hidahl; Sue Novasel
Cc: David A Livingston; Donald Ashton; Vern Pierson; Todd White; Richard Esposito; Noel Stack; Krysten Kellum; Eric Jaramishian; BOS-District V; BOS-District IV; BOS-District I; BOS-District III; BOS-District II; Andy Nevis; Daniel Harkin; John Clerici; Jon X. Vegna; Kris X. Payne
Subject: 11/8/22 BOS Public Comments Closed Session Items #33, 34, and 36
Attachments: TPA ML v1-9-27-22.pdf; TPA ML Membership Termination.pdf

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence, including attachments, is entered into the public record for each of the 11/8/22 BOS Closed Session Items #33, 34, and 36 when the EDC Youth Commission were present for the annual Shadow Day. My transcript appears below with addendum comments. These remarks go hand-in-hand with my public comments made during Item #28 – Youth Commission Annual Shadow Day.

It should also be noted that Lori Parlin interrupted and discriminately attempted to censor my closing comments while the students were still present in the room. However she joked around and continued to dialog with other speakers who had already left the podium.

- 33. [22-2051](#) **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation** pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Title: Cheryl Bly-Chester v. El Dorado County Board of Supervisors; David Livingston, an individual; and Does 1-25, inclusive. El Dorado County Superior Court Case Number 22CV1334. (Est. Time: 15 Min.)
- 34. [22-2040](#) **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiator:** County Negotiator: Chief Administrative Officer; Unrepresented Employee: County Counsel (Est. Time: 10 Min.)
- 35. [22-2059](#) **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957- Public Employee Performance Evaluation.** Title: Air Pollution Control Officer. (Est. Time: 15 Min.)
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Addendum:

It should be noted that directors of the Taxpayers Association are comprised of public employees **Andy Nevis, Kris Payne**, George Turnboo’s admin **Todd White** who is on paid administrative leave, **Tax Assessor Karl Weiland**, and several other BOS appointed representatives to boards, commissions, and committees who have all colluded to deprive me of the blessings of freedom. You should be aware that Conspiracy Against Rights and Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law are **federal crimes**.

Madam Clerk: Please enter these documents into the public record under their respective agenda items.

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Brown Act Preamble: “The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. **The people do not yield their sovereignty to the bodies that serve them. The people insist on remaining informed to retain control over the legislative bodies they have created.**”



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