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**To:** Kim Dawson; BOS-Clerk of the Board; Wendy Thomas  
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**Subject:** 7/23/24 BOS Open Forum -- Public Comments BOS/TPA fraud & accountability  
**Attachments:** Payne TPA Affidavit.pdf

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Please ensure the entirety of my below public comments, including the attached affidavit addressed to Kris Payne, are entered into the 7/23/24 Open Forum.

For the record, the fallacious comments made today by Carol Louis on behalf of the Taxpayers Association were made for the sole purpose assassinating my character in retaliation for whistleblowing. As usual, there was not a grain of truth in anything she said. Under the guise of anonymity, Carol vividly demonstrated the nefarious plan of Lee Tannenbaum, Kris Payne, Andy Nevis, and other directors of the Association who participated in the secret TPA tribunal held on 7/1/24. (Refer to the facts in the attached affidavit.)

Note that it was Carol Louis who violently assaulted me on June 24<sup>th</sup> necessitating that charges be filed against her.

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Nowhere in the First Amendment does it permit the government to limit speech in order to avoid causing offense, safeguarding government secrets, or protecting government officials. When we first met with Sheriff D'Agostini in 2011, he said, "*You need a new board of supervisors. All of them. Hold their feet to the fire. Mine too; I work for you.*" Wendy Thomas, now I'm holding your feet to the fire.

Last week I submitted into the public record an affidavit addressed to George Turnboo's former Planning Commissioner, Kris Payne. When I finished speaking, I asked if you had any comments, to please make them while I was at the podium. Hearing none, I returned to my seat. Afterwards you again abused the public trust by falsely proclaiming that the county is not affiliated with the Taxpayers Association.

Mandatory ethics training should have taught you that the **Brown Act Rights of the Public** states: "*Care must be given to avoid violating the speech rights of speakers by suppressing opinions relevant to the business of the body...These decisions found that prohibiting critical comments was a form of viewpoint discrimination and that such a prohibition promoted discussion artificially geared toward praising (and maintaining) the status quo, thereby foreclosing meaningful public dialog.*"

I will not remain docile and quiet about corruption, nor will you have the last word in this matter. The Taxpayers Association most certainly is relevant to the business of the body. The public has the right to know that many of Mr. Payne's unlawful actions against me occurred while he was still a Planning Commissioner. Several TPA members are government officials or BOS appointees to various boards,

commissions, and committees. For example, Planning Commissioners **Andy Nevis, Lexie Boeger, and Bob Williams**. **Steve Ferry** is a director for the EDH CSD. Supervisor **Lori Parlin** is a member who regularly attends TPA meetings which she reports to the BOS. All have taken oaths requiring they abide by the Supreme Law and superseding authority of the national Constitution.

Clearly these government agents have something to hide by conspiring to conduct TPA business like a secret society and under the color of law. For example, after the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting when John McGinnis was the guest speaker, it was revealed that Kris Payne colluded with Lee Tannenbaum, Carol Louis, and other directors in yet another secret tribunal for the purpose of my character assassination. **Lee projected onto the overhead screen his nefarious plan to censor and destroy me, and the plot was implemented with the full knowledge and cooperation of the BOS, County Counsel, and the Mtn. Democrat.** Your conspiracy against my rights severely impaired the public trust, thus revealing your lust for power over the citizens whom you profess to serve.

*Melody Lane*

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All tyrannies rule through fraud and force, but once the fraud is exposed they must rely exclusively on force. ~ George Orwell ~

## AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION OF TRUTH

Kris Payne  
President, Taxpayers Association of EDC  
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I, Melody Lane, domiciled in Coloma, California, a living, breathing, flesh and blood woman on the land, one of We the People, not a "U.S. citizen", not a "municipal citizen", not a "person", not a "corporation", not a "vessel", an American Citizen, with and claiming all of my inherent, unalienable Constitutionally-secured rights, with my name properly spelled only in upper and lower case letters, the undersigned, make this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth of my own free will, and I hereby affirm, declare and swear, under my oath and under the pains and penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and of this state, that I am of legal age and of sound mind and hereby attest that the statements, averments and information contained in this Affidavit/Declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

This Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is lawful notification to you, pursuant to due process of law, and requires your written rebuttal to me, in kind, specific to each and every point of the subject matter stated herein, within fourteen (14) days, via your own sworn and notarized affidavit, providing true fact(s), valid law and evidence to support, with particularity, your rebuttal of any aspect of the specific subject matter stated in this Affidavit/Declaration.

On February 16, 2024, I emailed you, and later hand-delivered to you in the presence of a room full of witnesses, a letter addressed to Treasurer Jim Alderink with exhibits concerning my paid 2023 and 2024 membership dues, and your collusion with Todd White to commit the December 11, 2023, TPA election fraud. The package of evidence was also emailed to TPA officers, directors, and members, including the Board of Supervisors. Despite repeated attempts to publicly address the fraudulent conduct of the Association, you censored me, and on numerous occasions falsely accused me of disrupting meetings. **(Attached Exhibit A)**

On February 26, 2024, Supervisor Brooke Laine was the Taxpayers Association guest speaker. During the latter portion of the recorded meeting Carol Louis falsely stated that the private meeting of Directors held at Ponderosa High School two years ago was due to Covid. In actuality, the private meeting attended by you, Carol Louis, Todd White, and other directors of the Association, was an illicit tribunal spearheaded by Planning Commissioner/TPA President Andy Nevis for the purpose of my character assassination and removal from the Association in retaliation for whistleblowing. During the same February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting Leo Cauchon objected to closed meetings as it is against the Bylaws. He also quoted parliamentary procedures, but you and Carol Louis censored him. Carol remarked that she

spoke with Denny's management about locking the doors for a closed meeting and you agreed to consider it. When Leo called a point of order about you conducting a closed meeting on March 11th, you censored him and abruptly adjourned the meeting. Consequently, during the February 27, 2024, BOS meeting I exercised my right for the BOS to investigate my formal complaints and remove EDC Planning Commissioners Kris Payne and Andy Nevis for violating their oaths of office and other public policies. **(Attached Exhibit B)**

On March 10, 2024, I emailed you, and later hand-delivered to you in the presence of a room full of witnesses, a letter with attached exhibits concerning your role in December 2023 Taxpayers Association election fraud and violations of the Bylaws. That package was also emailed to officers, directors, members and the Board of Supervisors. It is information the public has a right to know. **(Attached Exhibit C)**

On June 11, 2024, I replied to your libelous email regarding your June 9, 2024, libelous "TPA administrative record" pertaining to the fallacious letters of reprimand sent by Planning Commissioner and former TPA President Andy Nevis. My reply was also emailed to TPA officers, the BOS, David Livingston, and the Mtn. Democrat staff. Attached to my response is correspondence previously addressed to you on June 8, 2024, in addition to an un rebutted affidavit addressed to Mr. Nevis, informing you that the TPA had no legal standing, whereas my factual notarized affidavits stand as truth before any court in America. **(Attached Exhibit D)**

It is the moral and civic duty of citizens to expose the works of darkness to the light of truth. You had requested that Tax Assessor Jon Deville attend the June 16, 2024, TPA meeting which was for the purpose of ousting Vice President Gay Willyard as a director of the TPA. On June 17, 2024, you received email correspondence from me concerning your illicit conduct during the June 16<sup>th</sup> Taxpayers Association meeting and your false accusation that I created a "disruption" when I attempted to hand you and Andy Nevis documentation proving your collusion to fraudulently deprive me membership and the blessings of freedom. Witnesses can attest to the fact that you created the disruption, not I, and then you abruptly adjourned the meeting. **(Attached Exhibit E)**

On June 25, 2024, you received correspondence concerning the assault by Carol Louis on June 24<sup>th</sup> when Carol charged me like a raging bull and nearly knocked me down necessitating the Manager of Denny's call the Placerville Police. The Board of Supervisors and County Counsel David Livingston received the same correspondence containing photos. Statements of witnesses taken by PPD confirmed your collusion with Carol Louis, Lee Tannenbaum, and other directors of the Association to prevent me and a guest, invited by Carol, from entering a public meeting, held in a public restaurant, and attended by public officials. However, you made no effort whatsoever to respond to my correspondence or to rectify the situation concerning locking the door and conducting another illicit closed meeting which contradicts the Bylaws, objectives, and policies of the Association. **(Attached Exhibit F)**



You are hereby noticed that your failure to respond, as stipulated, and rebut, with particularity and specificity, anything with which you disagree in this Affidavit/Declaration, is your lawful, legal and binding agreement with and admission to the fact that everything attested to in this Affidavit/Declaration is true, correct, legal, lawful, and fully binding upon you in any court in America, without your protest or objection, or that of those who represent you. Your silence is your acquiescence. *"Silence can only be equated with fraud where there is a legal or moral duty to speak or where an inquiry left unanswered would be intentionally misleading."*, U.S. v. Tweel, 550 F. 2d. 297.

### **CLAIMS AND AVERMENTS:**

The Supreme Law and superseding authority in this nation is the national Constitution, as declared in its Article VI. In Article IV, Section 4 of the same Constitution, every state is guaranteed a republican form of government. ALL "laws", rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, and policies which conflict with, contradict, oppose, or otherwise violate the national and state Constitutions are null and void, ab initio. (Refer to *Marbury v. Madison*: *"The Constitution of these United States is the supreme law of the land. Any law that is repugnant to the Constitution is null and void of law."*) The Constitution is one of the founding documents of this nation and enshrines its underlying religious and personal freedoms based on the 20 centuries of Christian thought and the principles of Biblical Natural Law. You have no constitutional or any other valid authority to defy the Constitution, to which you owe your LIMITED authority, delegated to you by and through the People, and to which you swore your oaths. Some of the things to which you admit, by your failure to rebut, include but are not limited to the following:

- 1.) The public has a right to know how the TPA conducts its business. My audio recording proves there was **no quorum** for the chaotic December 11, 2023, Taxpayers meeting. Mark Pappas submitted his letter of resignation as Treasurer *"due to various irregularities in the operation of the association."* Despite numerous objections by directors about how the entire meeting was conducted outside of the law, and valid concerns about your collusion with Todd White in the apparent **ballot vote fraud**, you and Gay Willyard illicitly assumed the roles of President and Vice President **without a vote of directors**. At that time, you were the Planning Commissioner, and Gay Willyard was the appointed representative to the EDC Fair Board for District #2 Supervisor George Turnboo.

During the January 8, 2024, TPA meeting you had apparently reinstated Mark Pappas as a director without a vote of directors. Lee Tannenbaum became a director, also without a vote of directors. However, Cheri Raffety never announced Lee's name after the December count of ballots indicating that he was even eligible. A lot of questions remain unanswered about the role that you, Todd White, and Carol Louis played in the fraudulent December ballot count. On February 16, 2024 you and Treasurer Jim Alderink were provided documents regarding the vote fraud and my membership dues, but you purposely avoided honestly and transparently addressing the situation as expected of an officer of the Association. (Exhibit A)

The public is entitled to honest services. When public officers, such as you, take oaths yet are ignorant of the constitutional positions and mandates to which they are bound by those oaths, then fail to abide by those positions and mandates in the performance of their official duties, as you have failed, this suggests that the public officers may have had no intention of ever honoring their oaths, and their signatures upon the oath documents constitute fraud. Fraud vitiates any

action. Any deceptive, obstructive enterprise undertaken by any public official, such as you, that tends to weaken public confidence and undermines the sense of security for individual rights, is against public policy and against the Supreme Law of the land and any other laws which comply with the national Constitution. Fraud, in its elementary common-law sense of **deceit**, is the simplest and clearest definition of that word [483 U.S. 372] in the statute. *See: Morrison v. Coddington*, 662 P.2d. 155, 135 Ariz. 480 (1983) - *Fraud and deceit may arise from silence where there is a duty to speak the truth, as well as from speaking an untruth.* [Emphasis added]

- 2.) You, Kris Payne, ordered the obstruction of delivery and return of my USPS correspondence addressed to the TPA Treasurer. This was not the first time the Association has mishandled correspondence and reneged on their fiduciary to record my membership dues. For example, my 2023 dues were returned to me unopened via certified mail from the home address of Carol Louis. Obstructing, delaying, or otherwise unlawfully interfering with the delivery of mail to the intended recipient is a federal offense with consequences of fines and up to six months of jail time. *See 18 U.S. Code § 1701 - Obstruction of mails generally, 18 U.S. Code § 1702 - Obstruction of correspondence.*



Per the Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order, the President must address my grievances against the Association. Furthermore, your deceit, obstructionism, censorship, and overall failure to provide honest services are inconsistent with the goals, objectives, and Bylaws of the Association. Treasurers Mark Pappas and Jim Alderink accepted my 2023 and 2024 dues checks, including my June 3, 2024, **cash** dues payment made in the presence of a roomful of witnesses. Therefore, despite your fraudulent claims against me, I AM INDEED A PAID MEMBER OF THE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION. Meanwhile, you have consistently slandered, libeled, discriminated against me, and deprived me of the benefits of membership and the blessings of liberty. (See Exhibit A)

Fraud is a crime, and when fraud is committed by public officers, pursuant to their oaths, then that is a Constitutional crime. The First Amendment guarantees the Right of free speech and the Right to petition government for redress of grievances, which the oath taker, pursuant to his oath is mandated to uphold. You failed this requirement by failing to respond in kind to and/or rebut my lawful notices to you; thus, you violated two provisions of the First Amendment, my constitutionally guaranteed rights secured therein, the Public Trust, and perjured your oaths of office. By abusing your position and limited authority, you deprived me of the blessings of liberty, specifically my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights. *See United States v. Dial*, 757 R2d 163, 168 (7<sup>th</sup>

*Cir 1985) includes the deliberate concealment of material information in a setting of fiduciary obligation. See also USC Title 18, § 2071 – Concealment, removal, or mutilation generally.*

- 3.) The Taxpayers Association website claims to be a “voice” for El Dorado County Taxpayers, but you have consistently censored my voice and treated me as a second-class citizen. During the June 3, 2024, Taxpayers meeting you acknowledged receiving and reading my correspondence, yet you have persisted in your unethical conduct as though you are above the law. In so doing you egregiously harmed me, specifically by depriving me of 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights and due process of law:

**Kris:** I’ve read everything you’ve written about me.

Melody: It is factual.

**Kris:** I’ve read everything.

Melody: I’ve filed a formal complaint against you, Todd White, and Andy Nevis.

**Kris:** Yes.

Melody: And it’s all based on facts.

**Kris:** I know that, Melody, I do know this.

Melody: You are not following the law. You are violating local, state, and federal laws.

**Kris:** Ok. Yeah. Look, I read everything you write.

Melody: Ok. The thing is my audio recorder does not lie. And those transcripts are a matter of public record proving that you have violated the law.

**Kris:** OK. Look, let me ask you about the transcripts. The transcripts, the things that you wrote up and then transcribed and gave to everybody to sign.

Melody: To sign?

**Kris:** The things you gave to the CAO, the BOS, to me, to Andy, all of us. What was that all about?

Melody: What are you talking about? The affidavits?

**Kris:** The affidavits.

Melody: The affidavits were addressed to you. You had 14 days to respond with your own written affidavit based upon truth, facts, valid evidence, and law which is impossible for you to do.

- 4.) No individual, organization, or public servant has authority to deprive another Citizen of the blessings of liberty. You were a participant in the illicit tribunal spearheaded by Andy Nevis on January 9, 2021, at Ponderosa High School pertaining to the November 5, 2020, incident during the Taxpayers Association meeting regarding Sheriff D’Agostini and his former staff member, Stacy Walls. At that time, you shouted that I was “being disruptive”, when in fact, it was you, Ms. Walls, and her daughter who created the disruption after I lawfully, and silently, served the Sheriff with three notifications in the form of Affidavits of Truth relevant to EDSO misconduct. The letters of reprimand written by Andy Nevis that you referred to in **Exhibit D** are based upon fraud, therefore they are without legal standing, whereas my un rebutted affidavits stand as truth before any court in America. You even had the audacity to demand I apologize for the exercise



of my moral and civic duty to hold your feet to the fire when I have done nothing wrong, nor have I been disruptive as you have falsely accused.

Acting as judge, jury, and executioner, you colluded with **Lee Tannenbaum** and **Carol Louis** to accommodate their request for another illicit tribunal held on July 1, 2024, after guest speaker, former Sheriff John McGinnis, addressed the Taxpayers Association. It is my understanding that you colluded with Lee Tannenbaum to arrange the illicit tribunal for the specific purpose of my character assassination. I have a right to know who my accusers are. Secretary Andy Nevis is required to maintain the minutes of all meetings, including names of participants, and make them available for public inspection. The Bylaws state the following pertaining to his role as Secretary of the Association:

- Section I.A(1) -The organization shall be governed by the Articles of the Incorporation, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, Standing Rules, Special Rules, and Resolutions. It **shall adhere to and comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, codes, regulations and ordinances.**
- Section I.A (4) – The organization shall strive to operate in a manner consistent with non-profit best practices and **shall maintain all records required to be made available for public inspection.** [Emphasis added]

Whenever a rogue individual, such as you, disregards the rule of law whenever, wherever, and however it chooses and operates above the law, that is exactly what gives rise to a government of wolves who abuse their power at the expense of the citizenry, in this case me. Your reckless disregard for the law, overt malice and discrimination against me, an *evangelical senior citizen*, only serves to maintain the corrupt status quo. The Constitution does not restrict, or limit rights guaranteed in the Constitution. By your own words and actions, and in some cases inaction, you have obstructed my rightful efforts in pursuit of redress of grievances pertaining to the Association's illicit actions against me. Furthermore, you have failed to address, respond to and give due consideration to correspondence and factual information conveyed to you by me, therefore your unconstitutional actions harmed me by obstructing, limiting and denying me the ability to exercise my rights of due process secured in the Bill of Rights and elsewhere in the national and state Constitutions.

It is evident that you, along with other directors and officers of the Association, conspired to libel, slander, harass, threaten a restraining order, and deprive me of my inherent, God-given liberties. Thus, you violated due process of law and are personally responsible and liable for your actions because you have stepped outside the lawful scope of your limited duties and authority. *See USC 18 § 241 and USC 18 § 242, respectively, Conspiracy Against Rights, and Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law.*

- 5.) Until recently, you were the appointed District #2 Planning Commissioner for Supervisor George Turnboo. However, your removal as a Planning Commissioner does not absolve you of the liability for the harm you have caused me by your retaliatory, discriminatory, and malicious actions. Furthermore, your unethical abuse of the Taxpayers Association for your own personal agenda is against all public policy.



One example concerned the April 17, 2023, Taxpayers Association meeting when you disruptively shouted, "You're no longer a member!" When I calmly and firmly confronted you after the meeting adjourned, it triggered another one of your crazy, libelous rants, "Don't point at me! Don't point at me! Don't point at me! You shouldn't be attacking me. I can't believe it. I've never seen anybody like her that treats us so disrespectfully. You are terrible to us! I've worked my ass off for you. You have not worked with me even when I've supported you. Oh my god! I'm older than you. I can't take this! This is terrible! You're horrible! I'm a senior and I'm still working for the county. You're not working for the county. You won't work for the county. Why do you treat us so bad? Why don't you do something for the county? It's so bad the way you treat us. You don't respect us. You are terrible. You're mad because I wouldn't let you talk at the Planning Commission meeting, but you wanted to go early and wouldn't wait till the end." Meanwhile, your fellow Planning Commissioner, Andy Nevis, recorded your verbal attack with his cell phone.

Pursuant to the constitutional mandates imposed upon them, by and through their oaths, there is no discretion on the part of public officers and their agents, including you, to oppose the Constitutions and their oaths thereto, nor to be selective about which, if any, mandates and protections in the Constitutions they support. The mandates and protections set forth in the Constitutions are all-encompassing, all-inclusive and fully binding upon those executing the duties of any public office, at any level, without exception, as they are upon you and the directors of the Taxpayers Association.

By not responding and/or not addressing my grievances pertaining to your fraudulent claims about my membership status, you have denied me remedy, thus, I've been denied constitutional due process of law, as stated within the Bill of Rights. There is no legitimate argument to support the claim that oath takers, such as you, are not required to respond to correspondence or other public inquiries, which, in this case, act as petitions for redress of grievances, stating complaints, charges and claims made against them by Citizens injured by their actions. All American Citizens, can expect, and have the civic right and duty to demand, that government officers and their agents, uphold their oaths to the Constitution(s) and abide by all Constitutionally imposed mandates of their oaths. This is an un-enumerated Right guaranteed in the Ninth Amendment, which I hereby claim and exercise.

- 6.) No public officer, including you, has the constitutional authority to oppose, deny, defy, violate and disparage the very documents to which he or she swore or affirmed his or her oath:

*"The Oath of Office is a quid pro quo contract in which clerks, officials, or officers of the government pledge to perform (Support and uphold the United States and State Constitutions) in return for substance (wages, perks, benefits). Proponents are subjected to the penalties and remedies for Breach of Contract, conspiracy under Title 28 U.S.C., Title 18 Sections 241, and 242, treason under the Constitution at Article 3, Section 3, and intrinsic fraud..."*

All actions by public employees whether conducted in the performance of their official duties, or in associated activities, such as your role as President of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County, either support and defend the national and state Constitutions, or oppose and violate them. All public employees must demonstrate the highest standards of morality and ethics consistent with the requirements of their positions and consistent with the law. You are expected

to uphold these principles, being **ever conscious that public office is a public trust**. Any enterprise undertaken by any public employee, such as you, which tends to weaken public confidence and undermines the sense of security for individual rights, is against public policy. Fraud, in its elementary common-law sense of **deceit**, is the simplest and clearest definition of that word. By your continued unlawful actions, you have committed fraud on numerous occasions, as herein described.

- 7.) You, Kris Payne, have conspired with Directors of the Taxpayers Association, and other public officials, to censor me and maliciously impugn my good name and reputation solely because I have had the temerity to exercise my rights and civic duty to challenge those who brazenly dare to infringe on my God-given liberties and violate rights guaranteed to the people in the state and national Constitutions.

In so doing, you perjured your oath by violating my Constitutionally guaranteed Rights, particularly those secured in the Bill of Rights, including but not limited to my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Rights. By your unlawful actions, you acted in sedition and insurrection against the Constitutions, both national and state, and in treason against the People, in the instant case, me. *See: USC Title 18, § 241- Conspiracy Against Rights.*

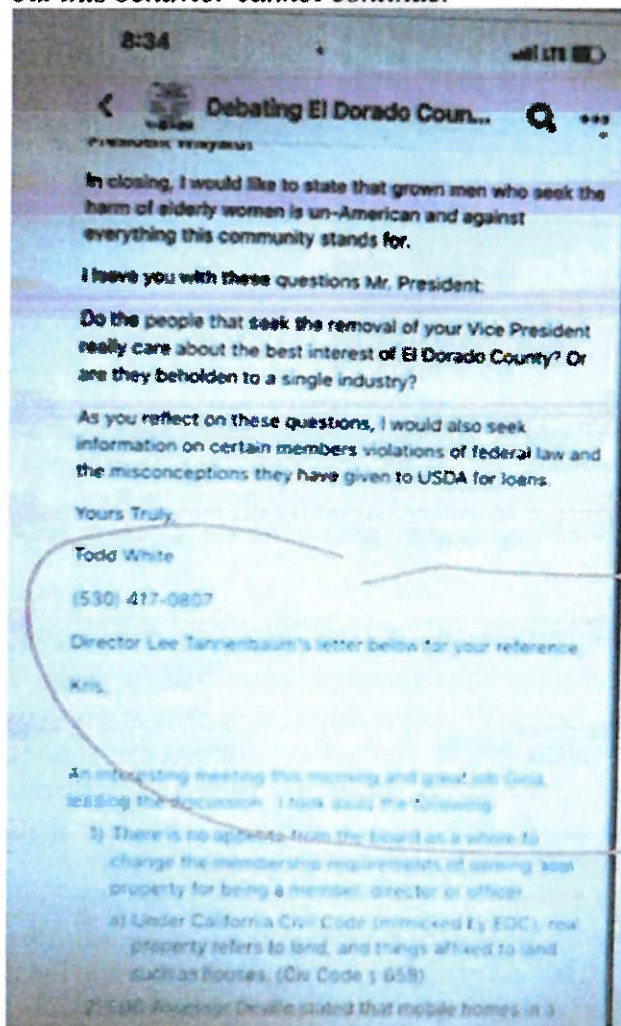
- 8.) My claims, statements and averments also pertain to the actions taken regarding your failure to provide honest services. By your deprivation of my benefits of membership and failure to respond to my inquiries, you extended no due process of law whatsoever to me, yet by your unconstitutional actions, as described herein, you harmed me in direct violation of your oaths. Your repeated deprivation of my right to actively engage in public meetings, and your discriminatory actions against me, a law-abiding American Citizen dwelling in El Dorado County, are a direct assault upon my due process rights secured by the First Amendment.

Retaliation and abuse of power, such as you have brazenly displayed against me, demonstrates your contempt for the Supreme Law of the Land and violated my constitutionally secured rights and due process of law. (*See Gallegos v. Haggerty, N.D. of New York, 689 F. Supp. 93 (1988.)*) *"Personal involvement in deprivation of constitutional rights is prerequisite to award of damages, but defendant may be personally involved in constitutional deprivation by direct participation, failure to remedy wrongs after learning about it, creation of a policy or custom under which unconstitutional practices occur or gross negligence in managing subordinates who cause violation."* See also: *Government Code 8547 GC et seq; 42 U.S. Code § 1997d. - Prohibition of retaliation; and 403 U.S. 388 (91 S.Ct. 1999, 29 L.Ed.2d 619).* The above-cited case clearly upholds the Constitution, my inherent rights and due process guaranteed therein, which you by your actions have consistently violated.

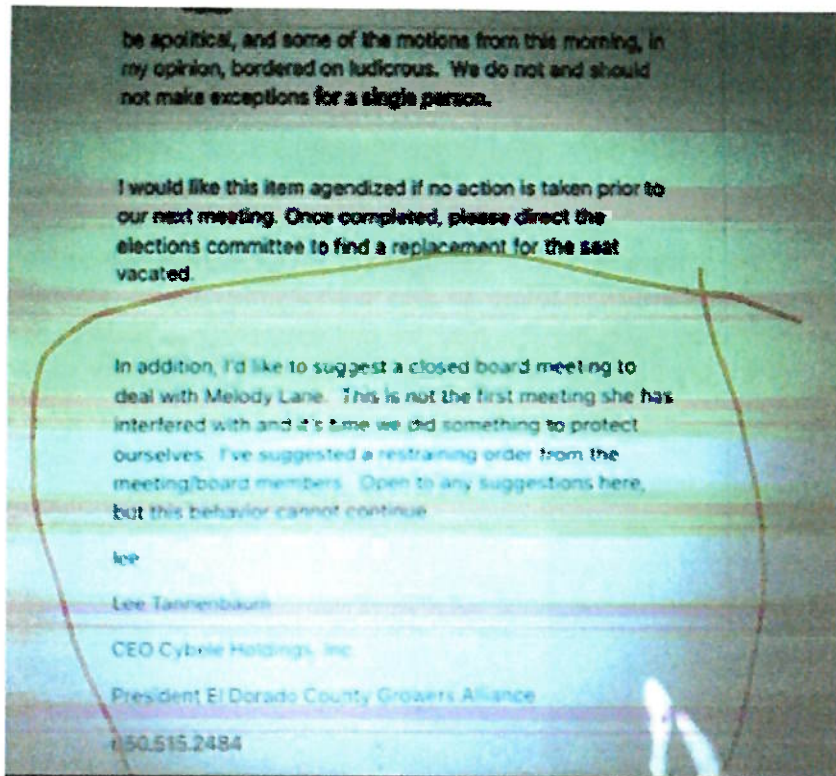
- 9.) In March 2024 Lee Tannenbaum specifically solicited my assistance to "destroy" Todd White and get him removed as President of the Republican Central Committee. Lee knew I had compelling evidence which was submitted into the public record for the January 17, 2023 Special BOS hearing for the dismissal of Todd White. Because he violated his oaths of office, and other public policies, Todd may never work in public office again. Having worked for Capitol legislators, Lee also knew I had the influence to arrange the high-level meetings

Todd's removal from the RCC. However, Lee got caught in his web of lies and betrayal by the same individuals he sought to destroy.

On June 19, 2024, a concerned individual forwarded to me snapshots Todd White had posted on social media of correspondence addressed to you, Kris Payne, in which Lee Tannenbaum solicited your cooperation as President of the Taxpayers Association to implement his nefarious plan of betrayal and defamation against a senior evangelical conservative, namely me: *"In addition, I'd like to suggest a closed board meeting to deal with Melody Lane. This is not the first board meeting she has interfered with and it's time we did something to protect ourselves. I've suggested a restraining order from the meeting/board members. Open to any suggestions, but this behavior cannot continue."*







It has been made evident that you conspired with directors Lee Tannenbaum, Carol Louis, Andy Nevis, and Kevin McCarty to censor me on social media for exposing the unlawful conduct of the Taxpayers Association. You know perfectly well that I have done nothing wrong. In fact, it is you who has consistently operated outside of the law and gaslighted me, a senior evangelical conservative, in retaliation for whistleblowing.

Your collusion with other directors and county staff to threaten, harm, and defame me perfectly fits Black's Law definition of **Libel** – *A method of defamation expressed by print, writing pictures, or signs. In its most general sense, any publication that is injurious to the reputation of another. A false and unprivileged publication in writing of defamatory material. A maliciously written or printed publication which tends to blacken a person's reputation or to expose him to public hatred, contempt or ridicule, or to injure him in his business profession* **Accusation in writing or printing against the character of a person which affects his reputation, in that it tends to hold him up to ridicule, contempt, shame, disgrace, or obloquy, to degrade him in the estimation of the community, to induce an evil opinion of him in the minds of right-thinking persons to make him an object of reproach, to diminish his respectability or abridge his comforts, to change his position in society estimation of the public, or his friends and acquaintances, or to deprive him of friendly intercourse in society, or cause him to be shunned or avoided.**

- 10.) On numerous occasions you failed to respond to direct inquiries and correspondence addressed to you concerning redress of grievances, namely my membership status and your fraudulent actions. The law makes it evident you have no authority or lawful justification to discriminate, deny me services, withhold information, or equal benefits of paid membership such



as you have consistently demonstrated during Taxpayers Association meetings. Your blatant refusal to provide me equal access to information and due process of law, as stated within the Bill of Rights, egregiously harmed me by depriving me of information and services necessary to assist my efforts for redress of grievances—all lawful actions on my part that fall under the protections of the First Amendment. Further, you failed to provide honest public services pursuant to your oaths, and in so doing, you perjured your oath by violating my Constitutionally guaranteed Rights, particularly those secured in the Bill of Rights, including but not limited to my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Rights.

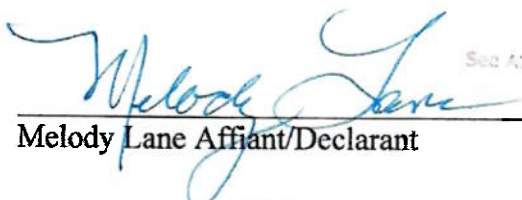
- 11.) The TPA website states, *"Providing a voice for El Dorado County taxpayers through advocacy, voter education, and weekly public meetings."* The object of the Taxpayers Association is the creation and maintenance of a forum within which to study the issues of government and the problems of those who are governed. This shall occur through an ongoing weekly discourse that will be open to members of the Association, the public, and those who govern. These discussions shall be directed by the Association in an effort to educate all taxpayers as to the current issues, how they may be affected, how to reveal and understand the true costs of government, and to encourage awareness of individual responsibility. The Association shall monitor and be involved in the process of governance to help insure that the blessing of freedom shall be forever perpetuated.

You, Kris Payne, have made a sham out of the Taxpayer Association object and principles. No individual, organization, or any public servant has authority to discriminate, censor, or deprive any citizen of the blessings of freedom. However, you have perpetuated a long-standing pattern of unlawful and discriminatory conduct, thereby you egregiously harmed me by conspiring with directors of the Association and county staff to suppress and/or censor my inherent right of free speech, preventing and/or restricting my access to public officials, and depriving me of services necessary to assist my efforts for redress of grievances—all lawful actions on my part that fall under the protections of the First Amendment. See *Miller v. U.S.*, 230 F.2d. 486,489 "The claim and exercise of a Constitutional right cannot be converted into a crime." See also USC 18 § 241 and USC 18 § 242, respectively *Conspiracy Against Rights and Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law*.

Lawful notification has been provided to you, stating that if you do not rebut the statements, claims and averments made in this Affidavit/Declaration, then, you agree with and admit to them. Pursuant to this lawful notification, if you disagree with anything stated in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth, then rebut that, with which you disagree, with particularity, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt thereof, by means of your written, notarized affidavit of truth, based in specific, relevant fact and valid, Constitutionally-compliant law to support your disagreement. Your failure to respond, as stipulated, is your agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is true, correct, legal, lawful, and is your irrevocable admission attesting to this, fully binding upon you in any court of law in America, without your protest, objection or that of those who represent you.

Affiant further sayeth naught.

All Rights Reserved,

  
Melody Lane Affiant/Declarant

See Attached Notarial Certificate

7/13/24  
Date

Attachments: Exhibits A-F

**NOTARY STATEMENT (attached)**

Cc: Franchise Tax Board  
Secretary of State  
Board of Supervisors, District #1, 2, 3, 4, & 5  
Asm. Joe Patterson  
Senator Brian Dahle  
Congressman Tom McClintock  
Media and other interested parties

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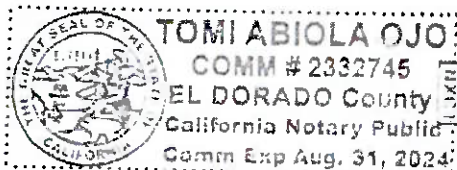
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State of California

County of El Dorado

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on  
this 13th day of July, 2024 by  
Date Month Year



(1) Melody Lane

(and (2) N/A),  
Name(s) of Signer(s)

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to  
be the person(s) who appeared before me.

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# Compass2Truth

*Citizens for Constitutional Liberty*

P.O. Box 598  
Coloma, CA 95613

February 16, 2024

Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County  
P.O. Box 13  
Placerville, CA 95667  
Attn. James Alderink, Treasurer

RE: 2023/2024 Taxpayers Assn. Membership Dues

Dear Jim,

6/3/24 = \$10 Cash

Please find enclosed my 2024 Taxpayers Association membership dues. Also enclosed is correspondence relevant to my 2023 membership dues handed to former Treasurer Mark Pappas, in the presence of witnesses, during the 2/6/23 Taxpayers Association meeting. Instead of opening the envelope addressed to him, Mark handed the envelope to Carol Louis. As you can see, Carol unlawfully returned the unopened envelope, without explanation, to me via certified mail from her home address.

Once again, during the 7/16/23 Taxpayers Association meeting I handed to Mark Pappas the unopened envelope containing my 2023 dues with the enclosed letter encouraging him—as a *professing Christian*--to do the “right thing” (i.e. cash my membership check.)

The Treasurer has a fiduciary requiring him to abide by all local, state, and federal laws. Once a payment is accepted, as Mark did twice, it is considered recorded. However, Mark unlawfully held my check for more than six months, in which case the bank will no longer cash the check, nor did he return it to me. Instead, Mark “passed the buck” to you, *“I need to let Jim know that I am passing the check onto him and it will be up to him to handle it. You can bet Carol will ask him if I passed it onto him and will probably demand him to return it to you. The roster is a mess from 2023 thanks to Carol’s deletions and additions without a paper trail.”*

Mark’s conscience apparently bothered him, so he called me on December 7<sup>th</sup> to reveal exactly why he was resigning from the TPA. He followed up by forwarding a copy of his resignation letter: *“This will serve as written notification of my resignation from the position of treasurer and the board of directors of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County. This resignation shall be effective Monday, December 11, 7:30 AM. Due to various irregularities in the operation of the Association I can no longer in good conscience continue my affiliation.”*

On December 10th Mark corresponded, *“The crazy place will be taking another backward step. Looking forward to the relief of disassociation.”*

But when I saw that Mark was reinstated as a director during the 1/8/24 business meeting, I questioned him about his sudden change of heart. He replied, *“Technically, I cancelled my previous positions and accepted a*

*EXHIBIT A*



*new one. Due to interpretation of the election, I remain as a director for 2024. Evidently an election results complaint has been filed by Lee Tannenbaum."*

Further correspondence with Mark Pappas revealed he was reinstated as a director WITHOUT a vote. Mark eventually revealed that **Kris Payne and Todd White** convinced Mark to WITHHOLD his resignation letter until AFTER the 12/11/23 election. Collusion to commit fraud is against the law.

*When I asked Mark how my uncashed 2023 membership check would be handled, he responded, "I turned over all TPA treasurer paperwork to Jim Alderink on Dec 11. Last week I specifically informed him about your check and history. Jim has not looked at anything that I turned over to him. I brought up your check and advised him that he would have to decide what to do and that I had been taking direction from Carol initially. It will be up to him to decide what, if any action to take. He doesn't seem very interested in talking to me about anything. I suspect he will return the check to you, perhaps with a letter re-explaining the terms of your expulsion.*

Jim, you have a moral and legal obligation to immediately record my TPA membership and cash my enclosed 2024 dues check. It is not an arbitrary decision to be made by Carol Louis or Kris Payne. No more game playing; just do the "right thing" and abide by the law.

Sincerely,

*Melody Lane*

Founder – **Compass2Truth**

Enclosures

**melody.lane@reagan.com**

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**From:** melody.lane@reagan.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024 3:35 PM  
**To:** edc.cob@edcgov.us; Kim Dawson; 'Lori Parlin'; george.turnboo@edcgov.us; Brooke Laine; john.hidahl@edcgov.us; 'Wendy Thomas'; Shelley Wiley; mark.treat@edcgov.us; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosfour; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us  
**Cc:** Joseph Carruesco; 'David A Livingston'; Richard Esposito; Noel Stack  
**Subject:** 2/27/24 BOS Open Forum Public Comments - Taxpayers/Planning Commissioners  
**Attachments:** ML\_Affidavit 2 Andy Nevis.pdf; ML\_Kris Payne Affidavit 5-2020.pdf; Carol Louis-Todd White post DEDCP 2-24-24.docx

Please ensure the entirety of my below comments, and the attached documents, are entered into the 2/27/24 BOS Open Forum.

I hereby exercise my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right to petition the BOS for redress of grievances concerning the violations of oaths of office, and abuse of other public policies, by Planning Commissioners Andy Nevis and Kris Payne. The attached un rebutted affidavits stand as fact before any court in America, necessitating the BOS and HR Director Joseph Carruesco take action to terminate Mr. Nevis and Mr. Payne.

Under SB 807, California law requires that documented complaints, such as this, be investigated and retained in the employee's personnel file for a minimum of four years. In the event of a lawsuit, an employer may be required to produce these records. Failure to do so can lead to fines and other adverse actions.

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In 2011 we met with Sheriff D'Agostini for our first quarterly meeting when he said, *"You need a new Board of Supervisors. All of them. Hold their feet to the fire. Mine too; I work for you."* Not only did I hold the Board's feet to the fire, it soon became necessary to hold the Sheriff's feet to the fire...

During a 2013 BOS meeting I quoted the Sheriff, and that's when retaliation began in earnest to censor and unlawfully deprive my First Amendment rights by ordering IT to block my ability to communicate electronically with EDSO. Shortly thereafter CAO Don Ashton also ordered IT to block my IP Server from all county staff, except for the BOS and Department Heads. However, it should come as no surprise that even the BOS and Department Heads still refuse to appropriately respond to my PRAs or correspondence. Such lack of transparency and accountability ultimately results in costly lawsuits, **at taxpayers' expense**, that could be avoided by simply abiding by the law.

Similarly, the officers of the Taxpayers Association have adopted the same unlawful and unconstitutional tactics as Sheriff D'Agostini and the BOS.

During recent BOS meetings I've apprised you of the continuous fraud, discrimination, harassment, and censorship by the officers of the Taxpayers Association. Lori Parlin regularly attends these meetings and reports out to the BOS. The Association meetings are tightly controlled by **Andy Nevis and Kris Payne who are Lori Parlin's and George Turnboo's appointed Planning Commissioners**. However, Secretary Todd White is

*EXHIBIT B<sup>1</sup>*

usually AWOL, which means he hasn't been taking minutes to be made publicly available as required by law. Citizens have a right to know that the same "public servants" colluded in the illicit January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 kangaroo court spearheaded by **Andy Nevis** at Ponderosa High School for the purpose of impugning my good name and fraudulently ousting me from the Association in retaliation for whistleblowing.

Despite Leo Cauchon's valid objections during yesterday's Taxpayers meeting concerning violated parliamentary procedures and bylaws, Kris Payne announced that another secretive meeting of directors will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Ponderosa High. Following the same dictatorial BOS pattern, Kris rudely diverted Leo's concerns and abruptly censored him, just as I have been censored for "holding their feet to the fire." Therefore, I'm submitting into the public record notarized affidavits addressed to Kris Payne and Andy Nevis substantiating ample evidence for the BOS to take action and terminate their paid positions as Planning Commissioners.

1. Payne affidavit
2. Nevis Affidavit
3. Carol Louis/Todd White post Debating EDC Politics

*Melody Lane*

Founder – **Compass2Truth**

*"There are none so blind as those who will not see. The most deluded people are those who choose to ignore what they already know." ~ Thomas Chalkley, 1715 ~*

**From:** melody.lane@reagan.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 10, 2024 10:11 PM  
**To:** Kris Payne; Todd White; 'Jim Alderink'; Gatha Willyard  
**Cc:** 'Lori Parlin'; george.turnboo@edcgov.us; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosfour; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us  
**Subject:** Taxpayers Dues, Directors, 2013 ballot/vote, Todd White, and other issues to be addressed at 3/11/24 business meeting  
**Attachments:** 2-16-24 Alderink TPA dues.pdf; 12-11-23 Pappas TPA resignation letter.docx; 2024 TPA ballot V1 - V2 Carol distrib ballot.docx; Carol Louis-Todd White post DEDCP 2-24-24.docx; 2010 TPA ballot-Todd White\_Melody Lane.jpeg

Kris, et al,

I have been a paid member of the Taxpayers Association since 2008, and in 2009 I founded **Compass2Truth** which is a whistleblower organization. The Association has policies concerning whistleblowers, ethics, non-discrimination, and records which are to be made available to the public. However, as far back as 2010 the TPA officers have colluded to unlawfully deprive me equal benefits of membership in retaliation for whistleblowing. (See attached 2010 TPA ballot)

When you assumed the role of TPA president during the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, you announced your desire to "do the right thing" for the Association. Therefore, I am addressing several issues that need to be immediately and transparently resolved pertaining to the unethical conduct of the officers of the Association. All my claims and averments are backed up with valid evidence and law.

1. As you are well-aware, numerous anomalies arose out of the chaotic December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting resulting in Lee Tannenbaum submitting his complaint to you regarding the counting of TPA ballots. This has been a reoccurring problem perpetually swept under the rug without any accountability.

During the same meeting Treasurer Mark Pappas submitted his resignation to Secretary Todd White, stating, "*Due to various irregularities in the operation of the Association, I can no longer in good conscience continue my association.*" Mark's resignation was effective Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM. (See attached 12/11/23 Pappas resignation letter.)

It was evident after Cheri Raffety announced the 2024 TPA directors that others also had concerns about Mark's resignation and how the meeting was conducted outside of the law. Gina Posey and Bill George specifically attempted to address their concerns, but they were censored by "dictator" Carol Louis. This appeared to be a cover up of the illicit actions by certain TPA officers, thus making the election illegitimate.

The Taxpayers Association professes to be a voice for El Dorado County taxpayers through advocacy, voter education, and weekly public meetings. As such, the Association is required to abide by all state and federal laws to ensure the "blessings of freedom are forever perpetuated." That includes non-discrimination, whistleblower, and other policies contained in the TPA bylaws. No individual has authority to deprive any citizen their First Amendment rights to address public officials who happen to be frequent speakers at public Association meetings. However, censorship, discrimination and retaliation for whistleblowing have become the modus operandi of the Association officers. Carol Louis

EXHIBIT C



is on a power trip and needs to be reined in for repeatedly acting outside of the law, in particular for her discrimination, ethics, and numerous bylaws violations.

2. Regarding Mark's resignation letter, it was brought to my attention by *Mark Pappas*. He stated that you (*Kris Payne*) and *Todd White* had a conversation persuading Mark to hold off submitting his letter of resignation to Todd until *after* the December 11<sup>th</sup> count of ballots. Apparently, the outcome had already been *predetermined prior* to the count of ballots. (See attached V1 & V2 ballots and corresponding notes.)

**Refer to the note on V2 ballot forwarded by Mark Pappas: "OFFICER COPY REVISED AND MAILED BY CAROL LOUIS"** Per Mark, in order for BoD candidates to be considered eligible, Carol Louis **unlawfully** required 2024 dues be paid in advance of V2 ballot mailing. N/P indicates 2024 dues NOT PAID in advance. It is unlawful to require members to pre-pay their dues. It doesn't take rocket science to understand that fraud and ballot tampering is illegal.

Then without knowledge of members or a vote, Mark appears at the January 8<sup>th</sup> TPA meeting apparently reinstated as a director. When I questioned Mark about his sudden change of heart, he remarked, ***"Technically, I cancelled my previous positions and accepted a new one. Due to interpretation of the election, I remain as a director for 2024. Evidently an election results complaint has been filed by Lee Tannenbaum."*** That constitutes fraud by the officers of the Association who are clearly operating outside of the law and need to be held into account or risk forfeiture of their license to operate as a 501(c)4 organization.

3. As stated previously, I have been a paid member of the Association since 2008. On numerous occasions my checks have been cashed meanwhile I've been fraudulently deprived benefits of membership; my checks have been returned for no valid reason; or my checks have deliberately been held in excess of six months, in which case the bank will no longer honor the check. As your ethics training should have taught you, that constitutes fraud by the Association. Fraud vitiates any action. See: *U.S. v. Tweel, 550 F. 2d. 297.* - *"Silence can only be equated with fraud where there is a legal or moral duty to speak or where an inquiry left unanswered would be intentionally misleading."*

For example, my 2023 dues check was handed to Mark Pappas during the February 6, 2023, TPA meeting with a note, but Mark handed it off to Carol Louis who returned the envelope/note to me unopened via certified mail from her home address. (Please refer to the attached 2/16/24 Alderink TPA dues letter. Note all the attachments to my letter.)

Then in the presence of witnesses during the 7/16/23 TPA meeting, I again personally handed to Mark an envelope addressed to him for the second time containing a letter encouraging Mark to "do the right thing" (i.e., cash my dues check in a timely manner.) Note in particular the remark of a mutual friend, ***"Mark has shared that things are going WAY downhill in our local government. He is giving some serious consideration to running for a position in our local government. He also told me that he disagreed with the Taxpayer Association censoring you and not allowing you to renew your membership. He said you definitely have some enemies looking to destroy you."***

Instead of "doing the right thing" as I expected of a professing Christian, this time Mark unlawfully held unto my check for over 6 months from the date it was issued, then he "passed the buck" to Jim Alderink to deal with as the first order of business during the January 8, 2024 TPA meeting, ***"I need to let Jim know that I am passing the check onto him and it will be up to him to handle it. You can bet Carol will***

*ask him if I passed it onto him and will probably demand him to return it to you. The roster is a mess from 2023 thanks to Carol's deletions and additions without a paper trail."*

Contrary to popular opinion, the president of the Association has no lawful authority to make decisions that circumvent the law. It is the Treasurer who has a fiduciary to account for all checks coming into/going out of the Association. To date, neither of my checks have been cashed, nor have I received the courtesy of a response from Jim Alderink to my attached letter. The deceitful mishandling of my checks and deprivation of my rights indicates the Association constitutes fraud. *See: Morrison v. Coddington*, 662 P.2d. 155, 135 Ariz. 480 (1983) - *Fraud and deceit may arise from silence where there is a duty to speak the truth, as well as from speaking an untruth.*

4. The only requirement of TPA membership is to own property in EDC. You can see that Todd became a member in 2010, **five years prior** to the first and only purchase of his property in Pollock Pines, APN#101-141-005-000 from the CW Holland Trust. Bernard Carlson brought Todd into the Association and "appointed" Todd to replace him as secretary *without* a vote of membership.

There is also the issue regarding Todd White's refusal to provide me with the same benefits of membership as other individuals in the Association, including copying me on all correspondence and the monthly schedule of speakers. Over the years I have addressed this matter in writing more times than I can count. As secretary Todd is required by law to maintain records and make them available to the public. I've even volunteered several times to replace him as secretary to ensure records are properly maintained as required by law. At least Carol had the good sense to post on Debating El Dorado County Politics that Todd failed to keep Association minutes and thus he was outside of the law. (See attachment)

As you know, Todd White was fired as George Turnboo's admin for various reasons, including those enumerated in my affidavits entered into the public record during the 1/17/23 BOS Special hearing. Todd was also fired from Big Brothers/Big Sisters and removed as a deacon from Park Community Church where the RCC formerly held their monthly meetings. There are a myriad of federal and state laws requiring HR to maintain certain records regarding employees. Under SB 807, California law requires that documented complaints, such as mine, be investigated and retained in the employee's personnel file for a minimum of four years. In the event of a lawsuit, an employer may be required to produce these records. Failure to do so can lead to fines and other adverse actions. Similar laws and requirements apply to the Taxpayers Association. *See: United States v. Dial - Any enterprise undertaken by the public official who tends to weaken public confidence and undermine the sense of security for individual rights is against public policy.*

5. Also consider the conflict of interest that exists with two Planning Commissioners running the Taxpayers Association, meanwhile they conduct meetings outside of the law. For example, during the 4/17/23 TPA meeting **Planning Commissioner Andy Nevis** led discussion about legislative bills which were displayed on the overhead screen which I photographed. A few minutes later Carol Louis walked by and sharply wacked me on the arm remarking, **"No taking pictures!"** That's when **Planning Commissioner Kris Payne** created a scene as he loudly began his rant, **"You're no longer a member!"**

When I calmly but firmly admonished you after the meeting adjourned, you went into overdrive repeating, **"Don't point at me! Don't point at me! Don't point at me!"** Your uncontrolled rant continued, **"You shouldn't be attacking me. I can't believe it. I've never seen anybody like her that treats us so disrespectfully. You are terrible to us! I've worked my ass off for you. You have not worked**

*with me even when I've supported you. Oh my god! I'm older than you. I can't take this! This is terrible! You're horrible! I'm a senior and I'm still working for the county. You're not working for the county. You won't work for the county. Why do you treat us so bad? Why don't you do something for the county? It's so bad the way you treat us. You don't respect us. You are terrible. You're mad because I wouldn't let you talk at the Planning Commission meeting, but you wanted to go early and wouldn't wait till the end."*

I responded that you were **lying**, and the proof is in the unrebutted affidavits that I entered into the BOS public record and submitted to HR. Carol Louis interjected, "*I'm tired of picking up **shit** after you Melody.*" Meanwhile Andy Nevis was video recording the exchange with his cell phone. That's not leadership; it's government despotism at taxpayers' expense.

It is time to thoroughly clean house in the Taxpayers Association starting from the very top.

*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

*"You need a new Board [of Supervisors]. All of them. Hold their feet to the fire. Mine too. I work for you." Sheriff John D'Agostini – August 16, 2011*

**From:** melody.lane@reagan.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 11:19 AM  
**To:** 'Kris Payne'; Andy Nevis; Gatha Willyard; 'Jim Alderink'  
**Cc:** 'Brooke Laine'; 'David A Livingston'; 'Eric Jaramishian'; 'George Turnboo'; 'John Hidahl'; 'Joseph Carruesco'; 'Lori Parlin'; 'Noel Stack'; 'Richard Esposito'; 'Wendy Thomas'; bosfive@edcgov.us; 'bosfour'; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us  
**Subject:** RE: Taxpayers Association outside of the law  
**Attachments:** 6-8-24 TPA Payne Fraud.doc; ML Affidavit-Andy Nevis.pdf

Mr. Payne, et al,

Your reply further exemplifies proof of your instability, Democrat political ideology, and inability abide by the law.

It is insanity for you to even suggest that I apologize for the exercise of my First Amendment rights and exposing the works of darkness to the light of Truth. It is you, not I, who continues to violate the law with reckless abandon. Your libelous and inappropriate conduct is precisely what is grinding America down.

As a reminder, the TPA Bylaws clearly state the directors are required to abide by **all local, state, and Federal laws—no exceptions**. You are aware that I am a third-generation evangelical conservative senior citizen, retired more than ten years from working for Capitol legislators. It is a fact that you have colluded with other public officials to harass, censor, threaten, discriminate, libel, slander, and persistently engage in the defamation of my good name and reputation in retaliation for whistleblowing about government corruption.

By law, Human Resources cannot respond publicly to personnel matters. However, it is my civic and moral duty *to exercise my First Amendment right to publicly address these issues and demand that government representatives take appropriate action to discipline and/or dismiss those who abuse the public trust and violate their oaths of office such as you have done.*

Notification of legal responsibility is the first essential of due process of law. Formal complaints, supported by un rebutted notarized affidavits containing truth, facts, valid evidence, and law, were filed against you, Todd White, and Andy Nevis for depriving me of the blessings of freedom. My complaints, based upon the authority of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, have been entered into the public record. As stipulated, your failure to respond to any of the claims and averments with which you disagreed within 14 days, by submitting your own notarized affidavits using truth, facts, valid evidence, and law, constitutes your **irrevocable admission to all the claims and averments**. An un rebutted affidavit stands as truth before any court in America. See: *U.S. v. Tweel*, 550 F. 2d. 297. *"Silence can only be equated with fraud where there is a legal or moral duty to speak or where an inquiry left unanswered would be intentionally misleading."*

Under SB 807, California law requires that such documented complaints must be investigated and retained in the employee's personnel file for a minimum of four years. In the event of a lawsuit, an employer may be required to produce these records. Failure to do so can lead to fines and other adverse actions. Accordingly, Todd White was dismissed as George Turnboo's administrator, and you were recently dismissed as a Planning Commissioner.

EXHIBIT D



Please re-read the attached documents addressing the dishonesty of TPA directors/EDC public representatives. Andy Nevis had no lawful authority to conspire with other public officials under the color of law to deprive me of First Amendment rights. (See US GC Title 18, Sections 241 & 242 which are Federal crimes.) Andy's letters were without any lawful authority and contained multiple falsehoods. Note that Stacy Walls never filed a complaint with the PD as Andy falsely asserted. Additionally, my timely public response to his other false allegations is contained in the un rebutted affidavit which was publicly submitted to the BOS and EDC HR director, as well as to the CA Water Resources Control Board. Thus far Andy Nevis has failed to appropriately respond to two affidavits, thus he admits to all my claims and averments. Consequently, HR is required under SB 807 to investigate and take action to discipline and/or dismiss Andy.

Lastly, the public is entitled to honest services. I have zero tolerance for dishonesty such as you, and other TPA directors, continue to demonstrate against me. Furthermore, the county's Bonding Insurance Policy stipulates exceptions to liability coverage:

**c. Acts Of Officials, Employees Or Representatives**

Loss resulting from "theft" or any other dishonest act committed by any of your officials, "employees" or authorized representatives:

(1) Whether acting alone or in collusion with other persons;  
or

(2) While performing services for you or otherwise;

except when covered under Insuring Agreement A.1. or A.2.

When the BOS have knowledge of wrong-doing, but fail to take appropriate disciplinary action, then they become complicit and liable. In other words, your repeated "dishonest acts" as a government representative represents a risk management issue requiring the county fire you and Todd White, thus you become personally liable for all court costs and charges brought against you. The same precepts apply to Andy Nevis and others who continue to unethically use the TPA for their own personal and/or political benefit against a law abiding, conservative, tax paying citizen, namely me.

*Melody Lane*

**Watchman - South Fork American River Intercessors  
Founder, Compass2Truth**

"The condition of society is the report card of the church." Jackson Senyonga, Uganda Revival

From: Kris Payne <krispayne999@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2024 8:37 PM

To: melody.lane@reagan.com

Cc: Andy Nevis <andy.nevis@edcgov.us>; Brooke Laine <Brooke.laine@edcgov.us>; David A Livingston <david.livingston@edcgov.us>; Eric Jaramishian <eric@mtdemocrat.com>; Gatha Willyard <ileneg1948@gmail.com>;

George Turnboo <George.Turnboo@edcgov.us>; Jim Alderink <james\_alderink@yahoo.com>; John Hidahl <john.hidahl@edcgov.us>; Joseph Carruesco <Joseph.Carruesco@edcgov.us>; Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>; Noel Stack <nstack@mtdemocrat.net>; Richard Esposito <resposito@mtdemocrat.net>; Wendy Thomas <wendy.thomas@edcgov.us>; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosfour <bosfour@edcgov.us>; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us

**Subject:** Re: Taxpayers Association outside of the law

Melody,

It is counter-intuitive to me, for you to continue to berate an organization and its leadership through multiple years of engagement. I am not sure why you continue to express yourself so negatively and argumentatively. I have responded to Reply All for complete transparency and to allow those that you included to hear my complete response.

For your information on March 12, 2024, I sent the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County Board of Directors the following email under the **Subject: Administrative Record of Melody Lane TPAEDC Membership Suspension.**

**"FYI. During yesterday's TPAEDC Business Meeting (March 11, 2024), today at Board of Supervisors' Open Forum, and during various social media postings over the past couple of months, Melody Lane has announced that she is a member of the Taxpayers' Association of El Dorado County. She has attempted through multiple instances to confuse the issue by pointing her finger at individuals/officials of TPAEDC and stating that her check was accepted and that we have no right to deny her involvement in TPAEDC. She is incorrect!**

**Official action was taken incrementally and progressively to Suspend Melody Lane (See attachments.) The Administrative Record is clear, she is not a member."**

With this enclosed email, I again attach the 3 individual pieces of correspondence that I now directly attach as a reminder to you and the Reply All and others as the Administrative Record of your Membership Suspension and the basis of your current suspended status. By reading each piece of correspondence in order of date sent, you can clearly understand why TPAEDC is not going to allow you to submit a membership application and check for membership reinstatement only based on your interest in doing so. There has been times during my tenure as President, since January 1, 2024 when I have thought you have made progress at Monday meetings to behave yourself and to build support among some of the Board of Directors to consider reinstatement (2/3 of Board of Directors present, quorum present) only to have you digress during BOS meeting Open Forum, the very next day, again berate the organization and current and past leadership. This is not a successful strategy on your part as would be a written apology and public statement of your intent to continually meet the TPAEDC Bylaws and Policies and Procedures, which is not something from your June 8, 2024 email demand that I expect from you.

Sincerely,  
Kris Payne  
President of TPAEDC

On Sat, Jun 8, 2024 at 5:55 PM <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Please ensure that Andy Nevis distributes to all members of the Taxpayers Association access to the **truth** contained in the attached documents relative to my TPA membership status.

This matter needs to be immediately resolved with transparency and in accordance with the law during Monday's TPA meeting.

*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

TRUTH – it's the new hate speech: *"During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act."* ~ George Orwell ~



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*Citizens for Constitutional Liberty*

P.O. Box 598  
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June 8, 2024

Kris Payne, President  
Taxpayers Association of EDC  
P.O. Box 2023  
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Mr. Payne, et al,

You are aware that I have been a member of the Taxpayers Association since 2008. It has come to my attention that you are surreptitiously conducting meetings with other TPA directors concerning my membership which was illicitly revoked in 2021 stemming from a 2020 TPA incident involving Sheriff D'Agostini and his former EDSO clerk, Stacy Walls. The matter of my illicitly revoked TPA membership was a total fabrication based upon **you, Todd White, and Andy Nevis colluding with Sheriff D'Agostini** in retaliation for holding his feet to the fire"--just as the Sheriff encouraged me to do when we met in 2011 → *"You need a new Board [of Supervisors]. All of them. Hold their feet to the fire. Mine too; I work for you."*

I've attached the first un rebutted affidavit addressed to Andy Nevis for public perusal. Note it includes the transcript of the dialog that took place after the 2020 TPA meeting adjourned when I ***silently and lawfully*** exercised my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights by serving Sheriff D'Agostini with three affidavits concerning EDSO misconduct. Notification of legal responsibility is the first essential of due process of law. The Sheriff's retired former EDSO clerk, Stacy Walls, unlawfully grabbed the affidavits that D'Agostini rejected and tossed onto my table. It was Sheriff D'Agostini, Kris Payne, and Stacy Walls who created the disturbance--***not me***. Stacy and her daughter then created an unnecessarily melodramatic scene by holding up their hands and repeatedly shouting "Back up!" when I never even approached them.

Additionally, Andy Nevis falsely claimed in his correspondence that Stacy Walls and her daughter filed a report against me with the Placerville Police Department. Upon looking into the matter, the PD informed me they had **no record of a case report filed against me**. As you can see by the transcript, Sheriff D'Agostini participated in that dialog when it was clearly evident that I did absolutely nothing wrong by exercising my civic duty to "hold his feet to the fire." In other words, they LIED.

FYI, it is common knowledge that D'Agostini's daughter has a substance abuse problem. I never met her, therefore I inquired of the Sheriff whether the heavy blond seated across the table from me was his daughter.

As stated in the affidavits addressed to you, Todd White, and Andy Nevis, I was well within my First Amendment rights. I did absolutely **nothing wrong** to warrant the illicit revocation of my TPA membership, nor do you have any lawful authority to conspire with other public officials to act as my judge, jury, and executioner for the purpose of impugning my good name and reputation. (See: *Miller v. U.S.*, 230 F.2d.



486,489 "The claim and exercise of a Constitutional right cannot be converted into a crime." See also USC 18 § 241 and USC 18 § 242, respectively Conspiracy Against Rights and Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law.)

Furthermore, you have no lawful authority to harass, slander, discriminate, and deprive me--**a third generation evangelical**—of the blessings of liberty such as you did again during the June 3, 2024, TPA business meeting. At that time you stated in the presence of 22 witnesses, *"Why would anybody want you to be part of this organization where you say negative things constantly about our organization?"* I make no apologies for exposing the works of darkness to the light of TRUTH, as per Ephesians 5:11, which is consistent with the TPA Whistleblower Policy and my 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights.

I responded, *"What you are doing is retaliating for whistleblowing, and that is a fact. It is a matter of public record, and every individual in this room has the right to read the documents that have been entered into the public record and handed to the Secretary of this organization. Again, you have committed fraud and have done some of the same things that Todd White did that got him fired as Turnboo's admin and which also got you fired as a Planning Commissioner."* Kris, you can't argue with the facts! You have a moral obligation to set the record straight, especially with new members of the Association who are entitled to know the truth.

Another example of your harassment was your crazy, slanderous rant during the 4/17/23 TPA meeting after I confronted your false remarks regarding my membership status, *"Don't point at me! Don't point at me! Don't point at me!" You shouldn't be attacking me. I can't believe it. I've never seen anybody like her that treats us so disrespectfully. You are terrible to us! I've worked my ass off for you. You have not worked with me even when I've supported you. Oh my God! I'm older than you. I can't take this! This is terrible! You're horrible! I'm a senior and I'm still working for the county. You're not working for the county. You won't work for the county. Why do you treat us so bad? Why don't you do something for the county? It's so bad the way you treat us. You don't respect us. You are terrible! You're mad because I wouldn't let you talk at the Planning Commission meeting, but you wanted to go early and wouldn't wait till the end."* Meanwhile Planning Commissioner Andy Nevis video recorded our exchange with his cell phone.

Kris, on multiple occasions you have publicly lied, discriminated, harassed, and slandered me in the presence of multiple witnesses. It is documented that you have also conspired with Andy Nevis, Todd White, and others against my rights and under color of law which is a federal crime. (See USGC Title 18, Sections 241 and 242.) This excerpt from one of the Todd White affidavits provides further clarity on the issues involving your unlawful actions and conspiracy against my rights:

2. The public is entitled to honest services. Whether by your own volition, or under the direction and influence of Andy Nevis, President of the Taxpayers Association, you conspired with others to deprive me of honest services and the exercise of my right to access records. In particular was your refusal to provide me with the minutes identifying the participants in the **illicit tribunal held at the request of Andy Nevis** on January 9, 2021, at Ponderosa High School pertaining to the November 5, 2020, incident during the Taxpayers Association meeting involving Sheriff D'Agostini and his former staff member, Stacy Walls. At that time the **Sheriff, Kris Payne, and Ms. Walls** and her daughter had created a scene when I lawfully, and **silently**, served the Sheriff with three notifications in the form of Affidavits of Truth relevant to EDSO misconduct. I have a right to know who my accusers are, and it is my understanding that you participated in the illicit January 9th tribunal for the specific purpose of my character assassination. As Secretary of the Association, you are required to maintain minutes of all meetings, including names of participants, and make them available for public inspection.

My claims, statements and averments also pertain to your actions taken regarding your failure to provide honest public services, pursuant to your oaths. By refusing me access to records and failure to



respond to my inquiries, you extended no due process of law whatsoever to me, yet by your unconstitutional actions, as described herein, you harmed me in direct violation of your oaths. Your repeated deprivations of my right to lawfully access records and your discriminatory actions against me, a law-abiding American Citizen dwelling in El Dorado County, are a direct assault upon my due process rights secured by the First Amendment.

It is documented that you, Todd, and Andy have repeatedly violated the law and continue to gaslight me. The TPA directors have no authority whatsoever to censor me or deprive any **tax paying citizen** the blessings of freedom and benefits of membership. As long as the TPA directors do nothing to take corrective action, then the corrupt status quo will be maintained.

The TPA is required to abide by all local, state, and Federal laws. Even though Todd never kept TPA records as required by the Association bylaws, I have meticulously retained audio recordings of all meetings and written TPA correspondence. On several occasions I even offered to replace Todd as Secretary to ensure records were properly maintained. Additionally, Andy Nevis has posted videos of TPA meetings which are valid PUBLIC RECORDS of what transpired, and pertinent legal aspects have been entered into the BOS public record. However, all TPA members are entitled to know the facts that have placed the Association in jeopardy of losing its 501(c)4 status due to the illicit actions of its directors whose intent appears to operate more like a secret society.

On June 3, 2024, you admitted to me in the presence of Gay Willyard, that you have read all my correspondence. It is apparent you choose to ignore the facts contained in those documents; therefore, you are in violation of the TPA ethics, bylaws, policies and procedures. Since public officials are also TPA members, that means they are complicit and liable. You witnessed Gay express her hostility for exposing her involvement in the illicit affairs of the TPA, especially the January 2021 meeting spearheaded by Andy Nevis and held at Ponderosa High School for the purpose of my character assassination.

You also acknowledged that I publicly submitted to the BOS and HR director Joseph Carruesco notarized affidavits accompanied by formal complaints against you, Todd White, and Andy Nevis. As I clarified, under SB 807, California law requires that documented complaints, such as those filed against you, be investigated and retained in the employee's personnel file for a minimum of four years. In the event of a lawsuit, an employer may be required to produce these records. Failure to do so can lead to fines and other adverse actions. Furthermore, HR is required by law to act upon those complaints by taking disciplinary measures, up to and including dismissal from employment. As I thoroughly explained to you, a notarized affidavit is the first essential of due process of law. You, Todd, and Andy failed to respond to all my claims and averments in the affidavits, therefore you admitted to all the charges. An un rebutted affidavit stands as truth before any court in America. As I further explained, all my affidavits contain the following valid statement:

If you disagree with anything stated under oath in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth, then rebut to me that with which you disagree, with particularity, within fifteen (15) days of receipt thereof, by means of **your own written, notarized affidavit of truth, based on specific, true, relevant fact and valid law to support your disagreement**, attesting to your rebuttal and supportive positions, as valid and lawful, under the pains and penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and this state of California. An un-rebutted affidavit stands as truth and fact before any court. **Your failure to respond, as stipulated, is your tacit agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is true, correct, legal, lawful, and is your irrevocable admission attesting to this, fully binding upon you in any court of law in America, without your protest, objection and that of those who represent you.**

Other matters that need to be immediately and transparently addressed by the TPA are as follows:

1. It is a matter of public record that you and Todd White colluded to unlawfully direct Mark Pappas to withhold his letter of resignation until after the December tally of ballots. That constitutes election fraud-- same as Todd White—in addition to violations of local, state, and federal laws.
2. Additionally, you violated the law by obstructing, rejecting, and returning my USPS correspondence addressed to Treasurer Jim Alderink. On multiple occasions the TPA has either held my checks for more than 6 months or returned my USPS mail. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> you also ordered the Treasurer to hold my cash payment. That constitutes mail fraud which is a federal crime. (See 18 U.S. Code § 1702 - Obstruction of correspondence and 18 U.S. Code § 1701 - Obstruction of mails generally)
3. Ignorance is no excuse for the law. The Treasurer has a fiduciary requiring him to abide by all local, state, and federal laws. Once a payment is accepted, as Mark Pappas and Jim Alderink did twice, it is considered recorded. However, under your specific direction Mark unlawfully held my check for more than six months, in which case the bank will no longer cash the check, nor was it returned to me. Instead, Mark “passed the buck” to Jim Alderink, *“I need to let Jim know that I am passing the check onto him and it will be up to him to handle it.”* As stated previously, I have been a paid member of the Association since 2008. On numerous occasions my checks have been cashed, meanwhile I’ve been fraudulently deprived benefits of membership; my checks have been returned for no valid reason; or my checks have deliberately been held in excess of six months, in which case the bank will no longer honor the check. As your ethics training should have taught you, that constitutes fraud by the entire Association. **Fraud vitiates any action.** See: *U.S. v. Tweel, 550 F. 2d. 297.* - *“Silence can only be equated with fraud where there is a legal or moral duty to speak or where an inquiry left unanswered would be intentionally misleading.”* Consequently, Mark Pappas needs to make good his resignation and be replaced immediately as a director as per the Bylaws. You and Jim Alderink also need to be held accountable for your unlawful handling of my TPA correspondence and dues.
4. Lastly, you and Carol Louis were both witnesses to Al Hamilton’s threat during a TPA meeting to “destroy” my reputation as described in Lori Parlin’s notarized affidavit. That speaks volumes about the history of EDC/TPA corruption. This recent email from a mutual friend speaks for itself, *“Mark has shared that things are going WAY downhill in our local government. He is giving some serious consideration to running for a position in our local government. He also told me that he disagreed with the Taxpayer Association censoring you and not allowing you to renew your membership. He said you definitely have some enemies looking to destroy you. We cannot let that happen!”*

Kris, you are NOT above the law. I’ve publicly brought this to the attention of the directors on numerous occasions; therefore, law requires they publicly address your violations of the TPA Bylaws, Member Ethics, and various policies & procedures, including the Conflict of Interest Policy, Records Retention Policy, Whistleblower Policy, and Non-Discrimination Policy.

Sincerely,

Melody Lane

Founder – *Compass2Truth*

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Attachment: Andy Nevis Affidavit #1

**From:** melody.lane@reagan.com <melody.lane@reagan.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:38 PM

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**Subject:** 6-18-24 BOS Open Forum Public Comments - TPA out of control

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is entered into the 6/18/24 BOS Open Forum.

Chairman Thomas,

After I left the podium, you announced, "*The county is not affiliated in any way with the Taxpayers Association.*" You made a false statement on behalf of the BOS. Permit me to clarify for the public record...

Both the county and the Taxpayers Association are required to abide by all the same local, state, Federal laws, ordinances, regulations, and statutes (LORS). Not just some, but *all* of them.

Read for yourself the discrimination, deprivation of my rights, violations of oaths, etc. which are supported with valid evidence and law contained in three un rebutted affidavits entered into the public record for the **1/17/23 Special BOS Hearing/Dismissal of Todd White**. Of particular significance was the TPA meeting when Todd called me a "bitch", "trashy whore", and "go f\*\*\* yourself" in the presence of **Supervisor Turnboo** who was in attendance at the TPA

meeting: <https://eldorado.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5992546&GUID=63AD8718-32B4-41F6-B41F-464B39AC1708>

Furthermore, several members of the Taxpayers Association are government officials and/or BOS appointees to various boards, commissions, and committees. There is a direct connection to government. For example, Supervisor Lori Parlin is a member who regularly attends TPA meetings and reports during the BOS To/From:

Supervisor Parlin reported on the following:

Fish and Wildlife Commissioner meeting.

Meeting with the Department of Transportation and the Georgetown Recreation District.

Taxpayer's Association meeting.

Supervisor Parlin reported on the following:

Fire and Emergency Services Ad Hoc meeting.

Water Agency meeting.

Georgetown Municipal Utility District meeting.

Chili Bar meeting.

Tax Payer's Association meeting.

Rubicon closure meeting.

Note Todd White, Andy Nevis, and Lori Parlin still appear on the TPA Facebook page:

*EXHIBIT E*



Also please note that Leo Cauchon put a false spin on his remarks concerning my public comments today. I have the testimony of witnesses, plus the audio recording of Leo Cauchon proving that he deliberately obstructed my right to approach Kris Payne and Andy Nevis during a public meeting to resolve once and for all their libelous and fraudulent conduct.

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Yesterday's Taxpayers Association meeting demonstrated what happens when liberals are in control. Once again Kris Payne demonstrated his Democrat ideology, inability to abide by the law, and blatant disrespect for a senior evangelical.

The first item on the agenda was the Bylaws and Gay Willyard's ineligibility to serve as a director and VP of the Association. Tax Assessor John Deville made a brief visit to explain that assessed property taxes are defined as **taxes paid on real estate dirt**. My invited guest was appalled by 50 minutes of utter absurdity, chaos, and time wasted on matters clearly defined in the Bylaws.

The next agenda item pertained to membership dues. Director Gina Posey recognized my raised my hand. But when I attempted to address the FACT my CASH membership dues had been accepted by the Treasurer, that's when Kris Payne exhibited another crazy meltdown. Banging his gavel, Kris shouted that I am NOT a member and wasn't on the agenda. When I stood to address the board and approached **Planning Commissioner Andy Nevis** to submit proof of my paid membership and the fraud committed by directors of the Association, Kris shouted at me to sit down, and then abruptly adjourned the meeting.

In the interim, Leo Cauchon stepped directly in front of me in a threatening manner and announced that he was "blocking me from approaching Kris and Andy" with my documents. As secretary of the Association, the Bylaws state Andy is required to make those documents available to membership and the public.

Notification of legal responsibility is the first essential of **due process of law**. The un rebutted affidavits prove the collusion of **Kris Payne and Andy Nevis**, with **Todd White and other public officials**, to destroy my good name and reputation in retaliation for whistleblowing. Kris and Todd were fired for violating their oaths and numerous laws; complaints are on file with HR and on the public record. The **Bonding Insurance Exclusion Clause** clearly delineates that any "act of dishonesty" represents a liability to EDC Risk Management, therefore the individual becomes personally liable for all associated legal costs.

The guest I had invited to attend Taxpayers was shocked by the unlawful behavior of Kris Payne and Leo Cauchon. Last night he vividly described to our team of Christians, several who aspire to run for public office or are members of the RCC, about the chaos he witnessed during the Taxpayers meeting. He also reminded us of the significance of the pledge of allegiance "**to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.**" Our three-hour meeting ended with several powerful prayers to enable us all to take a bold stand for God, truth, and righteousness, and make America great again.

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*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

As history teaches us, if the people have little or no knowledge of the basics of government and their rights, those who wield governmental power inevitably wield it excessively. After all, a citizenry can only hold its government accountable if it knows when the government oversteps its bounds. ~ John Whitehead ~



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Subject: 6/25/25 BOS Open Forum Public Comments - TPA Carol Louis assault

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is entered into the public record for the 6/25/25 BOS Open Forum.

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I have a moral and civic duty to hold your feet to the fire. After I left the podium last week, Wendy Thomas announced, "The county is not affiliated in any way with the Taxpayers Association." **That is NOT TRUE.**

Both the county and the Taxpayers Association are required to abide by local, state, and Federal laws, ordinances, regulations, and statutes. They both have Retaliation, Non-Discrimination, Ethics, and Whistleblowers Policies. Several members of the TPA are government officials or BOS appointees to various boards, commissions, and committees, all of whom are bound by their oaths of office. For example, Lori Parlin is a member who regularly attends TPA meetings and reports on her involvement to the BOS. The Facebook page features a photo of **Lori Parlin, Todd White, and Planning Commissioner Andy Nevis who is now the TPA secretary.**

The Association has been operating outside of the law for years, making threats, and retaliating against me for whistleblowing. Yesterday Carol Louis again demonstrated blatant hostility by publicly assaulting me and necessitating the Manager of Denny's call Placerville Police.

When I arrived to the PUBLIC TPA meeting held in a PUBLIC restaurant which is attended by PUBLIC officials, I found the door LOCKED from inside and a sign posted "Members Only." There is nothing in the Bylaws about closed meetings, and contrary to popular opinion, the FACT is I have been a paid member since 2008.

A few minutes later, a guest arrived who had been invited, **by Carol**, to attend the meeting. However, **Carol Louis and Lee Tannenbaum** firmly stood against the locked door blocking our access into the room. State laws and fire safety codes say it is unlawful to lock doors or obstruct access to any restaurant facilities. The Manager then called the owner of Denny's who instructed him to open the locked door permitting us to enter the room.

After he unlocked the door, Lee and Carol deliberately moved to block the entrance again. Fraudulently proclaiming that I wasn't a member, and prohibiting our entrance into the room, Carol came at me like a raging bull, pushing forcefully and causing me to stumble backwards. As she shut the door, Carol and Lee resumed their positions obstructing our passage into the room. Multiple witnesses gave statements to the police about the unwarranted altercation. The Manager also permitted the Police to record the incident directly from Denny's surveillance cameras.

While it is true that the BOS has no authority over individual members of the non-profit association, you do bear a responsibility to ensure HR acts when employees or BOS agents violate their oaths and public policies. Once you have been apprised of wrongdoing, but fail to take corrective action, then the county becomes complicit and liable. The solution is quite simple: **just do the RIGHT thing in the first place.**

*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

"Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual...Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us." ~ John Hancock ~

EXHIBIT F