

J. Connolly Open Forum BOS 12/6/2022

December 6, 2022

From: Joseph Connolly, M.A.

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Copy: El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer
El Dorado County Counsel

Subj: Seditious Conspiracy Outcomes and Implications

Dear Supervisors:

On November 29, 2022 a jury found Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes and one other co-conspirator guilty of seditious conspiracy against the United States. Rhodes and four other Oath Keepers were convicted of 17 felonies altogether and face maximum sentences ranging from 40 to 86 years imprisonment.

Thus far, five Oath Keepers and one Proud Boy have been found guilty of seditious conspiracy. This month, nine others face trial on that charge: four Oath Keepers starting December 6, and five Proud Boys starting December 19.

Both groups, and others associated with your appointment of extremist commissioners, used the same language - "storming the Capitol" - to describe their use of force in order to obstruct a constitutionally prescribed act carried out by Congress on January 6, 2021.

In the meantime, the extremist group that commissioner Grimoldi remains a member of is expanding its membership to include Southern California extremists, adding an additional layer of legal exposure to your continued support of those extremist ties.

Sincerely,

s/Joseph Connolly

SEDITIONOUS CONSPIRACY OUTCOMES AND IMPLICATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

In total, eighteen individuals have been charged with seditious conspiracy related to the attack of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. The purpose of those conspiracies were to “oppose the lawful transfer of presidential power by force, by opposing by force the authority of the Government of the United States and by preventing, hindering, or delaying by force the execution of the laws governing the transfer of power, including the Twelfth and Twentieth Amendments to the [United States] Constitution and Title 3, Section 15 of the United States Code.”¹

II. SIX GUILTY VERDICTS AND PLEAS

As of December 6, 2022, six individuals have been found guilty of seditious conspiracy: Oath Keepers Stewart Rhodes, Kelly Meggs, William Wilson, Joshua James and Brian Ulrich, and Proud Boy Jeremy Bertino. Rhodes is the founder and president of the Oath Keepers organization.

Rhodes and Meggs were found guilty by a jury on November 29, 2022. (See e.g., Figure 1.) They and three other Oath Keepers were collectively found guilty of seventeen felonies, with maximum sentences ranging from 40 to 86 years imprisonment. All five, for example, were found guilty of obstructing an official proceeding of Congress; “that is, the Certification of the Electoral College vote.”²

Wilson, James, Ulrich and Bertino previously pled guilty to seditious conspiracy and additional felonies. Accordingly, they are required to cooperate in ongoing government investigations. All of them await sentencing.³

¹ See e.g., superseding indictment of Oath Keepers at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1514896/download>; see also superseding indictment of Proud Boys at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1510981/download>.

² See e.g., <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/11/29/stewart-rhodes-oath-keepers-verdict-00071248>; see also Oath Keepers superseding indictment at page 34.

³ See e.g., <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/third-oath-keepers-defendant-pleads-guilty-sedition-capitol-riot-case-rcna27294>; <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-leader-proud-boys-pleads-guilty-seditious-conspiracy-efforts-stop-transfer-power>.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. 22-cr-15 (APM)
v.	:	
(1) ELMER STEWART RHODES III,	:	
(2) KELLY MEGGS,	:	
(3) KENNETH HARRELSON,	:	
(4) JESSICA WATKINS, and	:	
(5) THOMAS CALDWELL,	:	
Defendants.	:	

VERDICT FORM

Count One: Seditious Conspiracy

A. Verdict as to each defendant:

(1) *Elmer Stewart Rhodes III*

Guilty Not Guilty

i. If guilty of the conspiracy charged in Count One, which object(s) do you unanimously find the defendant conspired to achieve:

To oppose by force the authority of the Government of the United States

To use force to prevent, hinder, or delay the execution of any law of the United States

Figure 1

Oath Keepers Trial Verdict Form – Rhodes Guilty of Seditious Conspiracy

III.

SEDITIONOUS CONSPIRACY TRIALS - DECEMBER, 2022

Two more trials of the remaining nine individuals charged with seditious conspiracy are scheduled in December, 2022. A joint trial of Oath Keepers Roberto Minuta, Joseph Hackett, David Moerschel, and Edward Vallejo will commence on December 6. The joint trial of Proud Boy leaders Enrique Tarrío, Ethan Nordean, Joseph Biggs, Zachary Rehl, and Dominic Pezzola commences on December 19.

Each trial will take place in the E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse, located just one-half block northwest of the location where the Proud Boys mingled before they initiated the first physical breach of the restricted U.S. Capitol grounds on January 6, 2021.⁴ (See Figure 2.)

⁴ See e.g., pages 51-63 of Joseph Connolly letter, “Proud Boy Ricky Willden Plea – El Dorado County Implications,” dated April 25, 2022.

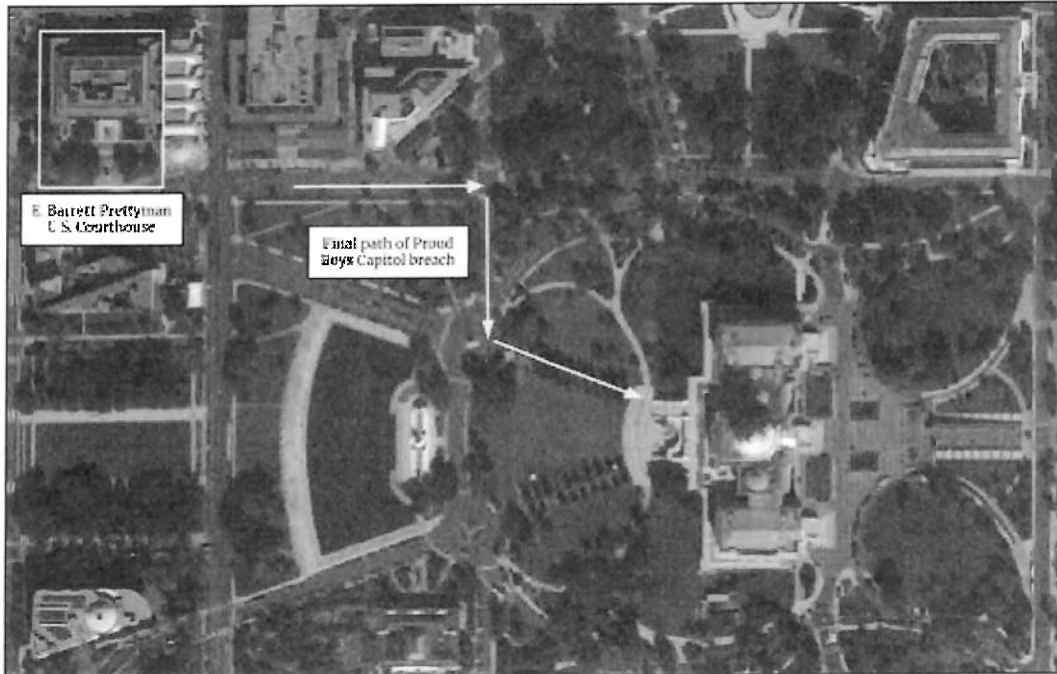


Figure 2

Location of U.S. Courthouse vis-à-vis the U.S. Capitol and Proud Boys breach

Many of the same defendants and their respective organizations—together with former U.S. President Donald Trump—face other trials for their respective actions related to the events of January 6, 2021.⁵

IV. SEDITIONOUS CONSPIRACY IMPLICATIONS

Each Supervisor, prior to assuming their elected office, must “take and subscribe” an obligatory oath under California law whereby they affirm “to support and defend the Constitution of the United States ... against all enemies,” that they “will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States,” that they “take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion,” and that they “*will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.*” (emphasis added.)⁶

⁵ See pages 8–10.

⁶ The oath of office is required by the provisions of section 3 of Article XX of the California Constitution and section 1360 of the Government Code.

The oath of office, and its obligatory conditions, are among those “duties” that Supervisors swear or affirm to “well and faithfully discharge.” The word “obligation,” in a legal sense, is defined as “a legal duty, by which a person is bound to do or not to do a certain thing.”

A Supervisor’s obligations as prescribed by the California oath of office are examples of a “perfect obligation.” That is, they “give the right to one party to take legal action against the other party for failure to perform.”

The penalties for violating the oath of office include misdemeanor or felony violations, fines and/or imprisonment, and/or disqualification from office.⁷

Specifically, “[e]very person having taken and subscribed to the oath or affirmation required by [chapter 2 of division 4 of title 1 of the Government Code], who while holding office, advocates or becomes a member of any party or organization, political or otherwise, that *advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States by force or violence or other unlawful means*, is guilty of a felony, and is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code.” (Govt. Code, § 1369.) (emphasis added.)

A.

AFFIRMATION OF FORCE TO OPPOSE THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

As previously described in the Introduction, above, and in other government documents, several individuals of the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys “*conspired to oppose by force the lawful transfer of presidential power.*” (emphasis added.)

Consequently, six of those individuals have been convicted of a federal felony—namely, seditious conspiracy—under Title 18, Section 2384 of the United States Code, and are awaiting sentencing of that crime which is punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment.⁸

In other words, those groups and individuals fulfilled the felony conditions of Government Code section 1369, wherein they “*advocate[d] the overthrow of the government of the United States by force or violence or other unlawful means.*” (emphasis added.)

⁷ See e.g., pages 25–35 of Joseph Connolly letter, “El Dorado County Ties to Seditious Conspiracy,” dated October 11, 2022, describing oath of office conditions and legal penalties.

⁸ See *Id.*, pages 18–20 (describing Proud Boy Jeremy Bertino’s guilty plea); Wilson Information, pages 1–4, at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1499021/download>.

B.
“STORMING THE CAPITOL” – A SHARED LANGUAGE

The first Oath Keepers trial of Rhodes and four other co-conspirators highlighted a common language among that group and others tied to the County’s extremist commissioners: “Storming the Capitol.”

1.
THE PROUD BOYS

On April 8, 2022 Proud Boy leader Charles Donohoe pled guilty to two felonies, including conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding. His plea acknowledged that Proud Boys “leadership were discussing the possibility of *storming the Capitol*. Donohoe believed that *storming the Capitol* would achieve the group’s goal of stopping the government from carrying out the transfer of presidential power. Donohoe understood that *storming the Capitol would be illegal.*”⁹ (emphasis added.)

On January 6, 2021 Proud Boys leaders celebrated their attack on the U.S. Capitol. Joseph Biggs, now facing trial for seditious conspiracy, “recorded himself stating, “Dude, we’re right in front of the Capitol right now. *American citizens are storming the Capitol*—taking it back right now. There’s millions of people out here; this is fucking crazy. Oh my God! This is such history! This is insane. We’ve gone through every barrier thus far. Fuck you!”” (emphasis added.) (See Figure 3.)



Figure 3

Proud Boy Joseph Biggs celebrating “*Americans ... storming the [U.S.] Capitol*”

⁹ See e.g., pages 3, 47, 53 of Joseph Connolly letter, “Proud Boy Ricky Willden Plea – El Dorado County Implications,” dated April 25, 2022.

Approximately 30 minutes later Biggs made another recording, saying “*So we just stormed the fucking Capitol. Took the motherfucking place back. That was so much fun. ... January 6 will be a day in infamy.*”¹⁰ (emphasis added.)

Similarly, Proud Boys leader Nicholas Ochs of Hawaii, who pled guilty to felony obstruction of an official proceeding on September 9, 2022, bragged in a video, “sorry we couldn’t go live when *we stormed the fuckin’ U.S. Capitol and made Congress flee.*”¹¹ (emphasis added.) (See e.g., Figure 4.)



Figure 4

Proud Boys Leader Nicholas Ochs - U.S. Capitol Crypt - January 6, 2021

On October 6, 2022 Proud Boy leader Jeremy Bertino pled guilty to seditious conspiracy. Bertino “understood from his discussions with [Proud Boys] leadership ... that *the purpose of traveling to Washington, D.C., on January 6, 2021, was to stop the certification of the Electoral College Vote, and that the [Proud Boys] leaders were willing to do whatever it would take, including using force against police officers and others, to achieve that objective.*” (emphasis added.)

¹⁰ *Id.*, see pages 63, 66.

¹¹ See Government’s Sentencing Memorandum at <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.dcd.227062/gov.uscourts.dcd.227062.94.0.pdf>.

Bertino knew that “*storming the [U.S.] Capitol or its grounds would be illegal and would require using force* against police officers and other government officials ... *includ[ing] the storming of police lines and barricades at the Capitol.*”¹² (emphasis added.)

2.

THE OATH KEEPERS

On March 2, 2022, regional Oath Keepers leader Joshua James “admitted that, from November 2020 through January 2021, he conspired with other Oath Keeper members and affiliates to use force to prevent, hinder and delay the execution of the laws of the United States governing the transfer of presidential power.”¹³

On January 6, 2021, a video titled “live stream of *patriots storming the capitol*” was posted on an Oath Keepers Signal chat group. Rhodes answered, “Actual Patriots. Pissed off patriots[.] Like the Sons of Liberty were pissed off patriots[.]” James followed with, “Were coming to Capitol ETA 30 MIN[.]”¹⁴ (emphasis added.)

James unlawfully entered the U.S. Capitol and admitted he “intended to use force and did, in fact, use force in the Capitol and when engaging in physical altercations with law enforcement, in order to prevent, hinder, and delay the execution of the laws governing the transfer of power. James corruptly obstructed, influenced, and impeded an official proceeding, that is, a proceeding before Congress, specifically, Congress’s certification of the Electoral College vote as set out in the Twelfth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and 3 U.S.C. §§ 15-18.”¹⁵

3.

DENISE AGUILAR

Denise Aguilar, founder of the groups “Freedom Angels” and “Mamalitia,” has not yet been arrested or indicted for her unlawful acts at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Nevertheless, as previously documented to the Board, Aguilar also bragged about “storming the Capitol” on January 6, 2021.¹⁶ (See e.g, Figure 5.)

¹² See pages 18-20 of Joseph Connolly letter, “El Dorado County Ties to Seditious Conspiracy,” dated October 11, 2022.

¹³ See Dept. of Justice press release at <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/leader-alabama-chapter-oath-keepers-pleads-guilty-seditious-conspiracy-and-obstruction>.

¹⁴ See paragraph 27 of James’ Statement of Offense at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1479561/download>.

¹⁵ *Id.*, see paragraphs 29-37.

¹⁶ See e.g., pages 11-14 of Joseph Connolly letter, “Proud Boy Ricky Willden Plea - El Dorado County Implications,” dated April 25, 2022; pages 3-16 of Joseph Connolly letter, “El Dorado

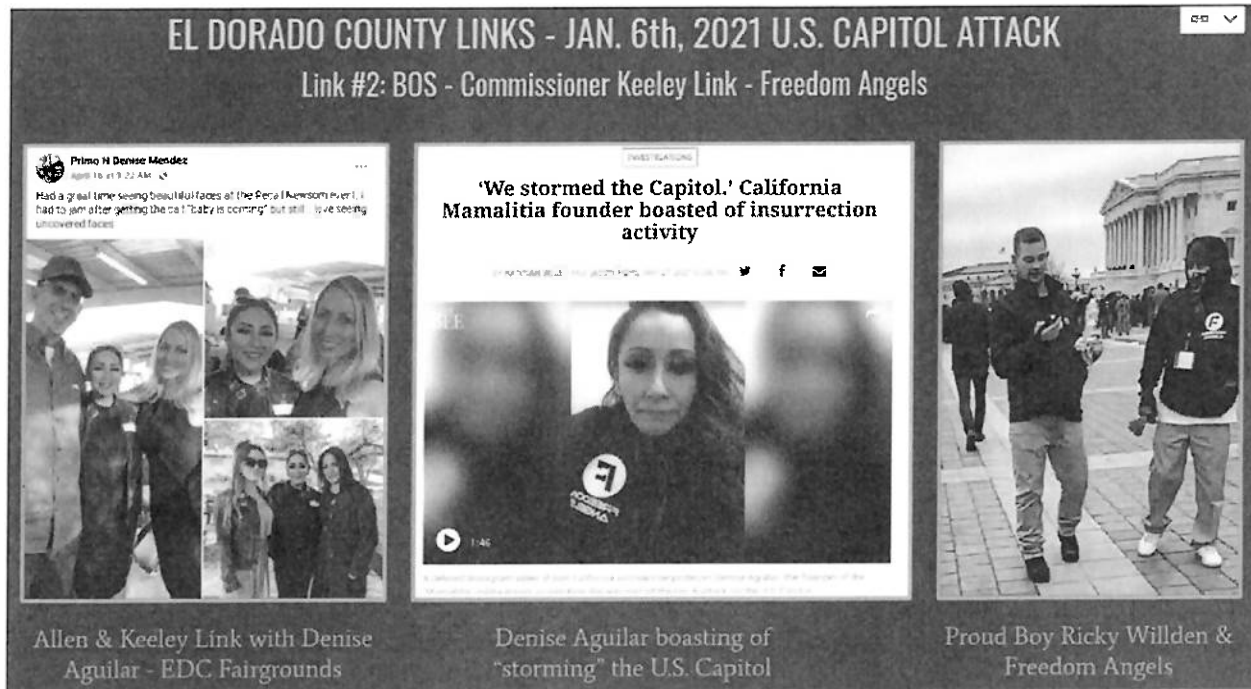


Figure 5
El Dorado County Links to Denise Aguilar and January 6, 2021 U.S. Capitol Attack

C.
COURT RULINGS AND FUTURE TRIALS

The Proud Boys leadership group set for trial starting on December 19, 2022 have unsuccessfully sought to dismiss the conspiracy charges against them and change the trial venue from Washington, D.C..

The court ruled that “[a] crime is a “continuing offense” if it was “begun in one district and completed in another, or committed in more than one district.” See 18 U.S.C. § 3237(a). Congress has authorized the Government to prosecute such offenses “in any district in which [it] was begun, continued, or completed.” ... Thus, under 18 U.S.C. § 3237(a) and consistent with Supreme Court and D.C. Circuit precedent, *venue is proper anywhere the Defendants are alleged to have formed the charged conspiracies or undertaken overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracies.*”¹⁷ (emphasis added.)

County Links to Seditious Conspirators,” dated June 28, 2022; pages 2-13 of Joseph Connolly letter, “El Dorado County Ties to Seditious Conspiracy,” dated October 11, 2022.

¹⁷ See November 28, 2022 Memorandum Order at <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.dcd.228299/gov.uscourts.dcd.228299.552.0.pdf>.

In addition to the present criminal trials of the Oath Keepers and Proud Boys, their respective organizations and many of the same individual defendants face civil trials for damages they caused. For example, eight U.S. Capitol police officers who defended the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021 have filed a lawsuit seeking accountability for those unlawful acts.¹⁸ Other parties, including the District of Columbia, have filed similar lawsuits.¹⁹

As to the Proud Boys as an organizational defendant, the lawsuit notes “PROUD BOYS is an unincorporated association consisting of PROUD BOYS’ governing organization PROUD BOYS INTERNATIONAL, L.L.C. (“PBI”), *local chapters throughout the United States, and thousands of individual members, voluntarily joined together by mutual consent for the purpose of promoting PROUD BOYS’ objectives.* PROUD BOYS members pay dues both to the national body and to their local chapters. PROUD BOYS took the actions alleged herein through PBI’s and PROUD BOYS’ agents and officers, including TARRIO, NORDEAN, BIGGS, REHL, DONOHOE, and other PROUD BOYS members, including PEZZOLA, acting within the scope of the authority delegated to them by PROUD BOYS or with apparent authority to bind PROUD BOYS. In addition, on December 29, 2020, PROUD BOYS created a leadership structure called the Ministry of Self Defense, which included TARRIO, NORDEAN, BIGGS, DONOHOE, and REHL, which was specifically intended to help coordinate the Capitol Attack and PROUD BOYS’ activities on January 6.”²⁰

1.

LOCAL IMPLICATIONS

There appear to be three local implications regarding venue and accountability. First, that venue could be proper in the local federal district court, because Proud Boys linked to this area—including Proud Boys Eddie Block and Ricky Willden—joined in the manner and means of the Proud Boys conspiracies up to and including seditious conspiracy.²¹

In 2020, for example, Proud Boys from various chapters practiced the same techniques in local rallies that were later employed at the U.S. Capitol, including the

¹⁸ See e.g., “Smith v. Trump, Seeking Accountability for the Jan. 6 Attack on the U.S. Capitol,” at <https://www.lawyerscommittee.org/smith-v-trump/>.

¹⁹ See e.g., “D.C. attorney general expands Jan. 6 lawsuit,” at <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/04/01/d-c-attorney-general-expands-jan-6-lawsuit-00022274>.

²⁰ See amended complaint at <https://www.lawyerscommittee.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/089-Amended-Complaint-Redacted.pdf>.

²¹ See e.g., pages 15-23, 37, 40-43, 53-65, 81-82 of Joseph Connolly letter, “Proud Boy Ricky Willden Plea - El Dorado County Implications,” dated April 25, 2022.

use of bear spray. Willden was one of those Proud Boys who used chemical sprays against U.S. Capitol police officers on January 6, 2021; he is now serving a two year prison sentence according to his plea agreement.

Second, individual members of the Hangtown Proud Boys and other local chapters can be viewed as having liability for the acts undertaken by the Proud Boys on January 6, 2021, including seditious conspiracy against the United States.

Third, federal law includes a specific criminal statute addressing individual or group advocacy for the overthrow of the United States government or its subdivisions, irrespective of oaths of office.²²

One condition of the federal statute describes advocacy through the organization of others; i.e., “[w]hoever organizes or helps or attempts to organize *any society, group, or assembly of persons who teach, advocate, or encourage the overthrow or destruction of any such government by force or violence; or becomes or is a member of, or affiliates with, any such society, group, or assembly of persons*, knowing the purposes thereof.” This includes “the *recruiting of new members*, the forming of new units, and the *regrouping or expansion of existing clubs, classes, and other units of such society, group, or assembly of persons.*” (emphasis added.)

The local group “Boots on the Ground Cali” (“BOTGC”), which Commissioner Grimoldi continues to be a member of, and which she was a moderator of prior to her appointment, is an organization potentially subject to the statute’s conditions because of its membership, including Proud Boys and other extremists who engaged in criminal advocacy according to the statute.²³ (See e.g., Figures 6-7.)

The BOTGC membership was recently expanded on October 31, 2022 to include Southern California, with an expected outreach or ties to “most of the Patriots, P[roud] B[oy]s, etc.” Grimoldi responded to that news with a “Love” on BOTGC’s Facebook page. (See Figure 8.)

²² See description of 18 U.S.C., § 2385 at pages 24-25 of Joseph Connolly letter, “El Dorado County Ties to Seditious Conspiracy,” dated October 11, 2022.

²³ See e.g., pages 25-33 of Joseph Connolly letter, “Proud Boy Ricky Willden Plea - El Dorado County Implications,” dated April 25, 2022.

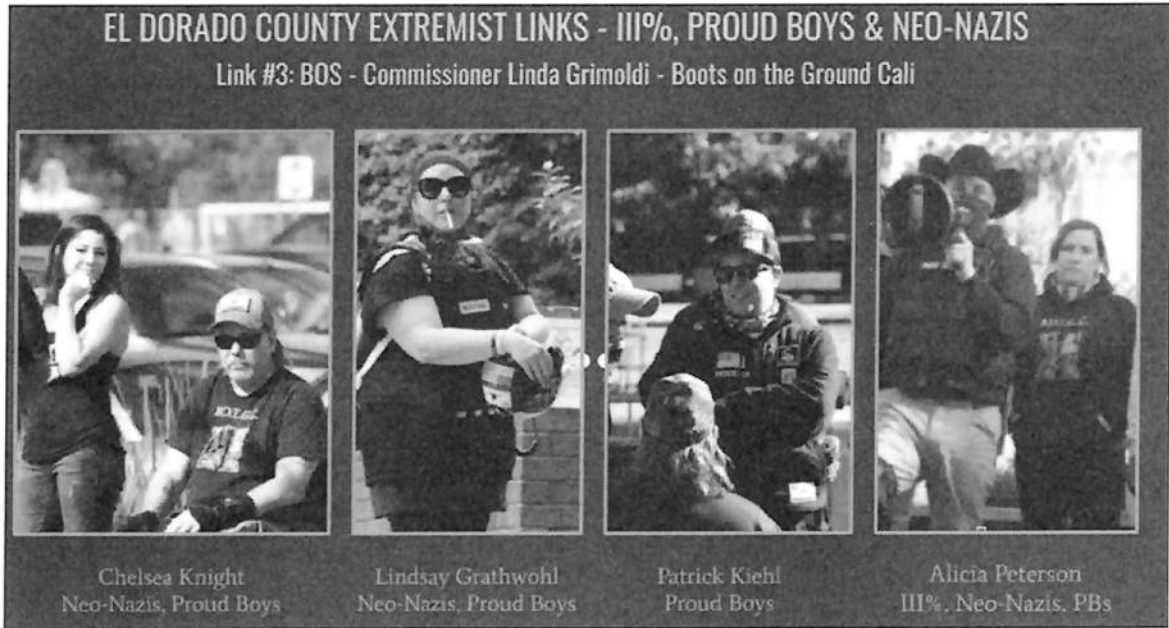


Figure 6
Examples of BOTGC extremist membership, c. 2020-2022

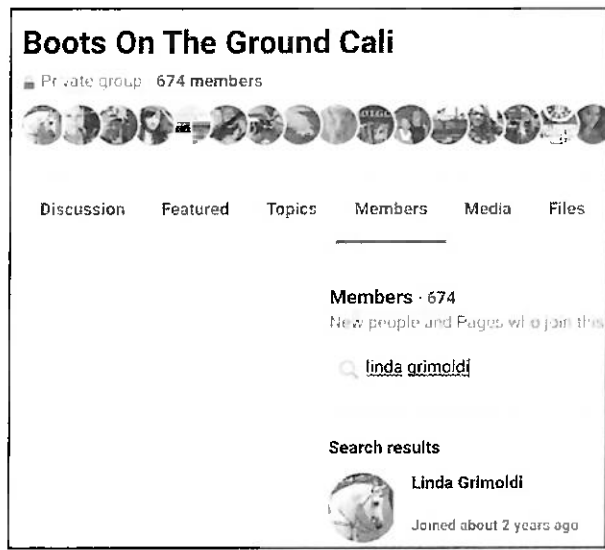


Figure 7
Grimoldi BOTGC Member - Dec., 2022

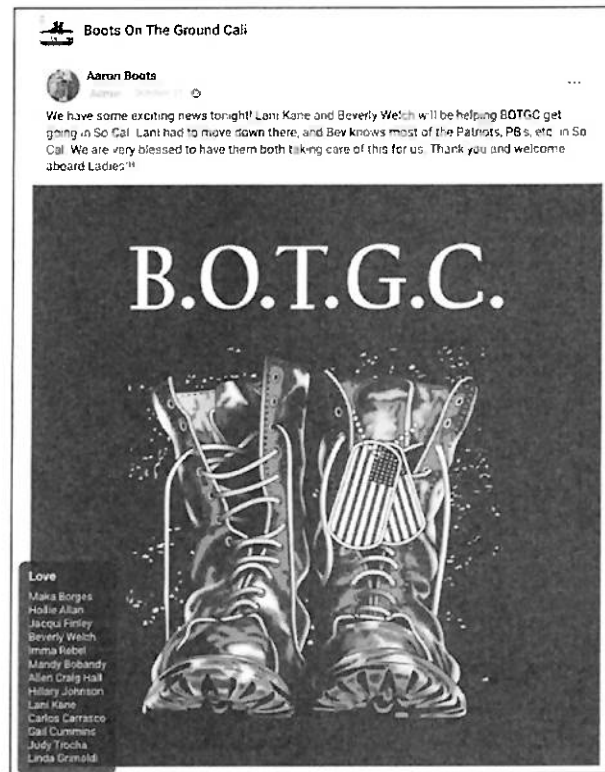


Figure 8
BOTGC Expansion -Oct. 31, 2022

V. CONCLUSION

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors' ties to seditious conspiracy against the United States are now firmly in place. Those ties remain unrefuted and exist without any objection by the Board, its Chief Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer, or any El Dorado County elected law enforcement officer.

Since January, 2021 the Board of Supervisors, who have sole authority for the appointment and supervision of El Dorado County commissioners, has appointed three commissioners with pre-existing ties to extremist groups and individuals who have been found guilty of seditious conspiracy.

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

Every Supervisor, and every other El Dorado County elected official who has taken and subscribed an oath of office under California law, is legally bound to support and defend the Constitution of the United States—a duty they are required to “well and faithfully execute” as a condition of holding office.

By advocating the “overthrow of the government of the United States by force or violence or other unlawful means” – through the appointment and ongoing support of commissioners with ties to the unconstitutional events of January 6, 2021 – every Supervisor is deemed by California law to be “guilty of a felony.”



RESOLUTION NO. _____
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and other elected El Dorado County officials took an oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies; and

WHEREAS, our oath of office requires us to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, our oath of office is a legal obligation taken freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and

WHEREAS, we are bound to follow our oath of office under penalty of law, including fines, imprisonment, or disqualification from office; and

WHEREAS, the events of January 6, 2021, in and around the United States Capitol, were an unlawful attempt to obstruct Congress's constitutional duty of certifying electoral votes for the 2020 election; and

WHEREAS, the events of January 6, 2021 ended our nation's proud history of an uninterrupted peaceful transfer of power between elected Presidents, resulting in deaths, numerous injuries, and significant property damage to the U.S. Capitol; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors will not appoint, support, defend, or advocate for any persons or groups who stand for any unlawful act(s) to obstruct Congress on January 6, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the _____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

[CLERK'S SIGNATURE]

[BOARD CHAIR SIGNATURE]

BOS COMMENTS

DECEMBER 6, 2022

THE EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TIES TO SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ARE NOW FIRMLY IN PLACE. THOSE TIES REMAIN UNREFUTED AND EXIST WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION BY THE BOARD, ITS CHIEF COUNSEL, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, OR ANY EL DORADO COUNTY ELECTED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL.

SINCE JANUARY, 2021 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHO HAVE SOLE AUTHORITY FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND SUPERVISION OF EL DORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, HAS APPOINTED THREE COMMISSIONERS WITH PRE-EXISTING TIES TO EXTREMIST GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOW BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY.

THE PURPOSE OF THOSE CONSPIRACIES WERE TO - QUOTE - "OPPOSE THE LAWFUL TRANSFER OF PRESIDENTIAL POWER BY FORCE, BY OPPOSING BY FORCE THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND BY PREVENTING, HINDERING, OR DELAYING BY FORCE THE EXECUTION OF THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TRANSFER OF POWER, INCLUDING THE TWELFTH AND TWENTIETH AMENDMENTS TO THE [UNITED STATES] CONSTITUTION AND TITLE 3, SECTION 15 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE." - UNQUOTE.

EVERY SUPERVISOR IS LEGALLY BOUND TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES - A DUTY YOU ARE REQUIRED TO "WELL AND FAITHFULLY EXECUTE" AS A CONDITION OF HOLDING OFFICE.

BY ADVOCATING THE - QUOTE - "OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY FORCE OR VIOLENCE OR OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS" - UNQUOTE - EVERY SUPERVISOR IS DEEMED BY CALIFORNIA LAW TO BE GUILTY OF A FELONY. YOUR APPOINTMENT AND SUPPORT OF COMMISSIONERS WITH TIES TO THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL EVENTS OF JANUARY 6, 2021, INCLUDING SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY, APPEAR TO FULFILL THAT STANDARD OF ACCOUNTABILITY.

I'VE SOUGHT TO REMAIN DILIGENT IN UPHOLDING THE OATH I TOOK TO DEFEND OUR CONSTITUTION, BY SUBMITTING FACTS FOR YOUR BENEFIT - SO YOU COULD MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS AND UPHOLD YOUR OATHS FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.

INSTEAD, I'VE WATCHED YOUR ADVISORS REMAIN SILENT (CAO, COUNSEL) - WHITEWASH FACTS YOU WERE ASKED TO INVESTIGATE, OF THOSE TIES YOU SEEM PERSONALLY SUPPORTIVE OF (TURNBOO) - APOLOGIZE TO COMMISSIONERS WHO MISLED AND LIED TO YOU AND THE PUBLIC (PARLIN) - DO NOTHING AFTER I PERSONALLY REVIEWED SEDITIOUS LINKS WITH YOU OVER A YEAR AGO (THOMAS) - PRIVATELY MOCK THE PUBLIC'S OBJECTIONS AND CONCERNS (HIDAHL) - OR JUST WATCH WHILE YOUR TERM OF OFFICE RAN OUT. (NOVASEL)

ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICE IS NOT A RIGHT. IT'S A SOLEMN TRUST THAT COMES WITH JUST ONE CONDITION - TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION.

I URGE YOU AGAIN TO AFFIRM YOUR OATHS OF OFFICE, WITHOUT RESERVATION OR EVASION, BY PASSING THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION AND REMOVING THE STAIN OF SEDITION FROM THIS BODY AND THIS COUNTY.

THANK YOU.