

Open Forum L. Anzini BOS 12/6/14



Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

As this contentious election season comes to a close, we are saddened to hear of instances of harassment, hate, and violence occurring across our nation and in our community; incidents that are creating an environment of fear for our families, friends, neighbors, and children. As local leaders, we are calling on you to reaffirm our community values-- fundamental human decency, our equal rights as individuals, freedom of expression and freedom from discrimination. We also urge local religious, civic, community, and business leaders to join us in promoting these shared values and in pushing back against hate and intolerance.

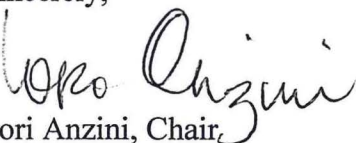
While we recognize that some of these acts may not be illegal, we call upon our community to do what is right, and what is moral, and speak out against incidents of racism and intolerance.

- Children should not be bullied at school, for any reason. They also should not be questioned about their parents' immigration status.
- Racial slurs do not belong in our stores or our streets.
- Voter suppression should not be condoned.
- Whites only language in all CCR's inside El Dorado County should be stricken and removed from the leadership of our County down to our towns and communities.
- And finally, Nooses, long a symbol of our nation's history of post-civil war lynchings, do not belong in our neighborhoods.

We deserve better as a community, and should hold one another to a higher standard.

We call upon our leaders to set the example and tone for our community. Civility, tolerance, and basic human dignity are not partisan issues, and we are confident that with good faith and effort, El Dorado County can set an example for other communities to follow.

Sincerely,


Lori Anzini, Chair

EL DORADO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING RACISM AND INTOLERANCE

WHEREAS, America, as a nation of immigrants, has always celebrated its diversity as its greatest strength, thus making our country a beacon of democracy across the globe, instances of hate and intolerance have recently occurred in our community, and

WHEREAS, we are proud to stand with all Americans, regardless of their ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or religion, and will speak out against those who preach hate, intolerance, and incite violence, and work to ensure that all members of our community feel safe and secure, and

WHEREAS, confronting institutional racism is a fundamental step towards addressing racial disparities in criminal justice, education, housing, and health indicators, among others; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the El Dorado County Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to the core value of fighting racism and intolerance and to continue to denounce it in every form, and at every opportunity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the El Dorado County Democratic Party asks each of its members to individually speak out, write letters and take actions in support of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY, REQUESTS AND ASKS: That the Governing Board of the County of El Dorado adopt and recognize that human rights and the safety of them should be held at the highest level and adopt a resolution of recommitting or creating a Human Right Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of November, 2016 by the El Dorado County Democratic Party:

Lori G. Anzini, Chair

El Dorado County Democratic Central Committee

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