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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC COMMENT

MAY 17, 2022

GOOD AFTERNOON. TITLE 9 OF THE COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE IS TITLED "PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE." SECTION 9.02.010 STATES "THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IS AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICE, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE IS VITAL TO THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, AND QUALITY OF LIFE." IT ALSO STATES THAT "THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY CIVIL OR ANY OTHER LEGAL REMEDY ESTABLISHED BY LAW."

SECTION 9.04.010 STATES, "IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO KNOWINGLY FALSIFY OR CONCEAL ANY FACT, OR MAKE ANY FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT OR MISREPRESENTATION IN ANY MATTER OR PROCEEDING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE COUNTY." THAT ENCOMPASSES YOUR APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS, AND ANY APPEARANCES THEY MAKE BEFORE YOU, AS THEY SERVE UNDER YOUR SOLE PLEASURE BY AUTHORITY OF SECTION 2.20.010.

SECTION 9.04.030 STATES, "ANY PERSON VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE PUNISHABLE ACCORDING TO THE GENERAL PENALTIES DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 1.24."

SUBDIVISION (C) OF THAT CHAPTER STATES THAT A MISDEMEANOR VIOLATION OF COUNTY ORDINANCES "SHALL BE PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL NOT EXCEEDING SIX MONTHS OR BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.00, OR BY BOTH."

LAST WEEK SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WERE CALLED WHEN I WAS CONFRONTED BY AARON BATE AND MEMBERS OF THE PROUD BOYS IN THIS CHAMBER. THE RESPONDING DEPUTIES TOLD ME THEY WERE DISPATCHED TO "KEEP THE PEACE" IN THE CHAMBER.

TWO OF THE PERSONS HARASSING ME ARE THE UNDISCLOSED EXTREMIST FRIENDS OF COMMISSIONER GRIMOLDI. THEY ARE PROUD BOYS JONATHAN LUDWICK AND JEFF COPLEY, WHO HAVE TIES TO GRIMOLDI THAT SHE CONCEALED FROM YOU. SHE ALSO MISLED YOU BY STATING AARON BATE WAS MERELY HER RECALL NEWSOM CAPTAIN, BUT HE'S MUCH MORE THAN THAT.

GRIMOLDI'S OTHER VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 9.04.010 ARE HER FALSE CRIMINAL ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ME, AS I SUBMITTED TO YOU LAST WEEK.

IN MY VIEW, AND IN THE UNREFUTED PUBLIC RECORD SUBMITTED TO YOU, GRIMOLDI SHOULD BE DEEMED GUILTY OF MULTIPLE ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS THROUGH HER FALSE STATEMENTS, MISLEADING INFORMATION, AND MATERIAL

CONCEALMENTS. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD PUT THIS MATTER ON THE RECORD, FIND HER GUILTY OF EACH VIOLATION, AND IMPOSE THE MANDATORY FINES AND JAIL TERMS PRESCRIBED BY YOUR ORDINANCE.

THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO ADDRESS YOU IN SAFETY, WITHOUT HARASSMENT OR INTIMIDATION. I'M NOT INTIMIDATED BY THOSE WHO WANT TO PREVENT ME FROM SPEAKING. MANY OTHERS ARE, THOUGH, BECAUSE THEY HAVE WITNESSED WHAT I'VE GONE THROUGH AND YOUR APATHY ABOUT IT.

YOU WARNED GRIMOLDI THAT SHE IS A REFLECTION OF THE BOARD. NOW HOLD HER ACCOUNTABLE FOR ABUSING THAT TRUST. THEN DO THE SAME FOR COMMISSIONERS COCKRELL, POIMIROO, AND SMITH FOR THEIR VIOLATIONS OF THE SAME ORDINANCES. THANK YOU.

May 17, 2022

From: Joseph Connolly, M.A., QMCS, USCG (Ret.)

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Copy: Mr. Don Ashton, El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. David Livingston, El Dorado County Counsel
Mr. Michael Anderson, El Dorado County Risk Manager

Subj: Ongoing Harassment in Board of Supervisors Chambers

Dear Supervisors:

Attached for your record is a summation of the ongoing harassment carried out in your chambers against me by extremists with ties to your appointees Chris Cockrell and Linda Grimoldi. I have been harassed, without any objection by you, in apparent retaliation for documenting Commissioner Linda Grimoldi's ties to extremist groups and individuals.

The harassment on May 10, 2022 was a perfect illustration of Grimoldi's undisclosed extremist ties. Once again, the public had warned you about a commissioner nominee's ties to extremists, but you still allowed that nominee to blatantly lie or conceal those ties with impunity, as Commissioners Cockrell and Link did in 2021. You've also allowed Grimoli to falsely accuse me of committing criminal acts against her, while thanking her for making such irresponsible statements.

On May 10th, you summoned the sheriff's department to keep the peace after I was harassed in your chambers by Grimoldi's extremist supporters, yet you also dismissed my complaint about being harassed in your presence. By your continued silence and inaction, you condone the degradation of the public's right to address you without harassment or intimidation, in this case by Grimoldi's extremist friends and supporters.

I urge you to respond to these matters immediately, and unequivocally affirm the public's right to safety when addressing you in the public interest.

Sincerely,

s/Joseph Connolly

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**SUMMATION OF PUBLIC HARASSMENT BY LOCAL EXTREMISTS
IN THE EL DORADO COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**I.
INTRODUCTION**

On March 15, 2022 myself and others objected to the pending appointment of Linda Grimoldi (“Grimoldi”) to the El Dorado Commission on Aging, by means of the Board of Supervisors’ (“Board”) consent calendar.

On March 22, 2022 the Board voted 5-0 to approve Grimoldi’s nomination, despite continued objections and the Board’s own admonishments to Grimoldi that included questioning her veracity about not disclosing extremist ties. Prior to approving Grimoldi’s nomination the Board admonished her, reminding Grimoldi that she was a direct reflection of the Board.

Subsequently, Grimoldi appeared before the Board to complain about the public’s objections. Without any factual basis Grimoldi threatened to take legal action for defamation of her character and accused me of committing criminal acts against her. On April 12, 2022 a Woodland area Proud Boy spoke to the Board in support of Grimoldi, while appearing to threaten or intimidate the Board and I.

On May 10, 2022 I submitted a formal complaint to the Board against Grimoldi for making false accusations of criminal acts. Approximately 10 minutes after I spoke, Grimoldi’s friends, including Aaron Bate and local Proud Boys she has ties to, entered the Board chamber. As I was exiting the Board chamber, Bate and Patrick Kiehl, the chapter president of the Hangtown Proud Boys, confronted me as the remaining Proud Boys gathered around them to glare at me.

The sheriff’s department was summoned to keep the public peace in the Board chamber, apparently in response to a phone call by the Chief Administrative Officer (“CAO”). The Board Chair, Supervisor Parlin, dismissed my objections to being harassed in the Board chamber, suggesting I appear by Zoom instead, and stated she wasn’t responsible for my personal safety. The CAO was equally dismissive when I expressed the same objection to being harassed in the Board chamber.

II.
PROUD BOY SEAN DITTY'S COMMENTS - APRIL 12, 2022

On April 12, 2022 Commissioner Linda Grimoldi accused me of committing criminal acts against her. She was followed by other persons speaking on her behalf, including a Proud Boy named Sean Ditty ("Ditty").¹ Ditty wore a black sweatshirt with a "PB" logo on the front and back.



Proud Boy Sean Ditty - El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chamber



¹ See https://eldorado.granicus.com/player/clip/1610?view_id=2&redirect=true, time 5:41:40 to time 5:44:22.

Ditty's remarks conveyed an intimidating or threatening effect to the Board and myself. Ditty was observed by Grimoldi and Aaron Bate, without either objecting to his remarks. Ditty commented,

"I'm a proud Western Chauvinist and I refuse to apologize for creating a modern world, alright? I'm here to represent myself, who is a member of a group. I'm not here to represent a group. Are we clear on that? ... There's only been one person in front of me who's been disinterested and hasn't been paying much attention to what we're speaking. [Looking towards either CAO or County Counsel] ... You're the only one who hasn't paid attention, OK? ...

Now I'm going to give you a quick lesson. **The only reason I'm here is ... in regards to this beautiful lady right here [pointing to Grimoldi]. ...** Let's clear something up real quick, OK? [Ditty then demonstrated the Proud Boys dismissive "OK" sign.] I don't care what anybody says. This means the West is the best. If there's anybody on that panel who doesn't agree that the West is the best, then we know where the problem lies. ...

The fuckery ends today. No longer can the left come up here and spout out slanderous, defamatory comments, OK? Just like social media, this Board, this organization, has an obligation to not present a floor for these slanderous remarks. I have a strong legal team. I'm sure you do too. **I've already filed small claims against Mr. Connolly for slander.** I've served court papers for 32 years, OK? Unfortunately for Mr. Connolly and his anonymity, court papers have to be served. I now have his address. ...

I don't live in this County any more. I grew up in this County. My case has been filed in the County where I live. Mr. Connolly will have to come to that county to answer to them. ... **I've encouraged other brothers to file similar slander cases [turning to point to Grimoldi] and the individual can come to all of our counties and defend those, OK?**²

I've known Mr. Bate for several years [pointing to Bate]. The fuckery ends today. You don't just get to come up here and slander people's names like that, OK? That's all I have to say. ... [Supervisor Parlin replied, "Thank you Sean."]

² As of May 17, 2020 I have not been served with any legal papers by Sean Ditty or others.

You know what this means? [Ditty gestured to the wording “Let’s Go Brandon” on his ballcap.] We can take off Brandon and it’s just “**Fuck Joe** [Connolly].” (emphasis added.)



Proud Boy Sean Ditty - “Fuck Joe”
Observed by Grimoldi (circled) and Bate (arrow)

Supervisor Novasel briefly objected to Ditty’s language. Board Chair Parlin agreed, stating, “Your message was better without that, but I get it. Thank you.” There were no other comments or objections by the remaining Board members.

III. AARON BATE AND PROUD BOYS CONFRONTATION MAY 10, 2022

On May 10, 2022 I submitted a formal complaint to the Board in response to Grimoldi’s accusations that I committed criminal acts against her. I also submitted written copies of my remarks to the Board.³

Approximately eight minutes later I heard the chamber doors open and observed the Board’s demeanor noticeably change to a more serious one. I looked behind me and watched as a local Proud Boy known as “John Wick” sat in the

³ See https://eldorado.granicus.com/player/clip/1621?view_id=2&redirect=true, time 3:47:38 to time 3:51:43.

chamber. I also observed Aaron Bate seated at the rear of the chamber, and other Proud Boys sitting a couple of rows behind me.⁴



Proud Boy “John Wick” (center), Aaron Bate (right, top)
Remaining Proud Boys (off screen, arrow)

I remained seated during the next agenda item, a brief update on a County department matter, to see if the Proud Boys and Bate were there to comment on that item. They did not. The Board then briefly adjourned until a time specific item at 2 p.m. and I elected to leave. The Board camera and sound were turned off at time 4:19:25.

As I exited up the center aisle of the Board chamber Aaron Bate glared at me. He confronted me by asking “You got anything you want to say to me?” I replied I did not. He said some other things very confrontationally, including “I’m going to sue your ass, you wifebeating piece of shit!”

As Bate confronted me the Proud Boys gathered around him and Patrick Kiehl, the chapter president of the Hangtown Proud Boys, also confronted me. Kiehl’s comments included that I had been saying a lot about him and others, and he challenged me to step outside with his group, as the other Proud Boys glared at me. I told Kiehl if he had something to say, then say it to the Board. He replied we could go outside and then come back in and say something there. What and how were unclear and I declined.

⁴ *Id.*, time 4:04:02-4:13:51.

I recognized the other Proud Boys as Jonathan Ludwick (aka John Wick, aka Joe Nathan), Jeff Copley, and two others who had recently attended a Davis School Board meeting. I have documented all those individuals and their recent activities to the Board, with the exception of Copley.

The confrontations took place at the rear of the Board chamber, in full view and hearing of the Board, CAO, County Counsel, and members of the public who were waiting for a 2 p.m. joint meeting with the Planning Commission. After I loudly introduced Kiehl and Ludwick by name, and “their friends,” they and Bate left the chamber and I noticed the CAO on the phone. He was apparently calling the sheriff’s department for assistance, as two deputies later arrived and told me they were there to “keep the peace” in the Board chamber.

I complained to Supervisor Parlin and the CAO about being harassed in the Board chamber. Both were dismissive and unapologetic. Parlin said I should appear by Zoom instead, and said she wasn’t responsible for my personal safety. The CAO criticized me for being “critical” in my comments to the Board.

Given the lack of concern for my personal safety, and the fact that the Proud Boys remained outside the Board chamber, I called 911 on my own, explained that I had been confronted in the Board chamber by the Proud Boys, and requested an officer escort to my car to avoid further harassment. One of the responding sheriff deputies did that after I explained what had occurred.

While I was confronted in the Board chamber, and while waiting for a safe escort afterwards, no Supervisor or County official approached me to ask if I was OK or if I was safe, or apologize for my being confronted in their space. In particular, my Supervisor, Wendy Thomas, went around the chamber to introduce herself to the Planning commissioners but ignored me.

The Board resumed its joint meeting with the Planning Commission at 2 p.m. No remarks were made regarding the harassment that occurred in the Board chamber.⁵

That evening I emailed a summary of the confrontations to each Supervisor, plus the CAO, County Counsel, Risk Manager, Clerk of the Board and two senior investigators for the El Dorado County District Attorney, Jeff Dreher and Richard Pesce. I have not received any reply as of May 16, 2022.

⁵ *Id.*, time 4:47:14.

**IV.
IDENTIFICATION OF EXTREMIST CONFRONTERS**

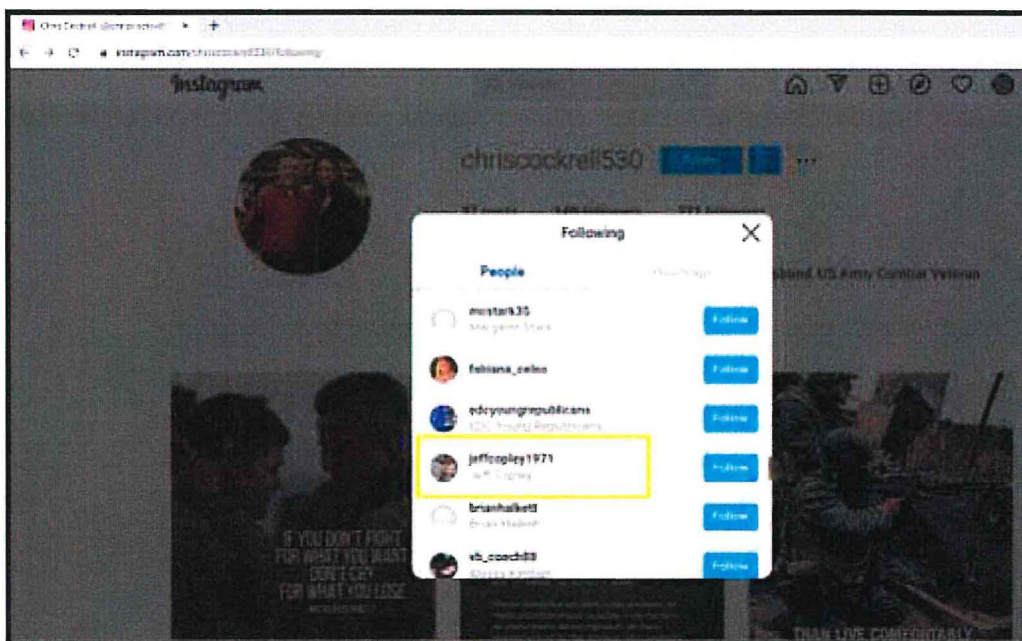
I recognized the individuals who confronted me in the Board chamber because I had previously documented their extremist activities to the Board. Those individuals were Aaron Bate, founder of the group “Boots on the Ground Cali (“BOTGC”); Patrick Kiehl, chapter president of the Hangtown Proud Boys; Proud Boy Johnathan Ludwick; Proud Boy Jeff Copley, and two other Proud Boys who have recently appeared with Wick and Kiehl, wearing Hangtown Proud Boys attire.

**A.
PROUD BOY JEFF COPLEY**

Proud Boy Jeff Copley (“Copley”) has links with Commissioner Cockrell, but neither of them has acknowledged a link. Copley’s El Dorado County home address is just up the street from Cockrell’s home address.

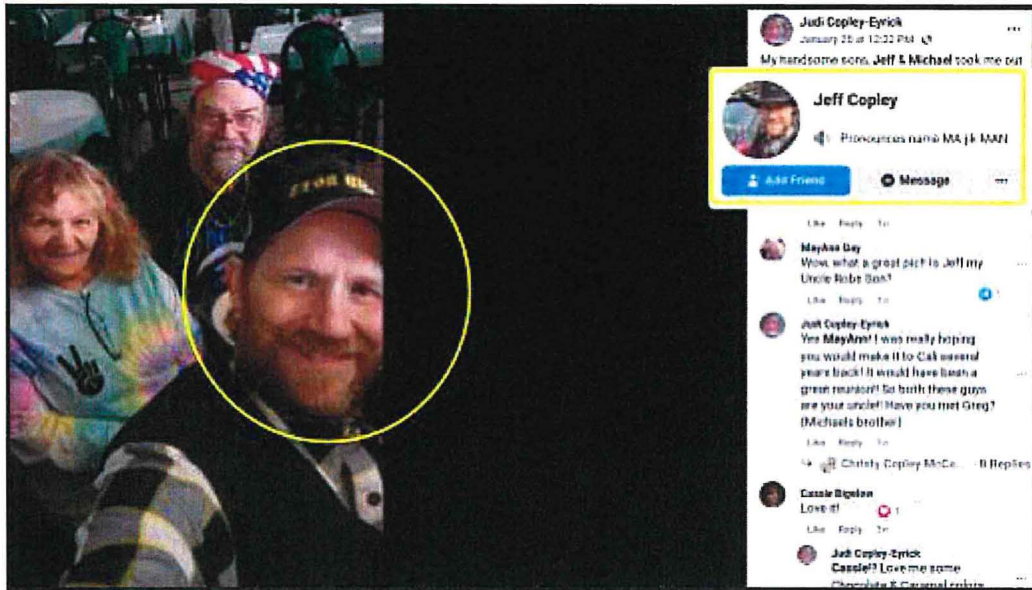
**1.
LINKS TO COMMISSIONER COCKRELL**

Cockrell and Copley are linked via their Instagram accounts. In the image below, Cockrell is “following” Copley’s account “jeffcopley1971.” 1971 is presumably Copley’s birth year, since he is reportedly 50 years old according to public records.

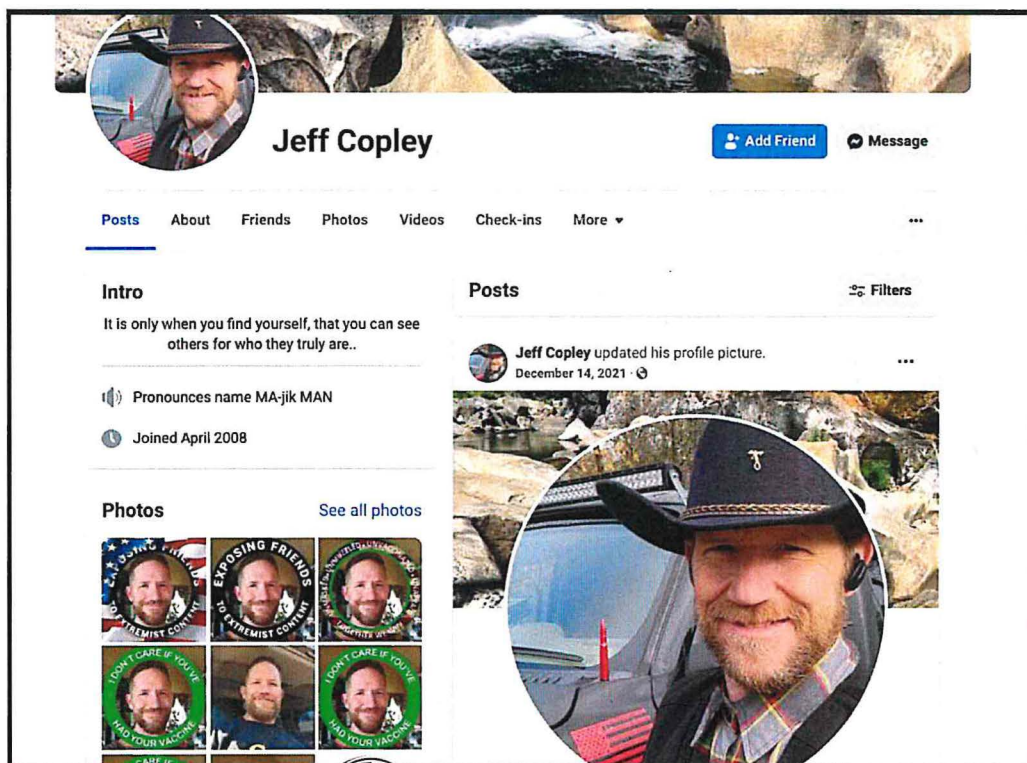


Commissioner Cockrell “following” Proud Boy Jeff Copley on Instagram

Copley's current online avatar is of himself in a black cowboy hat with a brass colored noose pin, matching the avatar in the preceding Instagram account photo. He jokingly refers to the pronunciation of his name as "MA-jik MAN."



Proud Boy Jeff Copley (circled) and current avatar (upper right)

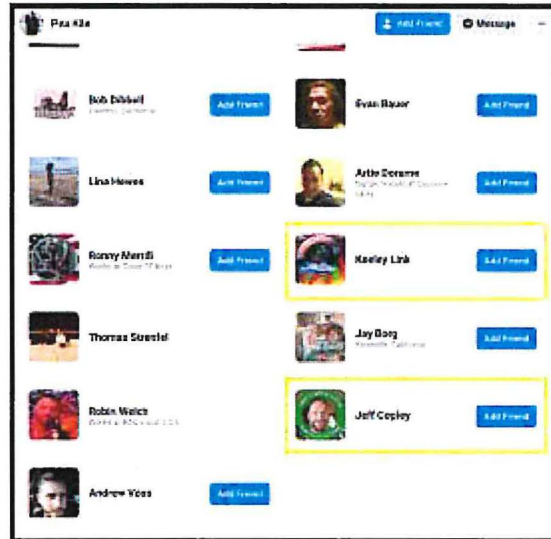


Proud Boy Jeff Copley - Facebook Page

2.

LINKS TO HANGTOWN PROUD BOYS

Copley is friends with Patrick Kiehl, chapter president of the Hangtown Proud Boys, and has appeared at local events with Kiehl and other Proud Boys.⁶



“Pea Kile” Facebook Friends – April, 2021
Includes former Commissioner Keeley Link and Proud Boy Jeff Copley



Proud Boys John Wick (center), Jeff Copley (right)
Placerville Walmart – August, 2021

⁶ Kiehl maintains a variety of alternate names on social media, including “Pea Kile” and “Katrnick Piehl.”

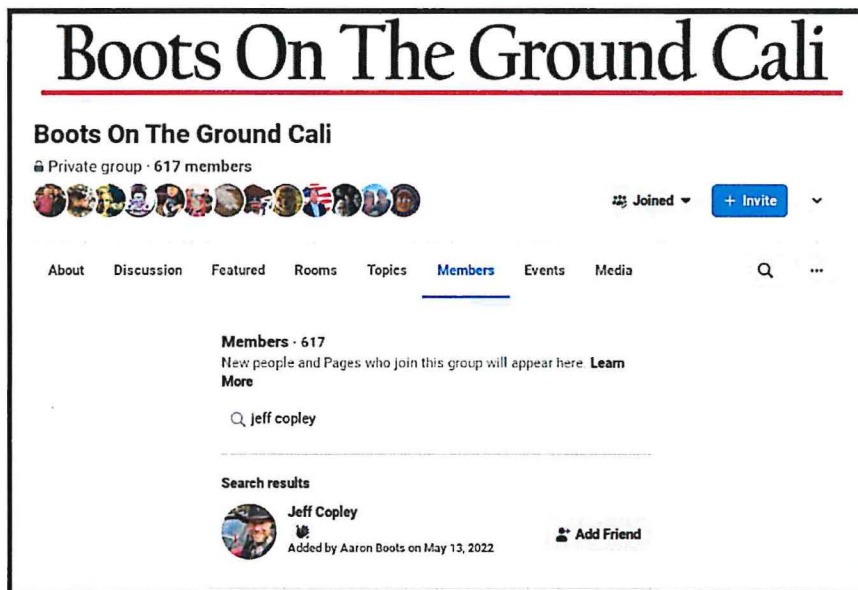


Proud Boys John Wick (left), Jeff Copley (center), Patrick Kiehl (right)
Placerville Walmart – August, 2021

3.

LINKS TO BOTGC AND AARON BATE

Copley is a member of BOTGC, a group that Grimoldi is also a member and administrator/moderator of. Grimoldi and Bate’s BOTGC roles have previously been documented to the Board.

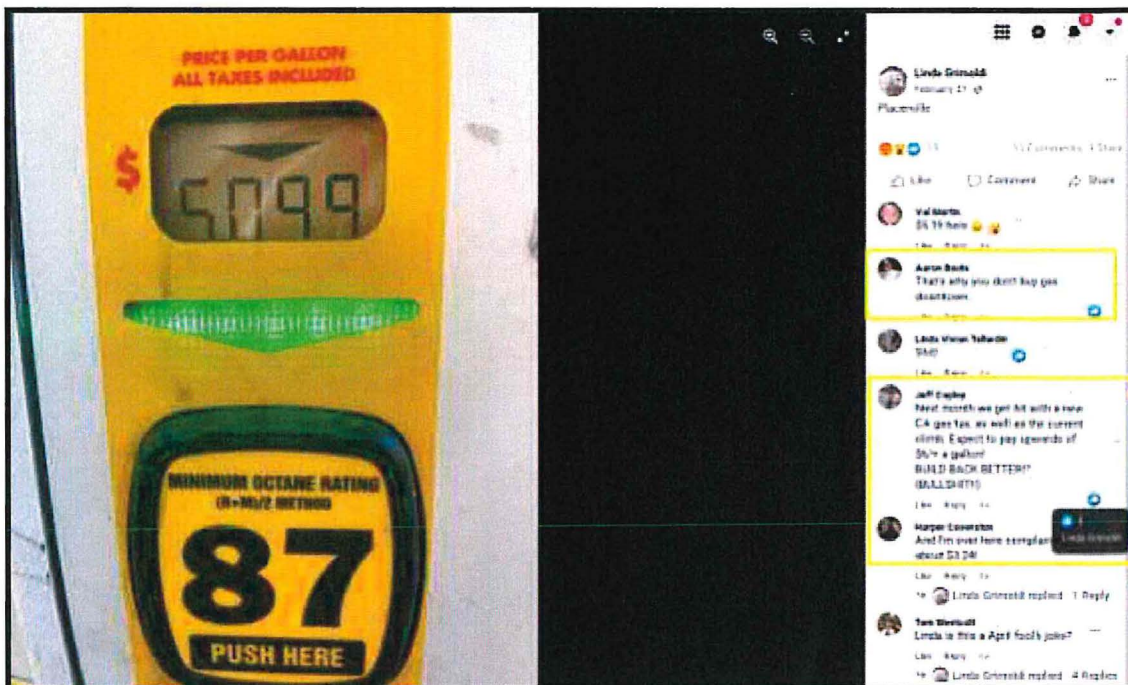


Proud Boy Jeff Copley – BOTGC member, added by Aaron Bate on May 13, 2022

4.

LINKS TO COMMISSIONER GRIMOLDI

Commissioner Grimoldi and Copley have a link via their Facebook accounts. On February 21, 2022, Copley commented on a Facebook post by Grimoldi, and she liked his comment in return. Aaron Bate of BOTGC also commented as one of Grimoldi's friends. Grimoldi never disclosed these personal links to the Board.



Grimoldi Facebook post - February 22, 2022
Commented on by Bate and Proud Boy Jeff Copley
Copley's comment - "Like" by Grimoldi

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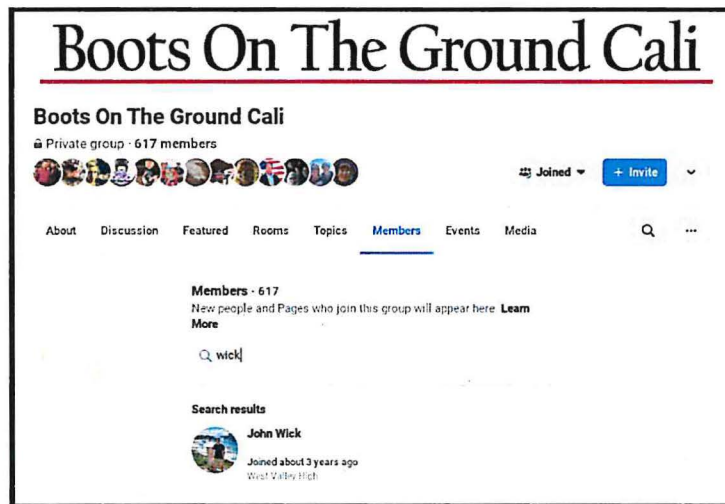
PROUD BOY "JOHN WICK"

Proud Boy "John Wick," who is identified online as "Johnathan Michael Ludwick," and "Joe Nathan," has multiple links to local extremists, including Linda Martinez Hanna of El Dorado Hills, an extremist supporter and friend of Commissioner Cockrell. Hanna's links to the Proud Boys, neo-Nazis and their supporters, and Aaron Bate have already been documented to the Board.

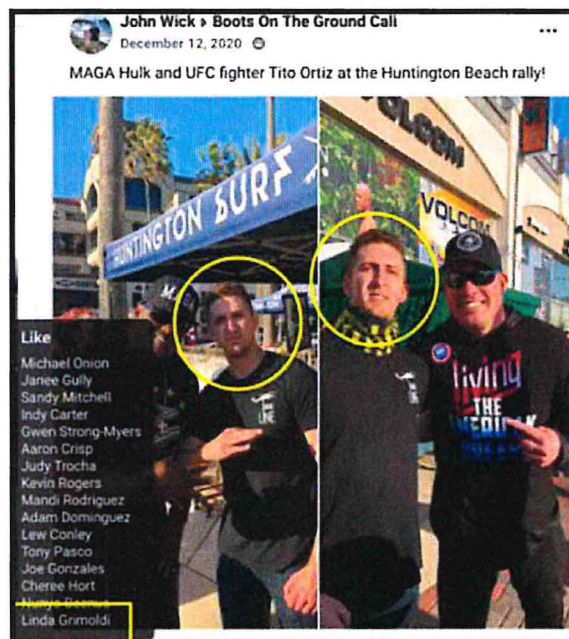
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LINKS TO BOTGC, AARON BATE AND GRIMOLDI

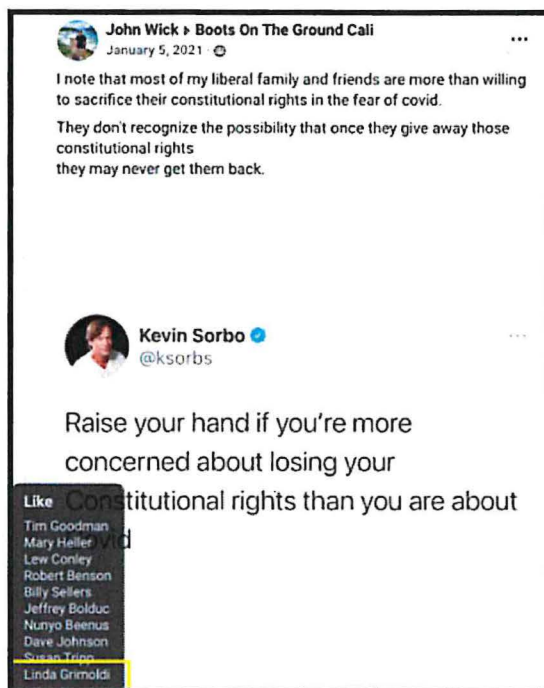
Wick is a member of BOTGC and has an obvious link to Bate, as they appeared together in the Board chamber on May 10, 2022. Grimoldi, as a member and moderator/administrator of BOTGC's Facebook group, knows who Wick is and liked some of his posts over one year before her nomination. Grimoldi never disclosed this personal link to the Board.



Proud Boy John Wick – BOTGC member for approximately three years



Proud Boy John Wick – BOTGC Facebook post, “Like” by Grimoldi
December 12, 2020



Proud Boy John Wick – BOTGC Facebook post, “Like” by Grimoldi
January 5, 2021

2.

LINKS TO PROUD BOYS

Wick has a long-standing relationship with Patrick Kiehl, the chapter president of the Hangtown Proud Boys, though they have only recently started to appear in more joint photos. Wick also has a similar relationship to a still unidentified Proud Boy with the same connections.

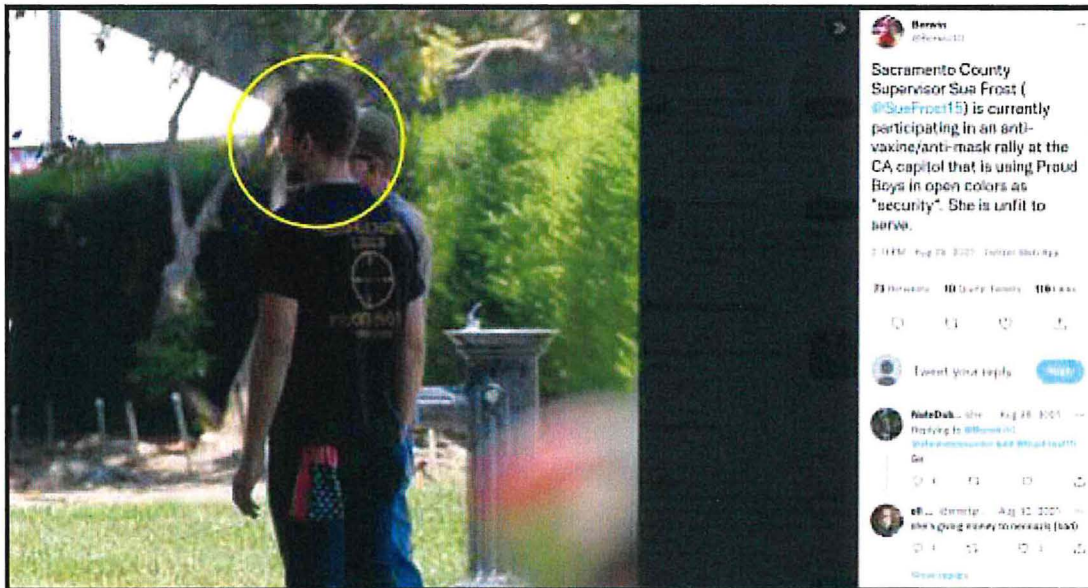
Wick’s real name is Jonathan Michael Ludwick, as identified by online sources.⁷ Like many Proud Boys, he has more than one false identity. In the following image, Ludwick is shown in Portland, Oregon with Proud Boy Marcos Santos, who later participated in the January 6, 2021 attack of the U.S. Capitol. Santos’ connection to that event, and to Kiehl, have previously been documented to the Board.

⁷ See e.g., <https://twitter.com/AntifaSac/status/1432175851781513219>.

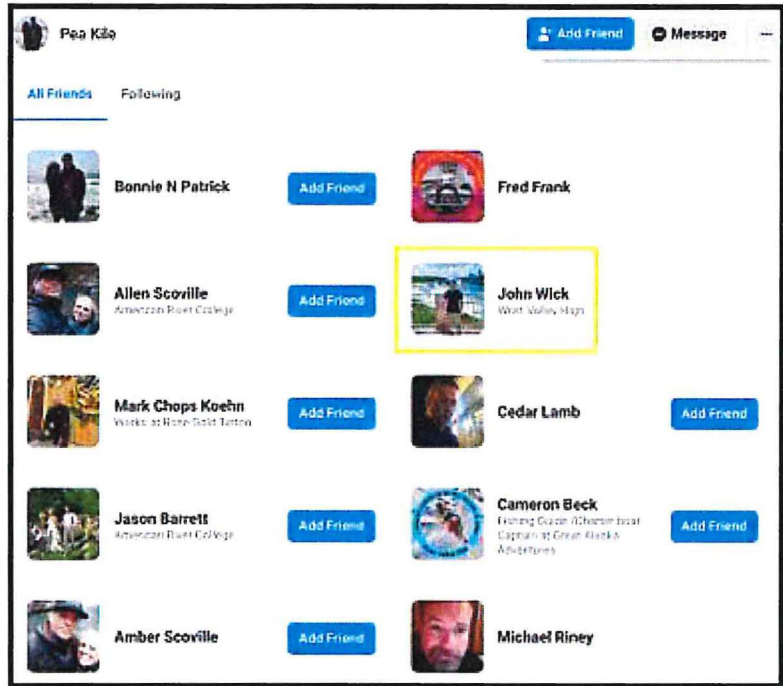


Ludwick with Proud Boys in Portland, Oregon – 2018

More recently, Ludwick acted as Proud Boy “security” for Sacramento County commissioner Sue Frost, who interacts with Proud Boys and other extremists.



Proud Boy Johnathan Ludwick as “security” – California State Capitol August, 2021



“Pea Kile” Facebook friends – with “John Wick” – April, 2021



Proud Boys Jonathan Ludwick (left), Patrick Kiehl (right)
July 4, 2019



Proud Boys (Unidentified, arrow), Ludwick (center), Kiehl (right)
April, 2019

On April 21, 2022, Ludwick and the unidentified Proud Boy shown above attended a political rally in Sacramento, and then a Davis school board meeting that evening. The Davis school board meeting has already been documented to the Board.



Proud Boys Ludwick (left), Unidentified (center), Kiehl (right)
Note: Kiehl and the unidentified Proud Boy are wearing newer attire that now says
“**Old Hangtown** Proud Boys” (emphasis added)

Finally, the “Unidentified” Proud Boy, who was one of the group that confronted me in the Board chamber on May 10, 2022, recently participated in a local political rally along with Aaron Bate, Greg Hanna (husband of Linda Hanna), and Dean Wheeler of BOTGC, who spoke to the Board in support of Grimoldi on April 12, 2022.



Placerville political rally - May 14, 2022
Standing (L-R): Greg Hanna, Dean Wheeler,
Unidentified Proud Boy, Jason Paletta
Foreground: Aaron Bate, BOTGC Founder

The Constitution is one of the founding documents of this nation and enshrines its underlying religious and personal freedoms based on ~~the~~ the 20 centuries of Christian thought and the principles of Biblical Natural Law.

Last June I submitted into the public record an affidavit addressed to Todd White describing how he violated his oaths of office and my First Amendment rights. Apparently the County condones Todd's actions because HR hasn't taken any disciplinary action against him. His conduct is worse than ever necessitating another notarized affidavit be submitted into the public record today.

You are aware that on March 7th Todd approached and began spewing vulgar accusations and profanities at me while I was addressing Supervisor George Turnboo. During the May 9th Taxpayers meeting, and in the presence of Supervisor Lori Parlin and Planning Commissioners Kris Payne and Andy Nevis, I approached Todd again concerning his refusal to provide me benefits of membership and other public services, but he turned his back and refused to talk to me. Todd's actions are an abysmal disgrace to El Dorado County, the Boys & Girls Club, the Taxpayers Association, the Republican Central Committee, and especially Park Community Church where Todd claims to be a deacon.

It has also been reported to me that Todd has blocked my emails. Then there is the matter of Todd's repeated violation of the EDC Code of Ethics and discriminatory actions against me, a retired law-abiding third generation evangelical. For example:

- They shall uphold and adhere to the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of California, and the El Dorado County Charter, as well as all County rules, regulations, and policies, and shall carry out impartially the laws of the nation, state, and County. All County officers and employees must demonstrate the highest standards of morality and ethics consistent with the requirements of their positions and consistent with the law.
- Treat all individuals encountered in the performance of your duties in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner.
- Cause for discipline includes use of disrespectful and devaluing language.
- On-duty or off-duty conduct that tends to bring the County service into disrepute, or is a direct hindrance to the effective performance of County functions;
- Discourteous treatment of the public;
- Unlawful harassment, unlawful discrimination, or retaliation against anyone using County services.

The County has zero tolerance for any conduct that violates this policy. The County encourages all members of the public to report any conduct that they believe violates this policy as soon as possible. Therefore, any violation of this policy may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination from County employment.

AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION OF TRUTH

Todd White, Administrative Assistant District #2
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

I, Melody Lane, 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, Todd White, and is hereby made and sent to you pursuant to the national Constitution, specifically, the Bill of Rights, in particular, Amendments I, IV, V, VI, VII, IX and X, and The Bill of Rights of the California Constitution, in particular, Article 1, Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 21, 23 and Article 3, section 1, which requires your written rebuttal to me, in kind, specific to each and every point of the subject matter stated herein, within 15 days, via your own sworn and notarized affidavit, using true fact, valid law and evidence to support your rebuttal of the specific subject matter stated in this Affidavit/Declaration.

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 tacit agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this Affidavit/Declaration is true, correct, legal, lawful, and fully binding upon you in any court in America, without your protest or objection and that of those who represent you. Your silence is your acquiescence. See: *Connally v. General Construction Co.*, 269 U.S. 385, 391. Notification of legal responsibility is "the first essential of due process of law." See also: *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."

Any act committed by you, Todd White, acting as Administrative Assistant to District #2 Supervisor George Turnboo, either supports and upholds the Constitutions, national, and state, or opposes, and violates them. Your oath of office requires you to support and uphold the national and state Constitutions, and therefore you are constitutionally mandated to abide by that oath in the performance of your official duties. You have no Constitutional authority, or any other form of valid, lawful authority, to oppose and violate the very documents to which you swore or affirmed your oath and under which you were delegated by the people the limited authority to conduct the duties of your office. These three above stated positions are true, factual, lawful and constitutionally ordained.

However, despite the above-stated factual, lawful positions, your unconstitutional actions, as described throughout this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth, clearly demonstrate how you, Todd White, have violated all of the above lawful positions, the Constitutions, your oath of office, acted against the public good by violating the public trust and committing sedition and insurrection. Pursuant to your unlawful and unconstitutional actions, you have invoked the self-executing Sections 3 & 4 of the 14th Amendment to the national Constitution, thereby have lawfully vacated your office and forfeited all benefits thereof, including salary and pension. Please note that, as stated above and below, if you fail to specifically rebut, in kind, any of the charges, claims and positions set forth in this Affidavit/Declaration within 15 days, then you tacitly admit to them, and these admissions will be lawfully used against you. The following paragraphs and others throughout this Affidavit/Declaration describe some of your unlawful, unconstitutional actions, which have harmed me:

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.

1. On May 26, 2021, I sent you, Todd White, via USPS certified mail #7017-0660-0000-5528-2067, an Affidavit/Declaration which you received and was entered into the public record on June 8, 2021. That Affidavit was sent to inform you of specific events and statements made by you, and also as an inquiry to ascertain whether you, Todd White, support and uphold them or would rebut them.

Pursuant to the lawful notification contained in that Affidavit, as I originally stated therein, you were required to respond to and rebut anything contained in the Affidavit with which you disagreed, within 15 days of receipt thereof. Your failure to respond as stipulated, was your lawful, legal, and binding tacit agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in the Affidavit/Declaration is true, correct, legal, lawful, and fully binding upon you in any court in America, without your protest or objection and that of those who represent you. See: *Connally v. General Construction Co.*, 269 U.S. 385, 391. Notification of legal responsibility is “the first essential of due process of law.” Also, 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.*” Since then your illicit conduct has not abated.

2. On March 7, 2022 upon exiting the Taxpayers Association meeting held at Denny’s Restaurant, you approached and began spewing vulgar accusations and profanities at me while I was

addressing Supervisor George Turnboo regarding your refusal to provide me public services. The transcript of your audio recorded abusive conduct was entered into the public record on March 8, 2022 and is attached hereto, incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this Affidavit/Declaration, and marked **Exhibit A**.

During the March 8, 2022 Board of Supervisors Open Forum, I entered “smoking-gun” evidence of your slanderous accusations that were injurious to my good name and reputation when you called me a “bitch, a trashy whore”, and “go f*** yourself.” County staff was further apprised that your egregious actions are an abysmal disgrace to El Dorado County, the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Sierra, the Taxpayers Association, the Republican Central Committee, and especially Park Community Church where you claim to be a deacon.

In defiance of the Brown Act and their oaths of office, Supervisor Turnboo and Chairman Parlin refused to publicly respond to my specific inquiry as required under section 54954.2(a) of the Brown Act: *“I’m asking you again, **as your sister-in-Christ**, what specific action are you going to take pursuant to your oaths to remove Todd from office, or will it have to be resolved in court? This is not a rhetorical question. As per section 54954.2(a) of the Brown Act, I demand **your public answer now**, while I’m at the podium.”*

By refusing to respond, George Turnboo and Lori Parlin essentially condoned your actions which further harmed me by conspiring to suppress my inherent right of free speech, preventing and/or restricting my access to government employees, **and depriving me of public information and/or public 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**. Thus Supervisors Turnboo and Parlin and HR Director Joseph Carruesco are complicit and liable for any and all harm they have inflicted upon me and my inherent, constitutionally secured rights by their failure to take remedial action against you, to wit:

*“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**.” (Gallegos v. Haggerty, N.D. of New York, 689 F. Supp. 93 (1988). [Emphasis added]*

3. The public is entitled to honest services. My claims, statements and averments also pertain to your failure to provide honest public services, pursuant to your oaths. When public officers take oaths, yet are ignorant of the constitutional positions to which they are bound by their oaths, and then fail to abide by them in the performance of their official duties, this suggests that they may have had no intention of ever honoring their oaths, and their signatures upon the oath documents constitute fraud. Fraud vitiates any action. Any enterprise undertaken by any public official, such as you have done, tends to weaken public confidence and undermines the sense of security for individual rights, and is against public policy.

The First Amendment guarantees the freedom of the people to express their thoughts and to bring their grievances to their government(s) for proper redress. There can be no lawful limitation on the rights of the people and the First Amendment makes this very clear. Your actions prove fraud and obstructionism, and were clearly in violation of your Constitutional oaths of office. The oaths taken by public servants are not mere formalities but sacred bonds given in exchange for the Public Trust. The American government, whether local, state, or federal, is required to deal lawfully with me as a Citizen. You violated all of these Constitutional provisions and therefore perjured your oath, acted without Constitutional authority, committed fraud and acted criminally, recklessly, and maliciously against me.

“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 conducted in the performance of their official duties either support and defend the national and state Constitutions, or oppose and violate them. It is my Right and duty to demand, that you and other government officials uphold their oaths to the Constitution(s) and abide by all constitutionally-imposed mandates of their oaths. This is an unenumerated Right guaranteed in the Ninth Amendment, which I hereby claim and exercise.

4. I have been a paid member of the Taxpayers Association since 2008. It is the responsibility of the Secretary of the Taxpayers Association to maintain records/minutes for public inspection, disseminate communications, and the monthly schedule speakers. The objective of Taxpayers meetings is “...the maintenance of a forum within which to study the issues of government and the problems of those who are governed....to help insure that the blessings of freedom shall be forever perpetuated.” Furthermore, the Association “shall adhere to and comply with all applicable **Federal, State and local laws, codes, regulations and ordinances.**” You, Todd White, have violated all those laws, codes, regulations and ordinances.

For example during the May 9, 2022 Taxpayers Association meeting, and in the presence of Supervisor Lori Parlin and Planning Commissioners Kris Payne and Andy Nevis, I approached you concerning your refusal to provide me the benefits of membership and other public services. The following audio recorded dialog took place:

Melody: *“Todd, you are required...hey, I’m talking to you!”*

Todd White (as he turned his back to me): *“I’m not talking to you!”*

Melody: *“But I’m talking to you. You are required to give me all correspondence, including the schedule of speakers. Kris [Payne], you’re a witness to this. Your vulgarity is a matter of public record and there will be consequences for it. Obviously HR did NOT take any kind of disciplinary action against you. Again, you are a public servant. Don’t forget that.”*

Another example is it has been reported to me that you have blocked my emails. By your refusal to provide public services, failure to respond to my phone and email inquiries, nor even give me the courtesy of eye contact, you extended absolutely no due process of law whatsoever to me, and by your unconstitutional actions, as described herein, you harmed me in direct violation of

your oaths. Furthermore, your repeated violation of the EDC Code of Ethics and discriminatory actions against me, a retired law-abiding American Citizen and third generation evangelical dwelling in El Dorado County, are a direct assault upon my due process rights secured by the First Amendment, to wit:

301. CODE OF ETHICS The County has adopted a Code of Ethics to guide County officers and employees in the performance of their duties. The Code of Ethics, in effect as of the date of adoption of these Rules, reads as follows:

(e) Outside activities should be compatible with the objective performance of your duties or delivery of government service.

(f) Treat all individuals encountered in the performance of your duties in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner.

(i) Faithfully comply with all laws and regulations applicable to the County and impartially apply them to everyone.

(j) Promote the public interest through a responsive application of public duties.

(k) Demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, and honesty in all public activities.

(l) Uphold these principles being ever conscious that public office is a public trust.

302. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE County officers and employees serve for the benefit of the public. **They shall uphold and adhere to the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of California, and the El Dorado County Charter, as well as all County rules, regulations, and policies, and shall carry out impartially the laws of the nation, state, and County. In their official acts, they shall faithfully discharge their duties, recognizing that the public interest is paramount. All County officers and employees must demonstrate the highest standards of morality and ethics consistent with the requirements of their positions and consistent with the law.**

303. DEDICATED SERVICE County officers and employees shall adhere to work rules and performance standards established for their positions. **The County requires all County officers and employees to be courteous and considerate, to be accurate and truthful in statement, and to exercise sound judgment in the performance of their work.**

304. CONFLICT OF INTEREST During their assigned work hours, County officers and employees shall devote all their time and efforts to their assigned duties. No County officer or employee shall:

(a) Engage in any business or transaction or have a financial or other personal interest or association that is inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or **adverse to the proper discharge of official duties, or would tend to impair their independence of judgment or the performance of their official duties.**

305. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN DELIVERY OF SERVICES In the course of their employment, no County officer or employee shall grant any special consideration, treatment, or advantage to any person beyond what is available to every other person in similar circumstances.

308. POLITICAL ACTIVITY In the performance of official duties, all County officers and employees shall support County governmental policies and objectives established by the Board of Supervisors or by an appointing authority, as well as County programs developed to attain these policies and objectives. Outside of official duties, County officers and employees may express otherwise lawful opinions on all political subjects while off duty, without recourse against them, unless the employee is in a sensitive or policy-making position in a department **where speech and political activities may have an adverse effect on working relationships or the efficient operation of the department. Under these unique circumstances, the law authorizes limiting First Amendment rights as a requirement for the job, and employees may be subject to adverse consequences for engaging in such activities.**

309. ABUSIVE CONDUCT IN THE WORKPLACE The County is committed to maintaining a work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. The County is committed to providing a work environment that is free of abusive conduct and will take reasonable steps to promptly correct abusive conduct. As a general guideline, abusive conduct can be avoided if employees act professionally and treat each other with respect. The following further defines the County's policy and complaint procedures related to abusive conduct in the workplace. **The County has zero tolerance for any conduct that violates this policy. Therefore, any violation of this policy may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination from County employment. The County encourages all employees, applicants, candidates, elected or appointed department heads, volunteers, and members of the public to report any conduct that they believe violates this policy as soon as possible.**

309.1 Abusive Conduct Defined As used herein, abusive conduct is defined as conduct, **with malice**, of an employee in the workplace that a **reasonable person would find hostile, offensive, and unrelated to the County's legitimate business interests. Abusive conduct may include, but is not limited to:**

(a) Repeated infliction of verbal abuse, such as the use of derogatory remarks, insults, and/or epithets;

309.2 Examples of Abusive Conduct The County considers the following types of behavior examples of abusive conduct: County of El Dorado Personnel Rules Adopted: February 26, 2019 3-5

(a) Use of disrespectful and devaluing language.

(b) Persistent name calling or taunting that is hurtful, insulting, or humiliating.

(j) Acts of intimidation, such as pushing, shoving, kicking, or tripping an employee; throwing any object at them; or **making threats against an employee or intimidating an employee through inappropriate personal comments, disparaging opinions, or criticism with no basis in fact.**

(l) Spreading malicious rumors, gossip, or innuendo that is untrue. Such conduct can also occur via use of electronic or telephonic communications, such as the internet/social media, email, chat room, a threatening text message or telephone call, or cameras or video equipment.

309.4.1 Investigation of Complaints The appointing authority, Director, and/or the Personnel Review Committee will be responsible for determining whether a complaint of abusive conduct should be addressed under this Rule 309 or the Board of Supervisors Policy E-5, **Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation**, and Reporting and Complaint Procedures. The results of the investigation (i.e., whether the evidence establishes a violation of this Rule 309, but not the nature of any discipline) **shall be disclosed to the complainant and the accused employee(s)**. If, in its sole discretion, the County determines that abusive conduct occurred, the appointing authority shall **take prompt and effective remedial action commensurate with the severity of the offense(s) which may include** coaching, mediation, counseling intervention, other required training for the employee(s) determined to have violated this Rule 309, **and/or disciplinary action up to and including employment termination.**

1502. CONDUCT All County employees are expected to **render the best possible service that will reflect credit upon the County**. The highest standard of conduct is essential to the proper operation of the County service. The County has the right and authority to establish work standards for all officers and employees. Any officer or employee may be dismissed, suspended, or reduced in rank or compensation for cause.

1503.1 Discipline The appointing authority may suspend without pay, reduce in pay, demote, or **dismiss** any employee who has attained post-probationary status for reasonable cause, including but not limited to:

(d) **On-duty or off-duty conduct, including, without limitation, crimes that do not fall within paragraph (c) above, that**

(i) tends to bring the County service into disrepute, or

(ii) is a direct hindrance to the effective performance of County functions;

(e) Disorderly or immoral conduct;

(k) **Violation of any of the provisions of applicable law, regulation, these Rules, or County policies;**

(p) Dishonesty or theft;

(q) **Violation of the County's Code of Ethics;**

(t) Discourteous treatment of the public; County of El Dorado Personnel Rules Adopted: February 26, 2019 15-3

(w) Unlawful harassment, unlawful discrimination, or retaliation against another employee, an applicant for employment, or anyone using County services; and

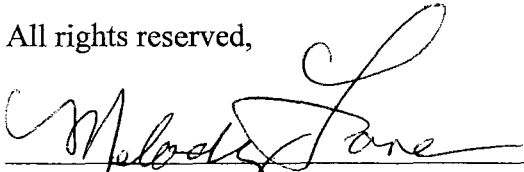
(x) Any other conduct of equal gravity with the above.

Lawful notification has been provided to you stating that if you, Todd White, do not rebut the statements, charges and averments made in this Affidavit/Declaration, then, you tacitly agree with and admit to them.

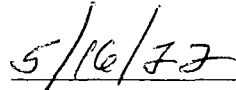
Pursuant to that lawful notification, if you disagree with anything stated under oath in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth, then rebut to me that with which you disagree, with particularity, within fifteen (15) days of receipt thereof, by means of **your own written, notarized affidavit of truth, based 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.

Affiant further sayeth naught.

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Melody Lane, Affiant/Declarant
Founder, Compass2Truth
P.O. Box 598
Coloma, CA 95613



Date

Attachment: Exhibit A – March 7, 2022 White/Turnboo transcript

(See attached California Notarization)

CC: Dist. #1 Supervisor John Hidahl
Dist. # 2 Supervisor George Turnboo
Dist. # 3 Wendy Thomas
Dist. #4 Supervisor Lori Parlin
Dist. # 5 Supervisor Sue Novasel
HR Director, Joseph Carruesco

Park Community Church pastoral staff
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Northern Sierra
EDC Republican Central Committee
Media and other interested parties

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State of California

County of El Dorado

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on

this 16th day of May, 2022, by
Date Month Year



(1) Melody Lane

(and (2) _____),
Name(s) of Signer(s)

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

Signature [Signature]
Signature of Notary Public

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3/7/22 Transcript
Todd White/George Turnboo
Taxpayers meeting @ Denny's Restaurant

Melody Lane: Hey George, you need to speak with Todd to make sure he is giving me agendas for these meetings. Again, I have a right, just as any other member or public employee does to get the agendas and schedule of speakers.

Todd White: (interrupting) George, are you going to go up there?

George Turnboo: Yes.

Melody: Todd, this involves you.

Todd: You bitch!

Melody: Todd!!

Todd: Go fuck yourself!!

Melody: Did you hear that?

George: I heard it.

Melody: He's supposedly...

Todd: (interrupting) You're a trashy whore!

Melody: Oh my gosh, did you hear that?! Your public servant, supposedly a deacon in his church...

George: Uh-huh.

Melody: ...just called me a whore, a piece of trash and a bitch!

George: Yeah. Alright. I'm sorry.

Melody: What are you going to do about it?

George: Well, I'm going to straighten him out. It's not right. You don't need me to...

Melody: It's definitely not right! He's a supposed public servant and a supposed deacon in his church.

George briskly walks away from me, never having given me the courtesy of eye contact.

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EXHIBIT A



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Tried to call in to today's BOS meeting.

2 messages

Bob Bradshaw <thebobbradshaw@gmail.com>

Tue, May 17, 2022 at 2:33 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Good afternoon, I'm in a place with poor reception and I was not able to be recognized during the meeting. Can you please enter my comments into the public record?

Thank you

Bob Bradshaw

May 17, 2022 BOS comments

Good afternoon,

I'm calling in from vacation in regards to the Board's refusal to support proclamations recognizing and showing appreciation for our local Toys For Tots volunteer, the Toys For Tots program, and our local Marine Corp League detachment.

I asked Supervisor Parlin to support these proclamations. Her response wshe would forward them on to the Veterans Affairs Commission for review. I questioned her on why that commission would need to review such proclamations. Evidently that forced this BOS to choose between Supervisor Turnboo's appointment to the commission, known on the internet as the "proud boy Santa" and our local charities and veterans group who have done great work in our community for years. This BOS chose to support the proud boy Santa. Don't say you support our local charities and veterans groups....you don't.

I support what Mr Connolly presented today. Based on the last few BOS meetings it appears you only support 1st Amendment rights for groups of people who support insurrection. You've allowed proud boys and their supporters to enter the County BOS Chambers, our building, to harass and try to intimidate others exercising their First Amendment rights to free speech.

You are not serving the best interests of El Dorado County. Do your jobs!

County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Tue, May 17, 2022 at 2:57 PM

To: Bob Bradshaw <thebobbradshaw@gmail.com>

Thank you. Appropriate public comment provided for upcoming agenda items will be added to the corresponding file.

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