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Subject: 2/21/23 BOS Agenda Item #30 Public Comments - CAO Don Ashton
Attachments: ML Affidavit_Ashton3.pdf

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence, including the attached un rebutted affidavit addressed to Don Ashton, is entered into the public record. An un rebutted affidavit stands as truth before any court in America. Below are my public comments made during Item #30. The citizens of El Dorado County need to know the truth about Don Ashton, but they certainly aren't going to get it from the Mtn. Democrat!

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It is my duty to demand that Don Ashton, and other government officials, uphold their oaths to the Constitution(s) and abide by all constitutionally imposed mandates of their oaths.

When public officers 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, this suggests that you may have had no intention of ever honoring your oaths, and your signature upon the oath documents constitutes **fraud**. Fraud vitiates any action.

Any deceptive, obstructive enterprise undertaken by any public official 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.

On August 18, 2018 Don Ashton distributed an email announcing that he ordered the former IT Director to block and filter my communications with staff, including with Clay Russell. The current IT Director, Tonya Digiorno, has maintained your unlawful order, and in so doing she violated my First Amendment rights and her oaths of office. **Your "filtering" of my communications with county staff has also unlawfully hindered proper and timely responses to Public Records Act requests for information.**

There has never been anything inappropriate about my communications with any county staff. Based upon strong prima facie evidence contained in un rebutted affidavits, it is reasonable to deduce that your fraudulent accusations about "inappropriate emails" are **libelous, slanderous, defamatory, and retaliatory** in nature for my exposure of your role in **government corruption and unlawful censorship**. The upcoming **Cheryl Bly-Chester case against the county** should ring some bells.

By conspiring with other county officials, **including directors of the Taxpayers Association**, to deprive me of public services and the ability to petition government for redress of grievances, further demonstrates a flagrant violation of your Oaths, the Constitutions, my secured inherent First Amendment rights, and due process of law. In so doing, you acted in sedition and insurrection against the national and state Constitutions, and in treason against me and the People of El Dorado County.

Instead of honoring Don Ashton's retirement today, he should be indicted for Title 18 federal crimes of Conspiracy Against Rights and Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law.

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 ~

AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION OF TRUTH

Don Ashton
El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer
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, Don Ashton, acting as Chief Administrative Officer, and is hereby made and sent to you pursuant to the national Constitution, specifically, the Bill of Rights, in particular, Amendments I, II, 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.*"

Since America and California are both Constitutional Republics, not democracies, they are required to operate under the Rule of Law, and not the rule of man. The Supreme Law and superseding authority in this nation is the national Constitution, as declared in Article VI of that document. In Article IV, Section 4 of that Constitution, every state is guaranteed a republican form of government. Any "laws", rules, regulations, codes and policies which conflict with, contradict, oppose and violate the national and state Constitutions are null and void, *ab initio*. See *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.*"

Any act committed by you, Don Ashton, acting as El Dorado County CAO, 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, Don Ashton, 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, 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:

1. On January 8, 2018 and on March 29, 2020 you received via USPS certified mail notifications of legal responsibility in the form of Affidavits of Truth delineating how you have abused your position and violated the rights of the people, in the instant case me, by conspiring with other public officials to deprive me of my inherent rights. This is the third Affidavit you have received containing factual evidence of your continued contempt for Citizens, the law and your oaths of office.

When public officers 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 done, this suggests that you may have had no intention of ever honoring your oaths, and your signature upon the oath documents constitutes **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 United States v. Dial, 757 R2d 163, 168 (7th Cir 1985), includes the deliberate concealment of material information in a setting of fiduciary obligation.*

When public officers harm the Citizens by their errant actions, as you have done, and then refuse to respond to or rebut petitions from Citizens, as you have also done, then those public

officers are domestic enemies, acting in sedition and insurrection to the declared Law of the land and ***must be opposed, exposed and lawfully removed from office.***

2. Any action committed by you either supports and upholds the Constitution(s), or opposes and violates them. You have no constitutional authority, or any other form of valid authority, to oppose and violate the very documents to which you swore or affirmed your oaths. However, by your flagrant violations of the constitutionally secured inherent rights and due process of law guaranteed to me and all American and California Citizens, that is exactly what you have done. The requirements of *Tweel*, cited above, are incumbent upon you in both your personal and professional capacities, pursuant to the oath under which you hold and exercise the duties of your position. Fraud is a crime, and when fraud is committed by public officers, pursuant to their oaths, then that is a Constitutional crime.

An American Citizen, such as I, can expect, and has the Right and duty to demand, that government officials 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. 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. If he fails this requirement, then, he has violated two provisions of the First Amendment, the Public Trust and perjured his oath. By not responding and/or not rebutting, the oath taker denies the Citizen remedy, thus, denies the Citizen constitutional due process of law, as stated within the Bill of Rights. By your own actions, pursuant to your oath, you have violated these First Amendment guarantees.

There is no legitimate argument to support the claim that oath takers, such as you, are not required to respond to letters or emails, which, in this case, act as petitions for redress of grievances, stating complaints, charges and claims made against them by their constituents or by Citizens injured by their actions. An un rebutted affidavit stands as truth in any court in America. 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]

3. Pursuant to El Dorado County Charter, Section 401, Elected Department Heads shall cooperate with the Chief Administrative Officer so that the Chief Administrative Officer may achieve and complete coordination of all county activities. In the event of a constituent complaint regarding an elected department head or their staff, it is the responsibility of the Elected Department Head to handle that matter as they deem most appropriate and in accordance with federal and state law and County policy. However, each Elected Department Head is required to communicate necessary and relevant information to the Chief Administrative Officer in a timely manner in order to achieve the complete coordination of all county activities. The Chief Administrative Officer will then communicate with the District Supervisor. However, on August 18, 2018 at 3:45 PM you distributed an email announcing that you ordered the former IT Director to obstruct and/or filter my communications. The current IT Director, Tonya Digiorno, has maintained your unlawful order, and in so doing she violated my First Amendment rights and her oaths of office.

To wit, on or about May 7, 2021 I discovered that I could not communicate electronically with staff in the Recorder Clerks office which would enable me to work on a research project.

Shortly thereafter you were apprised by Recorder Clerk Janelle Horne that IT Director Tonya Digiorno refused to remove the unlawful restrictions that you ordered the former IT Director to place upon my ability to communicate electronically with most EDC staff. The following are excerpts from my correspondence with Recorder Clerk Janelle Horne:

I only requested that the lift be for Catrina. But I am asking if you can have access to all EDC staff.

I guess you would need to get permission from Don to get it released. From what I understand, there were several emails that were inappropriate. I didn't get the whole story but Don felt the emails received could be **filtered** through the department heads and forwarded to the appropriate staff. I would be willing to ask for you.

I am not aware of any other members of the public being blocked. But I wouldn't know as that is something that IT takes care of. Tonya wasn't aware until I brought it up, it was Don who mentioned it and also said that other Department Heads have requested it as well. Her number is 530-621-5575.

Tonya was not part of the conversation until I had sent her the request to allow Catrina to have access. She said it was put in place before she came. I had reached out to Don to see if we could take you off of restriction to all county staff, **he said multiple department heads had requested him restrict access.** I let Tonya know that you might be contacting her about the access to email staff. I believe that she reports to the Board of Supervisors.

He said that I would need to reach out to all the department heads individually and ask them if they wanted to allow access. So basically, he wasn't going to allow it without everyone's permission. Honestly, I don't have the time to reach out to them individually and follow up. But if it is something that you want me to do, I will but it may take some time to get an answer from everyone.

The unlawful block that you authorized the former IT Director to be imposed upon my ability to communicate electronically with staff included your administrator Clay Russell, IT Director Tonya Digiorno, and Parks and Recreation Supervisor Vickie Sanders. There has never been anything inappropriate about my communications with any county staff, so based upon strong prima facie evidence, it is reasonable to deduce that you are retaliating against me for blowing the whistle on EDC government corruption.

By conspiring with other county officials, such as you have done, to deprive me of public services and the ability to petition government for redress of grievances, further demonstrates a flagrant violation of your Oaths, the Constitutions, my secured inherent First Amendment rights and due process of law guaranteed therein. Your fraudulent accusations about "inappropriate emails" are libelous, slanderous, defamatory, and retaliatory in nature for my exposure of your role in government corruption and censorship. You crossed the line by inferring that

Ashton, you seem to forget that you are a public servant accountable to EDC Citizens, and you are not above the law.

Your blatant violation of my First Amendment rights and filtering of my communications was an egregious violation of legal, moral and ethical standards of your office, one of the highest paid positions in the county. For you to resort to such repugnant behavior, and then fraudulently induce Janelle Horne to do your dirty work for you by suggesting she canvass department heads on your behalf in order to obtain their "permission" for me to access public services, is beyond reprehensible. Refer to *U.S. v. Tweel supra*, and *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] Furthermore, your obstructive actions against me demonstrated flagrant bias and discrimination against me in violation of equal protection and equal treatment under the law.

In addition to state law, Under the Political Reform Act, federal anticorruption law broadly guarantees the public "honest services" from public officials. My claims, statements and averments also pertain to your actions taken regarding your failure to provide honest public services, pursuant to your oaths, namely, your collusion with other county staff, to unconstitutionally and unlawfully deny me equal access to public services and due process of law, as stated within the Bill of Rights. You egregiously harmed me by conspiring with county staff to suppress my inherent right of free speech, preventing and/or restricting my access to government employees, and depriving me of public information 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. See *Miller v. U.S.*, 230 F.2d. 486,489 "*The claim and exercise of a Constitutional right cannot be converted into a crime.*"

4. Parks and Recreation Manager Vickie Sanders reports directly to the CAO. Your unlawful order blocking my ability to communicate electronically with Ms. Sanders obstructed me from providing factual input concerning the Chili Bar Park meetings leading up to 7/27/21 BOS agenda Item #29. You were made aware of Ms. Sanders' involvement in the legal action taken against members of her staff and American River Conservancy when you received a copy of the Affidavit addressed to Ms. Sanders that was entered into the public record on 5/14/19. Individuals under Ms. Sanders' supervision and control were routinely falsifying information relative to the River Management Plan in order to manipulate public perceptions and obstruct Citizens' rights to participate in public forums. As such, Ms. Sanders colluded with county and State Parks personnel to unethically circumvent the law and deny Citizens due process of law.

When you, Don Ashton, have knowledge of wrong doing, but fail to take remedial action against your employee, Vickie Sanders, then you become complicit and liable for aiding and abetting her retaliatory and unconstitutional actions against me. Furthermore, Ms. Sanders has violated First Amendment guarantees, betrayed the Public Trust, and perjured her oaths of office. Thus you, Don Ashton, as an individual, can also be held personally accountable and liable for any and all harm you have inflicted upon me and my inherent, constitutionally secured rights by your failure to take remedial action, 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]*)

5. Depriving the public of honest services is a federal crime. My claims, statements, and averments also pertain to your failure to provide honest public services, pursuant to your oaths. All public officers within whatever branch and whatever level of government, and whatever be their private vocations, are trustees of the people, and accordingly labor under every disability and prohibition imposed by law upon trustees relative to the making of personal financial gain from a discharge of their trusts. That is, a public officer occupies a fiduciary relationship to the political entity on whose behalf he or she serves, and owes a fiduciary duty to the public. The fiduciary responsibilities of a public officer cannot be less than those of a private individual. You have failed your fiduciary responsibilities and duty as Chief Administrative Officer, and in so doing, you have harmed all El Dorado County Citizens and me.

All actions by public officials, whether conducted in the performance of their official duties, or in their individual capacities, 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. Any enterprise undertaken by any public official that 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. To wit:

*"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 USGC Title 28, and Title 18 Sections 241 and 242, **treason** under the Constitution at Article 3, Section 3, and intrinsic **fraud**..."*

Whenever constitutional violations are committed by public servants, such as you, there are constitutional remedies available to the people. Such remedies make those who violate their oaths, such as you have done, accountable and liable for their unconstitutional actions conducted in perjury of their oaths. When public servants, such as you, take oaths, yet are ignorant of the constitutional positions and mandates 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. *See: United States v. Throckmorton.*

You, Don Ashton, acting as Chief Administrative Officer for the County of El Dorado, have violated all of the above lawful positions, the Constitutions, your oath of office, and acted against the public good by violating the public trust. 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 1st 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 above USC Title 18, § 241- Conspiracy Against Rights.*

6. The Supremacy Clause of the Constitution established that the Constitution and federal laws made pursuant to it, constitute the "supreme Law of the Land", and thus take priority over any conflicting state or local laws, ordinances, regulations, statutes or policies such as the Good Governance manual. Whenever a rogue government agency or 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 and discrimination against me, an *evangelical senior citizen*, only serves to maintain the corrupt status quo rather than to protect the Citizens whom you profess to serve pursuant to your oaths of office.

The Constitution does not restrict or limit rights guaranteed in the Constitution. To wit, your "filtering" of my communications with county staff has also unlawfully hindered proper and/or timely responses to Public Records Act requests for information as per Government Code Section 6250 et seq. Thus, by your own unlawful actions you have violated, restricted, and denied my inherent constitutionally guaranteed rights and due process of law. As Supervisor Lori Parlin can attest, we have met with you and county counsel on several occasions with regard to the county's deceitful custom of circumventing timely or proper responses to public record act requests. **(See attached Exhibit A)**

By your unconstitutional actions you perjured your oaths, and your unlawful actions render you a renegade, with no protection or "immunity" of your office, thus you, as an individual, will be held personally accountable and liable for any and all harm you have inflicted upon me and my inherent, constitutionally secured rights. By conspiring with other county officials, such as you have done, to deprive me of public services and the ability to petition government for redress of grievances, further demonstrates a flagrant violation of your Oaths, the Constitutions, my secured inherent First Amendment rights and due process of law guaranteed therein. 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: USGC Title 18 § 241 - Conspiracy Against Rights, and 18 USC § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law.*

7. It is my 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. Any actions by a public officer, such as you, either uphold the Constitutions and rights secured therein, or oppose them. By your stepping outside of your delegated authority you lost any "perceived immunity" of your office and you can be sued for your wrongdoing against me, personally, privately, individually and in your professional capacity, as can all those in your jurisdiction, including anyone having oversight responsibility for you, including any judges or prosecuting attorneys and public officers for that jurisdiction, if, once they are notified of your wrongdoing, they fail to take lawful actions to correct it, pursuant to their oaths and their duties.

When you, Don Ashton, have knowledge of wrong doing, but fail to take remedial action against Tonya Digiorno and Vickie Sanders, then you become complicit and liable for aiding and abetting her unconstitutional actions against me. Furthermore, Tonya and Vickie have violated First Amendment guarantees, betrayed the Public Trust, and perjured their oaths of office. Thus you, Don Ashton, as an individual, can also be held personally accountable and liable for any and all harm you have inflicted upon me and my inherent, constitutionally secured rights by your failure to take remedial action. *See: TANZIN v. TANVIR (a) Stewart v. Dutra*

Constr. Co., 543 U. S. 481, 487 (2005). The phrase “persons acting under color of law” draws on one of the most well-known civil rights statutes: 42 U. S. C. §1983. That statute applies to “person[s] under color of any statute,” and this Court has long interpreted it to permit suits against officials in their individual capacities. See, e.g., *Memphis Community School Dist. v. Stachura*, 477 U. S. 299, 305–306, and n. 8 (1986). In 1871 Congress passed the precursor to §1983, **imposing liability on any person who, under color of state law, deprived another of a constitutional right.** 17 Stat. 13; see also *Myers v. Anderson*, 238 U. S. 368, 379, 383 (1915); See: *Procurier v. Navarette*, 434 U. S. 555, 561–562 (1978); *Siegert v. Gilley*, 500 U. S. 226, 231 (1991) [Emphasis added] See also: *Gallegos v. Haggerty, N.D. of New York*, 689 F. Supp. 93 (1988), *supra*.

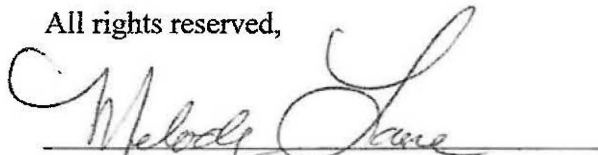
8. Because of the breadth of federal anticorruption law, the **Institute for Local Government Public Service Ethics** strictly warns to avoid any temptation to walk closely to the line that divides legal from illegal conduct under state law, as well as retaliating against those who whistle-blow. By your own actions you have demonstrated your contempt for the law, your oaths of office, and the Citizens whom you profess to serve. It is glaringly evident your fraudulent actions are contrary to the EDC Core Values and Good Governance Policy. Any deceptive, obstructive enterprise undertaken by any public servant, 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 all 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 *United States v. Dial*, 757 F.2d 163, 168 (7th Cir. 1985), *supra*, - 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. See also: USC Title 18, § 2071 – Concealment, removal, or mutilation generally.
9. Whenever constitutional violations are committed by public servants, such as you, there are constitutional remedies available to the people. Such remedies make those who violate their oaths, such as you have done, accountable and liable for their unconstitutional actions conducted in perjury of their oaths. By your actions and in some cases, inaction, it is clear that you have violated on numerous occasions each and every one of the above provisions and in so doing, deprived me of my rights secured in the First Amendment, violated due process of law, and defied the Constitutions.

As herein described, by your actions you perjured your oaths, and your unlawful actions render you a renegade, with no protection or “immunity” of your office, thus you, as an individual, will be held personally accountable and liable for any and all harm you have inflicted upon me and my inherent, constitutionally secured rights. By your actions and in some cases, inaction, it is evident that you have violated on numerous occasions each and every one of the above provisions and in so doing, deprived me of my rights secured in the First Amendment, violated due process of law, defied the Constitutions, thereby perjured your oaths. You acted in sedition and insurrection against the Constitutions, both national and state, and in treason against the People, in the instant case, me. By violating and perjuring your sworn oaths, you invoked the referenced Sections 3 & 4 of the 14th Amendment.

Lawful notification has been provided to you stating that if you, Don Ashton, 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.

All rights reserved,



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8/4/21
Date

Attachment: Exhibit A – CPRA agendas

(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
EDC HR Director, Joseph Carruesco
District Attorney Vern Pierson
Media and other interested parties

CALIFORNIA JURAT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document, to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }

COUNTY OF El Dorado }

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 4th day of August 2021
Date Month Year

by Melody Lynn Lane

Name of Signers

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

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Signature of Notary Public



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Tuesday October 4, 2016 @ 2:30 PM
Don Ashton, Mike Ranalli, Paula Franz

- I. CPRAs - FOIA
 - A. Guide to CPRAs
 - B. Government PRA Tracking system – COB Discrepancies
 - C. Legal vs. Lawful

- II. Ethics & HR policies
 - A. Brown Act Violations
 - B. Transparency & Accountability
 - 1. BOS
 - 2. EDSO
 - 3. CAO

- III. Obstacles - Bureaucratic Shenanigans
 - A. Communication breakdown
 - B. Fees - Resolution 113-95 v. AB1234
 - C. Code/Law Enforcement policy inconsistencies

- IV. Follow up - Target date

EXHIBIT A-1

Wednesday November 12, 2014 @ 10:00 AM

Robyn Drivon/Paula Franz

- I. CPRAs - FOIA
 - A. CAO - Ross Branch
 - B. Process - Coordination, logging, tracking
 - C. Spreadsheet Discrepancies
 - D. EDSO

- II. Brown Act – Bagley Keene Act Violations
 - A. BOS Agendas
 - B. Censoring/minimizing info.
 - C. Technical Difficulties

- III. Obstacles - Bureaucratic Shenanigans
 - A. Communication breakdown
 - B. Resolution 113-95 v. AB1234
 - C. Fees - Paper v. electronic copies or CD
 - D. Code/Law Enforcement inconsistencies
 - E. Diverted responses/lack of response

- IV. Solutions – Follow up
 - A. 10/21 CPRA presentation – publish CPRAs to government website?
 - B. Transparency/Accountability
 - C. Right-to-know v. media blackout

EXHIBIT A-2

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It is my duty to demand that Don Ashton, and other government officials, uphold their oaths to the Constitution(s) and abide by all constitutionally imposed mandates of their oaths.

When public officers 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, this suggests that you may have had no intention of ever honoring your oaths, and your signature upon the oath documents constitutes **fraud**. Fraud vitiates any action.

Any deceptive, obstructive enterprise undertaken by any public official 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.

On August 18, 2018 Don Ashton distributed an email announcing that he ordered the former IT Director to block and filter my communications with staff. The current IT Director, Tonya Digiorno, has maintained your unlawful order, and in so doing she violated my First Amendment rights and her oaths of office. Your "filtering" of my communications with county staff has also unlawfully hindered proper and timely responses to Public Records Act requests for information. *including Clay Russell.*

There has never been anything inappropriate about my communications with any county staff. Based upon strong prima facie evidence contained in unrebutted affidavits, it is reasonable to deduce that your fraudulent accusations about "inappropriate emails" are **libelous, slanderous, defamatory, and retaliatory** in nature for my exposure of your role in **government corruption and unlawful censorship**. The upcoming Cheryl Bly-Chester case against the county should ring some bells.

By conspiring with other county officials, including directors of the Taxpayers Association, to deprive me of public services and the ability to petition government for redress of grievances, further demonstrates a flagrant violation of your Oaths, the Constitutions, my secured inherent First Amendment rights, and due process of law. In so doing, you acted in sedition and insurrection against the national and state Constitutions, and in treason against me and the People of El Dorado County.

Instead of honoring Don Ashton's retirement today, he should be indicted and ~~sent~~ ~~up behind bars~~ for Title 18 federal crimes of Conspiracy Against Rights and Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law.