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Members of the El Dorado County Charter Review Committee

I would like to address a few of the topics with which you are presently dealing.

1. Adding Two more Supervisors is unwise. What actual purpose does that serve? None. The cost to do so would include the remodel again of the BOS Chambers and the office complex serving the supervisors. The additional payroll, benefits, and staff would cost about a million dollars per year and EDC just ran a tax issue, Measure R that failed at the ballot box that would have raised only \$350,000 per year. Spending \$1,000,000+ per year on this effort is not wise.
2. Creating a Third Term for supervisors is not wise from too many viewpoints. The fact is that most voters would limit our electeds at all levels to two terms if they could. Please do not create a Third term for Supervisors.
3. Election of the Registrar of Voters. This would be a very beneficial change and create trust in the electorate knowing the electorate would be the one to approve or disapprove of the work done by the Registrar and not the Board of Supervisors putting undue pressure on the Registrar.
4. Leaving all Department Heads that are presently elected to continue to be elected.
5. The Department of Transportation and the Planning Department should be considered for becoming elected as they are not performing at an appropriate level of success as appointed heads of their departments.

I hope you understand the importance of the decision you will be making on these issues.

Thank you,
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