

**THE EL DORADO COUNTY GRAND JURORS ASSOCIATION**

District V Supervisor Norma Santiago  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
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Dear Supervisor Santiago,

The September 14<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda is scheduled to include item 10-0759, which is a set of recommendations from the CAO regarding the potential changes /elimination of 28 County Policies. **One of the policies on this list is Policy B-10.**

Policy B-10 was the product resulting from a Charter Amendment passed in June of 1998 by a 2/3 majority of El Dorado County citizens. The purpose was to provide wide distribution and transparency to the citizens of our County regarding the Grand Jury Report and subsequent responses from the Board of Supervisors. Lou Green has offered a written opinion that Policy B-10 should not be eliminated if an adequate replacement policy is not approved and in place.

To that end, this Association has already begun a *collaborative discussion* with the CAO's office to help craft an *effective and cost-sensitive replacement policy*, if needed, that meets the needs of the grand jury process for the citizens of El Dorado County, and also complies with both our County Charter, and California Penal Code as it relates to grand juries. We are confident that we can provide such a set of recommendations for the County to consider by the end of September, which is actually before any action would be required if B-10 were in place.

**The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that you vote to not take any immediate action regarding Policy B-10 on the 9/14 agenda item 10-0759.** That will allow time for valid, near term input from the El Dorado County Grand Jurors Association, as well as other interested parties regarding this important issue.

I look forward to your support, and welcome any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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