



Public Comment #8

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Public comment, January 5, 2020 agenda item 8. 20-1597 District II Appointments

1 message

Nicole Gotberg <ngotberg@yahoo.com>

Fri, Jan 1, 2021 at 11:27 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Public comment, January 5, 2020 meeting agenda item 8. 20-1597 Consent Calendar District II Appointments

I am writing to request that you pull the following two District 2 committee member appointments from the consent calendar, and that you vote against these individuals being appointed.

1. Human Rights Commission, Appoint Mandi Rodrigues, Alternate - District 2.
 1. Mandi Rodrigues lives in Placerville which is located in District 3. She recently ran for Placerville city council and a requirement to run for that office is that she live in the city of Placerville. Since Mandi lives in District 3 she does not meet the qualifications to be an alternate member of the committee nominated by the District 2 supervisor per the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission bylaws which state the member must be a "full-time resident of their respective Supervisorial District to serve on the commission."
 2. In addition to being ineligible for Supervisor Turnboo to nominate based on her place of residence, Mandi Rodrigues has publicly made comments and committed actions that go against the stated objectives of the Human Rights Commission "to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relation between all county residents and visitors, and to preserve the public peace among residents and visitors of difference races, religions, national origins, and the other characteristics listed in Government Code section 11135". These actions have included Mandi taking a photograph and live streaming video of Proud Boys displaying a white power hand gesture in front of the Bell Tower in Placerville in December 2020, as well as, posting to a local black woman's public social media page in August 2020 that "racism and other isms are and will always be there. You can not protest or legislate it away." Mandi's position that racism should be accepted with no action taken against it, goes against the stated objectives of the commission.
 3. Mandi Rodrigues is a local political figure with right-wing views that she made public while running for city council. The Board of Supervisors has previously held discussions and made statements that the Human Rights Commission is intended to be a non-political commission. Appointing Mandi to this commission would go against the Board of Supervisors commitment to kept the commission non-political.
2. Chris Cockrell, Veterans Affairs Commission Member - District 2
 1. Chris Cockrell was the individual who recently dressed up in a Santa costume and displayed a white power hand gesture with the Proud Boys in front of the Bell Tower in Placerville. I grew up in a military family, my dad was a veteran, and this display by Chris Cockrell does not reflect the army core values of "Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage."
 2. There was significant news media coverage both locally and nationally of Chris Cockrell displaying a white power symbol while dressed up as Santa. If the Board of Supervisor's appoints this same individual to a commission less than a month later, it will get media attention. El Dorado County will be portrayed as a racist community where what happened in Placerville last month was not just a group acting independently but behavior that is supported by our local government. This would have a negative impact on tourism and the economic success of our businesses.

Thank You,
Nicole Gotberg
District 3, Placerville Resident



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Appointments

1 message

Mel Chapman <chapmanfrançais@yahoo.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 1:21 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

I'm asking you to not endorse hatred and racism in my name. Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell do not belong on any board to represent the people of El Dorado County. Please help make "El Dorado is too great for Hate" a reality instead of a dream.

Mel Chapman

Retired Teacher and Former employee of Elections Dept



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Concern with Consent Calendar - item 20-1597

1 message

john haller <halleremail@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 3:15 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, John Hidahl <bosone@edcgov.us>, Shiva Frentzen <bostwo@edcgov.us>, Michael Ranalli <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>

I am very concerned that two appointments by our District II Supervisor are inappropriate for the Consent Calendar. The appointments of Mandi Rodrigues as an alternate to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission deserve discussion and should not be on the Consent Calendar.

A number of county residents are concerned that these two individuals do not reflect the values of our county and should not be placed on county commissions.

john haller
825 Oak Crest Cir
Placerville, Ca 95667



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Upcoming Agenda Item

1 message

Michael Picco <mpicco@placerville.me>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 3:22 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

02 January 2021

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

330 Fair Lane

Placerville, CA 95667

Dear County Supervisors;

I have learned that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to appoint members and promoters of the white supremacist group, Proud Boys, to meaningful county committees and that effort is on the upcoming Board Meeting agenda. These proposed appointments include:

Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission and

Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Having such hate-filled people appointed to county commissions will not bring our citizens together in a cohesive manner.

I strongly urge the BOS to pull item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. You all are here to help us achieve a safe and welcoming community. Appointment of these two individuals is not a means to that goal.

Kind regards,

Michael Picco



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Racism and appointees

1 message

Cheryl Romig <cherylromig@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 12:58 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

I implore you to consider anyone associated with the Proud Boys or any racist group as someone who is not appropriate to represent our community in any way. Keep racism out of our community!

Thank you,
Cheryl Romig
Teacher, Gold Trail School

Sent from my iPhone using clumsy fingers or voice text...sorry for any errors!



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Veto Nomination of Chris Cockrell

1 message

Courtney Jackson <emailcmm@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 12:22 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello Supervisor Hidahl,

In light of Chris Cockrell's affiliation with the Proud Boys I urge you to not confirm his nomination to the Veterans Affairs Committee. Our veterans and community at large should not be represented by someone who is a part of that group.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Courtney Jackson



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Nomination by Turbo

1 message

robin center <robinmcenter@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 1:11 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please read my attached letter and confirm that you have received this response to potential appointments.

Thank you,
Robin Center



Letter to BOS re appt..docx

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January 3, 2021

Dear Supervisor,

I have worked in the tourist industry in the Coloma/Lotus valley for 45 years. People of all ages, sizes, colors, and sexual preferences, come from all over our and other countries to camp or/and float down the river. They find our business friendly and safe and so are immediately relaxed and happy. They often spend money at our facility and then visit neighboring communities and visit Placerville. Their comfort is important to us and sending them to other businesses has been one of the satisfactory parts of living where I can trust that our guests will be respected and treated kindly when they continue visiting wineries, orchards, and downtown Placerville.

I am disappointed to hear that Supervisor Turnboo has nominated two individuals who are affiliated with the Proud Boys. From what I have read about the Proud Boys beliefs, they are the antithesis of creating a loving, supportive, and safe environment for people to live and work. I support any efforts made to keep racist, neo-nazi, and armed members of the public, off our small town streets, and certainly not in positions which give them more credibility.

I ask that you deny both Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell from being appointed.

Please, do what is required to implement protected and safe environments for the public, for people of all ages and persuasions. Our business will not feel comfortable recommending our clients visit places where they might be treated poorly.

Thank you,

Robin Center
Coloma, resident



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Commission Nominations

1 message

Joanne Abram <moonlitwater2001@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 2:13 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Clerk of the Board,

I am writing to protest the nominations of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodriguez as an alternate to the County Human Rights Commission. Both of these individuals have shown their support of the Proud Boys, who are an extremist group which promotes hatred. Our County should work toward inclusion and peaceful coexistence of the variety of citizens we have here. This is not what El Dorado County should be aligning with and I oppose both nominations based on these concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Joanne Abram, 41 year resident of El Dorado County



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Agenda Item 8. 20-1597

1 message

Diana Steele <bobanddianasteele@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 12:21 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, The BOSTWO <bostwo@edcgov.us>, The BOSTHREE <bosthree@edcgov.us>, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Dear Board Members,

Please reconsider appointment of Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell and please remove them from the consent calendar. I do NOT feel that these individuals represent our county. They are both Proud Boys supporters, a group openly promoting white nationalism. They are both far too extreme to represent our county. We want to be moving toward a more diverse and inclusive community, known as "Too Great To Hate". These appointments would be counter to those views, and would hurt, not help our community.

Diana Steele
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Agenda item 8.20-1597 OFF

1 message

Carla Soracco <fjaspr@sbcglobal.net>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 12:16 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Please remove this agenda item from the consent calendar. I was born and raised in Placerville attending ECHS high School and I continue to spend much of my life in El Dorado County. Much of it in Rescue CA. In the past 20 years I have become much more aware of some kind of hostility to people for no apparent reason. There is some kind of belief people, white as well as others if they believe in an inclusive community are enemies of freedom: religious, social and political. And they are anti government instead of in favor of GOOD government. I do not think it is appropriate to appoint people to county boards that have shown that they do not practice civil discourse but practice bullying as a form of free speech. This is not a way to encourage GOOD government.

I am a registered Republican and believe in passionate discourse but bullying, and failure to accept the political equality of all humans is unacceptable in a democracy. White supremacy is a lie. Accepting white supremacists on board committees should be open discussion at an open meeting. I really hope that fascism is dead in this country.

Sincerely
Carla Soracco
Rescue CA



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

We can do better - Please reconsider these nominations

1 message

Carin Agiman <carincamille@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 12:00 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Dear County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to request that you pull the following two District 2 committee member appointments from the consent calendar, and that you vote against the appointment of the following individuals:

Human Rights Commission, Appoint Mandi Rodrigues, Alternate - District 2 & Veterans Affairs Commission, Chris Cockrell

1) Mandi Rodriguez lives in the city of Placerville which is located in District 3. As per the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission bylaws, she does not meet the qualifications to be nominated by the District 2.

2) Mandi Rodriguez has made public comments and committed actions that directly contradict the charter of the Human Rights Commission. Her association with the Proud Boys in Placerville and other neighboring communities shows that her affiliation is not isolated to the recent Toys for Tots event. The Human Rights Commission objective to "promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons" is a far cry from the alt-right group's consistent actions of intolerance towards marginalized communities. Her personal position that racism should be tolerated is unacceptable and she should be disqualified from any position on the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission.

3) The Human Rights Commission is a non-political commission. Mandi Rodriguez was a right-wing political candidate in the last election. Her extreme views and associations would challenge the intended non-political standing of this commission.

4) Chris Cockrell also has an affiliation with the Proud Boys and acted as Santa during their December 5th gathering, even going so far as to display the Proud Boys white power hand signal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carin Agiman, Garden Valley resident



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: [bostwo] Mandi Rodrigues/Chris Cockrell

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 11:45 AM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

To include

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Shiva Frentzen** <shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us>

Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 9:04 AM

Subject: Fwd: [bostwo] Mandi Rodrigues/Chris Cockrell

To: Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Shiva Frentzen

El Dorado County Supervisor District 2

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From: **Kimberly Beeman** <kimberlyannebeeman@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 8:51 AM

Subject: [bostwo] Mandi Rodrigues/Chris Cockrell

To: bostwo@edcgov.us <bostwo@edcgov.us>

I am writing to request that you pull the following two District 2 committee member appointments from the consent calendar, and that you vote against the appointment of the following individuals:

Human Rights Commission, Appoint Mandi Rodrigues, Alternate - District 2.

1)Mandi Rodriguez lives in the city of Placerville which is located in District 3. As per the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission bylaws, she does not meet the qualifications to be nominated by the District 2.

2)Mandi Rodriguez has made public comments and committed actions that directly contradict the charter of the Human Rights Commission. Her association with the PB in Placerville and other neighboring communities shows that her affiliation is not isolated to the recent Toys for Tots event. The Human Right Commission objective to "promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons" is a far cry from the alt-right group's consistent actions of intolerance towards marginalized communities. Her personal position that racism should be tolerated is unacceptable for some hold any position on the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission.

3)The Human Right Commission is a non-political commission. Mandi Rodriguez was a right-wing political candidate in the last election. Her extreme views and associations would challenge the intended non-political standing of this commission.

Veterans Affairs Commission Member, Chris Cockrell - District 2

1)On December 5th, 2020, Chris Cockrell dressed up as a Santa and with a group identified as the "Hangtown PB" and displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This photo was widely circulated and can easily be found online. The community stood against this display on multiple occasions because of the violent, and extremist nature of the PB group. This affiliation should be concerning to the Board and carefully considered in the nomination process.

2) Chris has also been seen on Facebook making inflammatory comments toward supporters of BLM and likewise.

Individuals who act in this manner are not the right fit for our growing and evolving county. Please consider a more tolerant and inclusive individual who can make a positive mark on our community. El Dorado County is too great for hate.

Warmly,
Kimberly Beeman
Placerville

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Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado
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Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez

Norma Santiago <santiago.norma25@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 11:41 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>, The BOSFOUR <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>, The BOSTHREE <bosthree@edcgov.us>, The BOSTWO <bostwo@edcgov.us>

In EDC's 2019 Strategic Plan, the County envisions "safe, healthy, and vibrant communities, respecting our natural resources and historical heritage."

To that end, the BOS has made a commitment "to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents of different races, religions, national origins, and the other characteristics listed in Government Code section 11135."

Given their respective affiliation with the Proud Boys, the election of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodriguez as an alternate to the County's Human Rights Commission is contrary to the principles/values well established by our County. ***Therefore, respectfully, I ask that you reject the nomination of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodriguez as an alternate to the County's Human Rights Commission.***

Thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

Blessings.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Santiago
South Lake Tahoe
Former District V Supervisor



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Agenda Item 8.20-1597

1 message

jpelton <jpelton@csus.edu>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 3:08 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear County Supervisors,

I am writing my very first time to the Board because I am so concerned about Agenda Item 8.20-1507. I am urging you to take it OFF the consent calendar for Tuesday's Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Here's why:

In the past few years, I have observed an ever-increasing rift among people in our community regarding diverse beliefs. There have been overtones of threatened violence toward those who may look and behave differently. As our elected officials, please help us confront these disturbing actions.

I have learned that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate the members and promoters of the white supremacist group, Proud Boys, to meaningful county committees, as evidenced by the upcoming Board Meeting agenda this coming Tuesday. These proposed appointments include Mandy Rodriguez to the Human Rights Commission, and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Both Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Cockrell have shown themselves to be both highly politicized and promoters of anger toward people of different races, creeds or gender. Recently both individuals were engaged in hateful actions that increase our community's divisions, such as flashing a white supremacist hand signal while wearing a Santa suit on Main Street and/or angrily bullying an artist organizer at the Town Hall for her work in creating an Art for Peace display.

I have lived in Placerville since 1980, taught elementary school here for years, and worked as a family counselor. This community has fought long and hard to reject white supremacist groups and those who are unpatriotic regarding equal rights. Please take a hard look at these upcoming appointments for Item 8.20-1597 and help us reject discrimination and hatred from the infiltration of these two individual's agendas in our community and by being on these committees. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Joy Pelton
Placerville



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Turnboo nominees

1 message

Rob and/or Gloria <robandgloverrion@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 3:09 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

It has come to my attention that the supervisor from dist2 has nominated Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez to the VA and Human Rights committee respectively. These people are known members of a white supremacist group! There are photos! This is COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE!!! There is NO place for white supremacists in public office. EVER!! Your constituents are watching! If you allow this, the voters will remember! Mr. Turnboo should be CENSURED. And his nominees be thrown out!

Rob Vernon dist4



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Items on the agenda

1 message

Sally Traub <sallytraub@me.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 2:27 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To our representatives in county government,

I wish to strongly object to the two people who are being considered for appointments under the consent agenda., Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell.

As a 45 year resident, former small business owner and long time educator, I am vehemently opposed to having people such as Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell as members of committees meant to represent ALL people in our county. They are well known for their support of racist, white supremacists groups such as the so-called Proud Boys and support of hate toward people of different beliefs. There is no room in our county for people of this ilk to be in any positions of influence. Please do the right thing and remove this immediately from the consent agenda.

Sally Traub
Cameron Park, CA

Sent from my iPad



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Nominations to positions of public trust

1 message

Nancy Gibson <tahoegibsons@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 11:24 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>

I am adamantly opposing the nominations of Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez because of their close ties and affiliation with a known hate group. Is this really how the County Board of Supervisors want to see themselves...aligning themselves with racists? Shame on you for using these public offices for depicting El Dorado County as a backwater of social justice.

If you want to help grow the economy and insure progress in innovative business, science, and manufacturing; while encouraging growth for stabilizing both community and commerce; you cannot support exclusionary beliefs further creating division among our county's population or the prospect of welcoming newcomers who assist in job creation.

This is, simply, abhorrent.

Very sincerely,

A concerned citizen

P.S. It only takes a simple Google search to discover all sorts of things about candidates. I'm also adept at sorting fact from fiction so don't subscribe to the myriad conspiracy theories that abound in social media. I suggest you all take the lead in doing the same.



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Reject Turnboo's appointments for Mandi Rodriguez & Chris Cockrell

1 message

Savanna Hobbs <savanna2@mac.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 11:07 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edc.gov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Good Day,

Placerville has been a peaceful haven for raising our family since we moved here in 1991. I love the small town and schools where our children could thrive and people felt comfortable and free. Now, there are a minority of very loud extremists coming to our streets that are causing real problems. It's a holy mess from what we had.

Town has all changed this year with the addition of loud and aggressive participants in our street acting out as if they know the will of the people in Placerville. Mandi and Chris do not even come close to the kind of people I want representing my view of what Placerville wants and needs. Just know, there are many folks that will not write but do feel as I do and also desire to stop new members from wreaking havoc with our previously peaceful community.

Thank you for your time! I appreciate your representation.

Savanna Hobbs

Please reply all when responding



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Appointments to the Veterans Affairs Commission and the Human Rights Commission

1 message

Susan Chandler <susankesslerchandler@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 10:54 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Honorable Supervisors,

We write this in hopes that you will not appoint people affiliated with the Proud Boys to the VAC and HRC. The Proud Boys have been inciting division in our county and should not be placed in the position where they have a legitimate voice in our county. The Proud Boys aligns itself with white supremacy and extremism and should not be represented on our county commissions.

Thank you for your consideration.
Susan And Albert Chandler.



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please vote NO on Mandi Rodrigues for Human Rights Commission

1 message

Dayna Herbert Walker <daynaherbertwalker@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 4:01 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello,

I am a resident of El Dorado County living in South Lake Tahoe writing to express my strong opinion that you vote against the appointment of Mandi Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission.

My concern primarily rests in her affiliation with the Proud Boys, an alt-right, extremist political group whose goals directly conflict with those of the Human Rights Commission. Specifically, the Proud Boys have a history of intolerance whereas the Human Rights Commission's mission is to "promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons." Due to this contradiction, Ms. Rodrigues seems wholly unfit for the job.

I am also concerned that Ms. Rodrigues may not even be eligible to represent District 2 as she lives in District 3 (Placerville).

Thank you for considering my request to vote NO on Mandi Rodrigues for Human Rights Commission.

Sincerely,
Dayna Herbert Walker, Ph.D.



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Veterans Affairs Commission Member, Chris Cockrell - District 2

1 message

A Barlett <anniebsfarm@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 10:54 AM

Bcc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing you to to express my disapproval of the nomination of Chris Cockrell to the County Veteran's Affairs Commission. I feel he is an unacceptable choice.

On December 5th, 2020, Chris Cockrell dressed up as a Santa with a group identified as the "Hangtown Proud Boys" and displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This photo was widely circulated and can easily be found online. The community stood against this display on multiple occasions because of the violent, and extremist nature of the Proud Boys group. This affiliation should be concerning to the Board and carefully considered in the nomination process.

In addition a quick look on Mr. Cockrell's Facebook page shows many extreme political posts. We do not need someone with this kind of extremist views on the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Please do not confirm the nomination of Chris Cockrell. We need people with values that do not align with hate groups such as the Proud Boys and other extreme views. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Anne Barlett
El Dorado county Resident for over 20 years
530-919-2048



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Item 8. 20-1597

1 message

CR Mills <crmills.ca@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 10:49 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Greetings,

Please pull Item 8. 20-1597 from the General Government Consent Items for discussion.

Thank you,
C.R.



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

agenda item 8. 20-1597

1 message

Kathleen Peek <katypeek14@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 10:40 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I request that the above item be removed from Tuesday's (January 5, 2021) BOS agenda.

Mandi Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell are being proposed to serve on EDC Commissions.

As a resident of El Dorado County I can not imagine two more inappropriate individuals to be representing our county on the Human Rights Commission and the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Their participation in the Proud Boys' appearance during Toys for Tots event is very disturbing to me and I would think is also disturbing to you.

We must strive to eliminate such divisiveness in El Dorado County. Their endorsements by the BOS would carry an unfortunate message.

Thank you,
Kathleen W. Peek
Camino



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Consent Calendar, Item 8. 20-1597

1 message

Helen Walsh <johnhelenwalsh@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 10:23 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

It has come to our attention that two individuals, Mandy Rodrigues and Chris Cockrell, who have been outspoken supporters of the Proud Boys are being considered for appointments to the human rights and veterans commissions in our county. While they deny that the Proud Boys are a white supremacist organization there is abundant evidence throughout the country of the organization's views and efforts. This is not what our county stands for or what we want to be known for. Please pull the item 8. 20-1597 which includes these appointments from the consent calendar.

Thank you,

Helen and John Walsh
Placerville



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Human Rights Commission, Appoint Mandi Rodrigues, Alternate - District 2.

1 message

A Barlett <anniebsfarm@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 10:17 AM

Bcc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you to express my disapproval of the nomination of Mandi Rodriguez for the County Human Rights Commission. I feel she is not an acceptable choice for the following reasons:

1)Mandi Rodriguez lives in the city of Placerville which is located in District 3. As per the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission bylaws, she does not meet the qualifications to be nominated by the District 2.

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3)The Human Rights Commission is a non-political commission. Mandi Rodriguez was a right-wing political candidate in the last election. Her extreme views and associations would challenge the intended non-political standing of this commission.

Please do not put Mandi Rodriguez into this position. She is not qualified and would be a detriment to this important county commission. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Anne Barlett
El Dorado County Resident for over 20 years
530-919-2048



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Human Rights Commission

1 message

Ellen Johnson <dandejohnson@hotmail.com>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 9:42 AM

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Racism and Human Rights are mutually exclusive. These appointments should not be allowed! Thank you, Ellen Johnson

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EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Nominations of Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez

1 message

Allison Jilbert <allisonjilbert@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 8:45 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, The Bosthree <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Four Bos <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosfive@edcgov.us

I am sitting here enjoying my coffee on a Sunday morning, pondering the year 2021 and the possible changes that will ultimately lead us in the right direction. These changes include an attitude of acceptance and celebration of diverse peoples. When I say "us", I mean the city, the county, and ultimately the nation.

Imagine my disappointment at the nomination of two people who have openly donned, or at least presumably supported, the "ok" white supremacist symbol at a function on Main St. for positions in our local government.

This symbol, and therefore these people, have no business holding any advisory position anywhere. I am a long time resident of El Dorado County and am frankly becoming exhausted trying to defend this area to people who see us as uneducated, racist buffoons. The nomination of these two people will only serve to perpetuate this view, not to mention, teach our children that racism is ok.

It is time that we draw a line in the sand. Please do not take this lightly. Do the right thing. Do not let these nominations move forward.

Allison Jilbert

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please do the right thing...

1 message

Caprice <aelryne@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 8:20 AM

Reply-To: Caprice <aelryne@yahoo.com>

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

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Mandi Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell -

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- 4) Chris Cockrell is an anti-science, vocal member of a known terroristic hate group.

Sincerely,

Caprice I.

New Mexico, US

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Human rights commission nominees

1 message

Teri Hinz <terihinz@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 6:10 AM

To: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, edc.cob@edcgov.us

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Thank you,
District 3 resident
Teresa and David Hinz



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Agenda Item 8. 20-1597 OFF the consent calendar

1 message

Matt Semonsen <matt.semonsens@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 5:19 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Why in the world would two Proud Boy supporters be considered (and on the consent calendar) for commission positions. Racism within our County shouldn't be tolerated. Remove Agenda Item 8.20-1597 from the consent calendar dated 1/5/2021. Don't start a hopeful year with such leadership.

Matt Semonsen



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Human Rights Commission

1 message

katie abela <katielynnabela@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 1:39 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

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Please help keep this community free from the influence of careless, racist-affiliated organizations and affiliations.

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Consent Items 8. 20-1597

2 messages

ROBERT & Margie READ <bread1@comcast.net>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 12:10 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Cc: Bob-Margie Read <bread1@comcast.net>

Dear County Supervisors;

Almost 40 years ago I moved to Placerville from Sacramento County to escape a violent setting.

What I found in El Dorado County was a welcoming community of families among whom I felt safe. It was the best thing I could have done. That sense of comfort and safety stayed with me as my daughters went to school here and we all participated in the community. That included serving as a board member at the El Dorado County Women's Center and supporting other groups such as Snowline Hospice, New Morning, Placerville Union School District, El Dorado Search and Rescue, and so many more. Additionally, for about 10 years I wrote a column for the Mount Democrat entitled "A Runner's Write", to promote running for health, joy, and unity with our citizens.

But now I must tell you that these last few years have been very disturbing. I have observed an ever-increasing rift among people in our community with overtones of threatened violence toward those that might look or believe differently. This is more than unsettling. You were elected by all citizens and we really need to look toward our city and county leaders to help us with these disturbing changes.

And yet I have learned that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate members and promoters of the white supremacist group, Proud Boys, to meaningful county committees and that effort is on the upcoming Board Meeting agenda. These proposed appointments include Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

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I strongly suggest that the BOS pull the Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. You all are here to help us achieve a safe and welcoming community..... Not one that discriminates and encourages hatred.

Please help us all.

Margie Lopez Read

Placerville

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please include with public comment thanks

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From: **Shiva Frentzen** <shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us>
Date: Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 1:30 PM
Subject: Fwd: [bostwo] Consent Items 8. 20-1597
To: Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
CC: Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>

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Shiva Frentzen

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Cc: Bob-Margie Read <bread1@comcast.net>
Subject: [bostwo] Consent Items 8. 20-1597

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Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Request to pull Item 8 from the consent calendar for BOS meeting 1/5/21

2 messages

Sarah Saunders <cmyst123@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 1, 2021 at 9:19 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda for 1/5/21

File #2015-97

Item 8.

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Respectfully,
Sarah Saunders
District 4
916.420.2458

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 3:40 PM

This one also thanks

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For Supervisor Turnboo.

Regards,

Shiva Frentzen

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From: Sarah Saunders <cmyst123@gmail.com>
Date: January 1, 2021 at 9:19:13 PM PST
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Subject: [bostwo] Request to pull Item 8 from the consent calendar for BOS meeting 1/5/21

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EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Oppose nominations!

1 message

JONES FAMILY <zmpepj5@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 6:39 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: Me <zmpepj5@gmail.com>

Please be advised.

I fully oppose the following nominations (detailed below), all of these people are shown to be anti-Black/racially bias, and all of the following people have affiliations with the white supremacy male chauvinistic terrorist organization the Proud Boys.

I can't believe that the County would even entertain the idea of any of the following people to be included on any County commission.

Mayor Saragosa has rightfully so already denounced the Proud Boys and white supremacy, it would be beyond disgusting if the County allowed itself to be infiltrated by racially biased individuals.

You must denounce white supremacy and oppose the following nominations.

Mandi Rodriquez should not allowed a seat on the County's Human Rights Commission.

Chris Cockrell should not be allowed a seat on the County's Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Leslie Jones should not be allowed a permanent seat on the County's Human Rights Commission.

Thank you,
Jones Family
Sent from Earth



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Objection to Consent Calendar Item 8.20-1597

1 message

Emogene Haller <emogenem@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 7:46 PM

To: John Hidahl <bosone@edcgov.us>, "George Turnboo (BOS 2)" <bostwo@edcgov.us>, "Wendy Thomas (BOS3)" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Lori Parlin <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "Sue Novatel (BOS 5)" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to remove 2 items from the Consent Agenda at this week's 1/5/2021 meeting. Referencing **8. 20-1597**, please remove these items:

- Veterans Affairs Commission
Appoint **Chris Cockrell**, Member - District 2, Term Expiration 01/01/2025.
- Human Rights Commission ...
Appoint **Mandi Rodrigues**, Alternate - District 2, Term Expiration 01/01/2025.

I do not believe these appointments reflect my own values nor those of most of the voters in our community. We should at least be allowed to have a discussion about these appointments and not have them buried in the consent calendar.

Thank you.

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Emogene Haller

825 Oak Crest Cir

Placerville CA 95667

home: (530) 644-4054



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Committee Member Appointments

1 message

Sarah Morrison <lowkeylazymom@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 8:08 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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Sarah Morrison



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Committee Member Appointments

1 message

David W Morrison <morrisondw@sbcbglobal.net>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 8:12 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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David Morrison



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Pull Item 8. 20-1597 from the Consent Calendar immediately

1 message

Katy Mulligan <katymulligan@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 8:21 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

02 January 2021

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Pull Item 8. 20-1597 from the Consent Calendar immediately

Dear County Supervisors;

I grew up in El Dorado County, have parents that were educators, and returned to raise my own family and teach the youth of our community. It is a community I have been a proud member of; a community of acceptance, tolerance, and equality in which I volunteer and work to support the various programs that make us who we are.

It saddens and disturbs me to see the inflammatory, disrespectful events of late in town. From the racists clashes at City Hall to the Proud Boy Christmas Santa scene at the Bell Tower. You were elected by all citizens. We need to look toward our city and county leaders to help eliminate these unwelcome behaviors. Our community is better, kinder, and more caring than it is being portrayed.


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Please support and uplift our community.

Sincerely,
Katy Mulligan
Placerville

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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Pull Item 8. 20-1597 from the Consent Calendar immediately

Dear County Supervisors;

I grew up in El Dorado County, have parents that were educators, and returned to raise my own family and teach the youth of our community. It is a community I have been a proud member of; a community of acceptance, tolerance, and equality in which I volunteer and work to support the various programs that make us who we are.

It saddens and disturbs me to see the inflammatory, disrespectful events of late in town. From the racists clashes at City Hall to the Proud Boy Christmas Santa scene at the Bell Tower. You were elected by all citizens. We need to look toward our city and county leaders to help eliminate these unwelcome behaviors. Our community is better, kinder, and more caring than it is being portrayed.

Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate members and promoters of the white supremacist group, Proud Boys, to meaningful county committees and that effort is on the upcoming Board Meeting agenda. These proposed appointments include Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Both individuals have shown themselves to be highly politicized and promoters of anger toward people of different race, creed, or gender. It was just so very recently that both have been engaged in hateful actions that increase the rift, such as flashing a white supremacist hand signal while wearing a Santa suit on Main Street and/or angrily bullying an artist organizer at the Town Hall for her work in creating an Art for Peace display.

I request the Board of Supervisors pull Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. You all are here to promote a safe and welcoming community, not one that discriminates and encourages hatred.

Please support and uplift our community.

Sincerely,
Katy Mulligan
Placerville



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Mandi Rodrigues Appointment

1 message

Daniel Stephenson <danstheguitarman@yahoo.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 9:01 PM

To: "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisor Novasel,

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1 message

Daniel Stephenson <danstheguitarman@yahoo.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 8:49 PM

To: "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>

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Vite against Mandi Rodrigues

1 message

Bobbie Housand <bobbieh@outlook.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 8:54 PM

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To: Clerk of the Board, John Hidahl, Lori Parlin, Sue Novasel, Wendy Thomas, George Turnbo
From: Barbara Housand 95613

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Sincerely

Barbara Housand

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Agenda Item 8. 20-1597 OFF the consent calendar

Scott Vail <vail.s@sbcglobal.net>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 9:02 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Dear Board of Supervisors, My husband and I have lived, worked, voted and volunteered in El Dorado County for 25+ years. The last few years racism, hatred and intolerance has become acceptable on the streets of Placerville. Our community deserves better. The newest BOS member Mr Turnboo has nominated 2 individuals to serve on Veteran's Affairs and Human Rights Commissions. Chris Cockrell was shown on national and international news programs posing with the Proud Boys and showing racist hand signals dressed as Santa. Mandy Rodriques was observed at the Art for Peace event at Town Hall bullying one of the artist and is a supporter of the racist group Proud Boys. I ask you to pull item 8.20.1597 from the agenda. Make our community safe and welcoming for all. EDC too great for hate.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Vicky Vail



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Mandi + Chris Gotta Go!

1 message

kristen souders <kristensouders1@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 9:11 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Cc: Kristen Souders <kristensouders1@gmail.com>

Happy New Year!

Dear Mr Hidahl, Ms Parlin, Ms Novasel, Ms Thomas and Mr Turnboo,

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Just because Mandi loves Placerville, doesn't mean she's qualified to speak on Human Rights issues let alone sit on a commission.

Now let's get to Chris...

Veterans Affairs Commission Member, Chris Cockrell - District 2

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If you're looking for conservative voices, is this really your "cream of the crop"? Not in my county.

Thank you all, for your service to create a thriving and safe community that strives for racial equality and equity so that we all may contribute our gifts.

Together, we serve.

Kristen Souders
El Dorado Hills, Ca



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Nominations of Cockrell and Rodriguez

1 message

Sam Parcher <samparcher@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 9:36 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

I am writing as a concerned resident of Cameron Park in response to Mr. Turnboo's nominations of Chris Cockrell for the Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodriguez for the Human Rights Commission. While both figures are involved in the community and both, I'm sure, have contributed positively to the county, they are unfit for these positions based on recent polarizing actions. El Dorado County is home to many different people of all races, beliefs, and backgrounds and confirming these nominations is a threat to the minorities and their allies in El Dorado County.

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Nominations for Veterans Affairs Commission

1 message

HANNAH LYNN DEMERSON <hldreddogii@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 4:17 PM

To: bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, edc.cob@edcgov.us

Regarding:

Veterans Affairs Commission Member, Chris Cockrell - District 2

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Hate should NOT be welcome here. I have heard rumors that this board will not care about this unacceptable behavior. I choose to hold out hope that each of you will think very clearly about the message you are sending if you do not care. Our veterans need better representation for their concerns, and Chris Cockrell should be disqualified based on his affiliation with Proud Boys.

Sincerely, a resident of Placerville

Mrs. Hannah Lynn Demerson
(408)307-3834



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Request to Remove Agenda item 8, 20-1597

1 message

Michelle Peeters <michelle.ckp@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 4:30 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Dear El Dorado County Board Members,

I urgently request you take agenda item 8. 20-1597 OFF the consent calendar for Tuesday's board of Supervisors meeting. The potential appointment of the two openly racist individuals Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell would be an unethical move that would bring unconstitutional racism to our county government. Hate has no place in El Dorado County. I greatly urge you to do the right thing by the people of our county and our constitution by rejecting persons spreading hateful, divisive rhetoric. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,
Michelle Peeters
Coloma, CA



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Supervisors Meeting 1/5/2021 - Agenda Item 8. 20-1597

1 message

Bonnie West <bwest4953@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 5:11 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, The Bosone <bosone@edcgov.us>, bostwo@edcgov.us, The BOSTHREE <bosthree@edcgov.us>, The BOSFOUR <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosfive@edcgov.us

I am writing to all of you to request that item 8. 20-1597 be taken OFF the consent calendar of your meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 5th.

This request is being made because of two individuals nominated by Supervisor Turnboo. They are Mandy Rodrigues, who has been nominated to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission. Just recently both of these individuals engaged, in our community, in promoting hateful actions towards people of different races and gender. How could either of these individuals have ever been considered for these positions?

As a family member of veterans of color, who have served their country so courageously, an appointment of Chris Cockrell to OUR Veteran's Affairs Commission would be extremely degrading to them.

Mandy Rodrigues has also gone out of her way, in hurtful ways, to divide and make life miserable for members of our community. Is that what we expect from someone appointed to OUR Human Rights Commission?

Again, I request that this item be removed from the upcoming calendar. Please take the time to make sure that anyone appointed by the Board of Supervisors is truly worthy of representing all of us in El Dorado County.

Thank You,
Bonnie Morse West



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appointments to county commissions

1 message

Pete & Aletha Nelligan <panelligan@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 5:19 PM

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Dear El Dorado County Commissioners,

I am gravely concerned to learn that Mandi Rodrigues was nominated as an alternate member of the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission. I urge you not to vote for her for this position. She has knowingly and publicly affiliated with members of the Proud Boys. The Southern Poverty Law Center, among other organizations, has designated that group as a hate group. Her affiliation with them leads me to believe that she would not "promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons" as members of the Human Rights Commission are sworn to do. Likewise, Chris Cockrell, who actively participated in a recent Proud Boys activity in Placerville, should not be appointed to our county's Veteran's Affairs Commission. By appointing these two people to county positions, you would be sending a clear message to your constituents that you do not adhere to the Constitution of the U.S. and its proclamation that "all men (people) are created equal." Please do not make these appointments.

An active and concerned constituent,
Aletha Nelligan



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

(no subject)

1 message

Alyssa Treg <alyssat063@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 5:26 PM

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Mandy Rodriguez

1 message

Sarah Canfield <canfield.sarah@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 5:33 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Should not be appointed to the COmmission. Mandy does not represent all that i wish our country to stand for, with regards to human rights.
Please do not appoint her.

-Sarah Canfield-

Naturalist, Public School Teacher, Founder JuniorGuides.org
530-320-1530



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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1 message

Alyssa Treg <alyssat063@gmail.com>

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Public comment, January 5, 2020 meeting agenda item 8. 20-1597 Consent Calendar District II Appointments

1 message

Jacqueline Markley <jacq.markley@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 5:44 PM

Public comment, January 5, 2020 meeting agenda item 8. 20-1597 Consent Calendar District II Appointments

I am writing to request that you pull the following two District 2 committee member appointments from the consent calendar, and that you vote against these individuals being appointed.

1. Human Rights Commission, Appoint Mandi Rodrigues, Alternate - District 2.
 1. Mandi Rodrigues lives in Placerville which is located in District 3. She recently ran for Placerville city council and a requirement to run for that office is that she live in the city of Placerville. Since Mandi lives in District 3 she does not meet the qualifications to be an alternate member of the committee nominated by the District 2 supervisor per the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission bylaws which state the member must be a "full-time resident of their respective Supervisorial District to serve on the commission."
 2. In addition to being ineligible for Supervisor Turnbo to nominate based on her place of residence, Mandi Rodrigues has publicly made comments and committed actions that go against the stated objectives of the Human Rights Commission "to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relation between all county residents and visitors, and to preserve the public peace among residents and visitors of difference races, religions, national origins, and the other characteristics listed in Government Code section 11135". These actions have included Mandi taking a photograph and live streaming video of Proud Boys displaying a white power hand gesture in front of the Bell Tower in Placerville in December 2020, as well as, posting to a local black woman's public social media page in August 2020 that "racism and other isms are and will always be there. You can not protest or legislate it away." Mandi's position that racism should be accepted with no action taken against it, goes against the stated objectives of the commission.
 3. Mandi Rodrigues is a local political figure with right-wing views that she made public while running for city council. The Board of Supervisors has previously held discussions and made statements that the Human Rights Commission is intended to be a non-political commission. Appointing Mandi to this commission would go against the Board of Supervisors commitment to keep the commission non-political.
2. Chris Cockrell, Veterans Affairs Commission Member - District 2
 1. Chris Cockrell was the individual who recently dressed up in a Santa costume and displayed a white power hand gesture with the Proud Boys in front of the Bell Tower in Placerville. I grew up in a military family, my dad was a veteran, and this display by Chris Cockrell does not reflect the army core values of "Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage."
 2. There was significant news media coverage both locally and nationally of Chris Cockrell displaying a white power symbol while dressed up as Santa. If the Board of Supervisor's appoints this same individual to a commission less than a month later, it will get media attention. El Dorado County will be portrayed as a racist community where what happened in Placerville last month was not just a group acting independently but behavior that is supported by our local government. This would have a negative impact on tourism and the economic success of our businesses.

Thank You,
Jacqueline Markley
District 3, Placerville Resident



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Remove Item 8. 20-1597

1 message

Mary Smith <marylsmi@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 6:15 PM

Reply-To: "marylsmi@yahoo.com" <marylsmi@yahoo.com>

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I have lived in El Dorado County for 30 years and I choose to retire here. I have worked here in EDC, in my Nursing profession, supporting education and have worked as a volunteer in my community.

This is my first letter to the BOS. I value the county hard working people in positions to continue to protect our rural life, our respectful care of all citizens and to be watching for problems that could disrupt the integrity of our community. That said, I believe it is the mission of Supervisors to provide public service in a responsible manner, with integrity, to be responsive to the needs of the community and protect citizen safety when equality and our county inclusivity is threatened by open actions of discrimination or racism.

I am referring to the actions that involve Chris Cockrell on Main St, demonstrating racist posturing and apparently showing his connection to the proud boys at an event that was not his to demonstrate. This was not a positive display in our county which does not represent those of us that want an inclusive, kind, compassionate community to be shown in national news

I bring this up because this behavior does not meet integrity standards to represent our community in a county committee. It was shocking to see this behavior. Your community citizens were greatly offended and so this letter must voice disapproval for such recommendations of Chris Cockrell to represent in our county committee.

I strongly ask that you pull item 8.20.1597 from the agenda and further review Mr. Turnboo's actions. Please keep our community safe for all and free of discriminating agendas.

Sincerely,
Mary Smith
Placerville

Sent from Yahoo Mail on And



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Letter to Board of Supervisors

1 message

Mary DeRiemer <mary@adventurekayaking.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 6:31 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

03 January 2021

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

330 Fair Lane

Placerville, CA 95667

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I ask that the BOS delete Item 8. 20-1597 from the Consent Calendar immediately and deny these 2 individuals these positions of power and prestige. Instead, for these positions, please consider individuals whose personal agendas look to benefit of all our citizens.

Thank you.

Very sincerely,

Mary DeRiemer

Lotus, 95651

The following word document is a copy of this letter:



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BOS meeting 1/5/2021, Agenda Item 8.20-1597

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Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 6:37 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please take this item off the consent calendar. Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to appoint Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell to two county boards. These individuals are divisive and confrontational and should not be appointed to County boards where decisions are made through discussion and consensus. All appointees to County boards should be vetted as to their beliefs and their willingness to work collaboratively with other board members. Rodriguez and Cockrell are not representative of most citizens of our County. These individuals have publicly marched in opposition to civil rights recently and have identified themselves as supporters of Proud Boys.

Pat and Kym Woolston



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please consider removing Agenda Item 8. 20-1597 off the consent calendar Tuesday 01/05

1 message

P Nelson <yxesevol1@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 6:50 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Good Evening County Supervisors,

I "elevated to El Dorado County" with my family about four years ago where my neighbors and I work together to help one another out and offer kindness and support to our community. A place where I can feel at peace and enjoy the beauty and camaraderie in the area where I reside. A place where I run a business and prefer to support my local businesses, though I could do so elsewhere. A place where I am considering another business opportunity to support our local seniors, as well as provide employment to our local residents. A place where my spouse, a disabled veteran, can live in harmony and receive services if needed. A place where my young adult children can be productive, positive citizens and leaders in our community. A place, regardless of one's race, one can feel safe in the county one resides. However, recently I have felt the discord within my community, thus causing my unrest, doubt, fear and the lack of tranquility. I no longer even feel safe shopping at my local businesses with the rise of threatened violence and publicity of organized hate groups near shops that I have frequented. I feel distressed with the notion that there are leaders in my community that condone this type of behavior and or look the other way.

I donate my blood plasma, food and services to those in need, support our youth through leadership activities in and outside of 4-H and try to help my community in whatever way I can. I promote peace and mutual tolerance despite different ideologies or interests. With that said, as a resident I refuse to tolerate indifference, I refuse to support my leaders or community members that turn a blind eye to hate-hate towards any person- a person of color, culture, religion, gender etc. Therefore, I am asking my elected county Board of Supervisors to be part of the solution- a solution to discourage hate, prejudice and hostility. For was it not you that established the Human Rights Commission in El Dorado a mere two years ago? "The purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents of different races, religions, national origins..."

Disheartened, it has come to my attention that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate two members and promoters of the white supremacist group, Proud Boys, into significant committees in our community in the upcoming board meeting. He is proposing Chris Cockrell appointee to the Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodriguez appointee to the Human Rights Commission; two individuals that clearly simulate a bully mentality of hate towards others not like them. Both of these community members lack the type of character that prove to be inclusive, positive, sensitive, respectful, tolerant and peaceful towards all people regardless of differences. They've recently affiliated themselves with hateful acts: Mr. Cockrell, with Proud Boys invasion on Main Street Placerville- which even the majority on "my-next door ap" in my community where utterly appalled and terrified, and Ms. Rodriguez with her bullying tactics against the artists in the Art for Peace Display in front of town hall as well as her Proud Boys promotions on social media. Is this what

Veterans, Human Rights Commissioners and our county want to encourage-hate and violence. These appointees are counterproductive to the greater good of the community and to the services that these committees provide our citizens. I beg that you consider removing the Agenda Item 8. 20-1597 off the consent calendar this Tuesday at the board meeting. I ask that your moral integrity-character, lay a positive foundation for our community. Please do not encourage hate and violence in our county. It takes so much longer to repair the damage and the decay caused by hate, and so I ask that you be an advocate of healing and peace.

Ironically, Turnboo is quoted in *Village Life* stating that what's missing from the BOS is, "Honesty, integrity and ethics". Apparently we have different definitions for these descriptors.

Your time and consideration are appreciated,

A concerned citizen of Somerset, CA



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human rights commission

1 message

Evie Rote <evierote@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 6:50 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Protesting against the nomination of a member of Proud Boys to the Human Rights Commission.

thanks for taking my stand into consideration.

Evelyn Rot
831 Placer Ave.
S. Lake Tahoe



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Item 8.20-1597

1 message

Kelly Ahola <theriverboxes@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 6:56 PM

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Cc: Kelly Ahola <theriverboxes@gmail.com>

Dear Couty Supervisors,

I have learned that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate members and promoters of the white supremacist group, Proud Boys, to meaningful County committees and that effort is on the upcoming Board Meeting agenda. These proposed appointments include Mandy Rodriguez to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Mandy Rodriguez has been a promoter of the "Proud Boys" and was reported to have bullied people in front of the Town Hall recently.

Chris Cockrell was recently involved in a "Proud Boys" event which was not cleared by the city, invading a "Main Street Toys for Tots" event.

Both individuals have shown themselves to be highly politicized and promoters of anger toward people of different race, creed, or gender. It was just so very recently that both have been engaged in hateful actions that increase the rift, such as flashing a white supremacist hand signal while wearing a Santa suit on Main Street and/or angrily bullying an artist organizer at the Town Hall for her work in creating an Art for Peace display.

I strongly request that the BOS pull the Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. I hope that you all appreciate that you have been appointed to keep the peace, support diversity, support equanimity, and promote compassion and acceptance for all people in our community.

Thank you for your consideration to this extremely important matter.

Yours Respectfully,

K. Nolan Ahola
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Agenda item 8. 20-1597

1 message

Philip DeRiemer <phil@adventurekayaking.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 7:29 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Please read the attached letter concerning my opposition to BOS meeting Agenda item 8. 20-1597 scheduled for BOS meeting on Jan 5, 2021.

Sincerely,
Phil DeRiemer



Letter to BOS Agenda item 8. 20-1597.docx

97K

03 January 2021

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear County Supervisors;

I have been a resident of El Dorado county for the past 22 years. I am fortunate to live in a part of the county that practices what I consider to be good community values. At the center of that is support, understanding and inclusion.

I am concerned, and even frightened, by the growth of speech and actions that promote hatred and division that only seems to be getting worse in our nation and, unfortunately, finding it's way into our county. As citizens we turn toward our local, state and national leadership to set a tone and policies that are going to be beneficial to it's population.

I have learned that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate members and promoters of the white supremacist group, Proud Boys, to meaningful county committees and that effort is on the upcoming Board Meeting agenda. These proposed appointments for district 2 include Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Both individuals have shown themselves to be highly politicized and promoters of anger toward people of different race, creed, or gender.

I strongly suggest that the BOS pull the Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. You all are here to help us achieve a safe and welcoming community not one that discriminates and encourages hatred.

Sincerely,
Phil DeRiemer
Lotus



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Concerning nominations for the Human Rights Commission

1 message

Bonnie Battaglia <mjbatt@mindspring.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 7:30 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Dear Board of Supervisors and Clerk of the Board:

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THE NOMINATION FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF CHRIS COCKRELL OR THE ALTERNATE MANDI RODRIGUEZ from Supervisor George Turnboo, District 2. THEY DO NOT HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE IN THEIR INTEREST. They are affiliate with or a member of the Proud Boys who are a white supremacist, anti-Semitic, misogynistic extremist group.

Bonnie Battaglia**Placerville, CA****Citizen of District 2**



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Request to pull Agenda item 8. 20-1957 from Consent Calendar

1 message

Janet Rossi <jrossij@yahoo.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 7:53 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

03 January 2021

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Clerk of the Board,

I am urging you to pull Agenda item 8. 20-1957 from the Consent Calendar which proposes Mandi Rodriguez for the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran Affairs Committee. They are not appropriate individuals for these positions.

“Commissioners are a presence in the community.”

EDC Human Rights Commission Mission Statement

The purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents of different races, religions, national origins,

An individual who serves on the Human Rights Committee should have qualifications that show a familiarity and knowledge of underrepresented groups; should have a history of working with these groups and a history of promoting inclusion of these different cultural, religious and ethnic groups. I don't believe Mandy

Rodriguez has such a background and her promotion of the Proud Boys, which is a recognized racist group, would actually be disqualifying for a seat on such a committee. Fighting a health department mandate to wear masks and supporting confrontation w/ the health department over such a mandate, do not show an inclination to "foster peaceful relations," in our community.

For the proposed appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veteran Affairs Commission, again this is an individual who is a member of the Proud Boys and who took over a Toys for Tots event in downtown Placerville and attempted to have it seen as sanctioned by the police department. Our military services are constantly trying to improve their record on equality for people of color and women. Having someone on the Commission who is associated with a racist and misogynistic organization does not encourage veterans who do not look like them and who wouldn't fit in w/ Proud Boys, to seek assistance or be involved w/ the Commission.

We are in rough times and we are rugged individualists, but we cannot survive as a community if we do not have leaders that attempt to pull us together versus trying to push our own agendas. This county relies heavily on tourism and we don't want to be known as a backwater and making the national news for being "That place" for less than positive actions that promote bigotry, bullying and disregard for our community as a whole.

I am a retired Physician Assistant, most recently employed at Marshall Hospital Emergency Department. I was also employed in the ERs of San Mateo County Hospital, UCSF and the San Francisco County Jail and I served on the Ethics Committee at San Francisco County Hospital. In that time I have seen what type of individuals pull people together and find common ground. Mandi Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell do not fit that mold.

Currently I am on the board of a local grange hall and volunteer w/ local environmental and non profit organizations. My husband and I moved here for the small town atmosphere, and the beautiful outdoors ten years ago. I am seeing however, a hardening and division that was not previously here and an intolerance

to differing opinions. I had multiple friends have political signs stolen from their lawns. I see also that minorities here seem to be "ghosts." Are they afraid to be more out and about in the community? You were elected by all citizens and we really need to look toward our city and county leaders to help us with these disturbing changes.

And yet I have learned that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate members and promoters of the white supremacist group, Proud Boys, to meaningful county committees and that effort is on the upcoming Board Meeting agenda. These proposed appointments include Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

I strongly suggest that the BOS pull the Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. You all are here to help us achieve a safe and welcoming community.... Not one that discriminates and encourages hatred.

Yours respectfully,
Janet Rossi, PA



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Board agenda Item

1 message

Kay Osborn <larkspur4k@hotmail.com>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 8:00 PM

Regarding BOS item 8.20-1597, on agenda for January 5, 2021. I request the BOS pull said item, which includes appointments for the Consent Calendar.

These proposed appointments include Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission, and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Both individuals have shown themselves to be highly politicized and promoters of anger toward people of different race, creed, or color. We don't need anyone on a county committee who supports the group Proud Boys.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kay Osborn
Coloma



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Item 8. 20-1597

1 message

Andrea Hirsbrunner <andrea_hirsbrunner@hotmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 8:59 PM

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Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that two members of our community have been nominated by Mr. George Turnboo to two different important commissions. Mr. Chris Cockrell, aka Santa with the Proud Boys, is nominated for the Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodrigues, also known to have affiliation with the Proud Boys, is nominated as an alternate to the County's Human Rights Commission. I do not know these people personally, but I am familiar with what the Proud Boys organization has been known to represent; white supremacy and extremism. I do not feel anybody affiliated with such an organization has a place in any sort of public office or committee.

At this time, I suggest that you, the board of supervisors, pull the agenda item, Item 8.20-1597, from the Consent Calendar immediately. I urge you to help us keep peace in our community and help lead our community towards more unity. Appointing people such as Mr. Cockrell and Ms. Rodrigues to meaningful and important committees would only hinder progress towards such unity and would further embolden groups who discriminate and encourage hatred.

Sincerely,
Andrea Hirsbrunner
Placerville



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Agenda item 8.20-1597 OFF

1 message

Laurel Gromer <laurel_gromer@hotmail.com>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 8:12 PM

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Please remove this agenda item from the consent calendar.

I can not understand why Supervisor Turnboo would want to Appoint two well known white supremacists and public bullies, Mandy Rodriguez and Proud Boys , Chris Cockrell, to the Human Rights Commission and the Veterans Affair Commision.

What is wrong here?

I do not think it is appropriate to appoint people to County Boards That have shown they do not practice civil discourse. This is Not Good Government.

Sincerely

Laurel Gromer

Placerville , CA

530 417 7737

Sent from my iPad



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Agenda item 8.20-1597

1 message

Mary Elliott-Klemm <ml.elliott@sbcglobal.net>

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 10:27 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisors,

I would like to request that you pull Agenda Item 8. 20-1597 from the Consent Calendar for the January 5 BOS meeting so that it may be discussed.

My concern is that certain individuals associated with Proud Boys are being nominated by Supervisor Turnboo for El Dorado County commissions. They have shown themselves in public media to be hostile and exclusionary to large numbers of our County residents.

We expect our government to represent the values of equality and fairness.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Mary Elliott-Klemm
District 2



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Against the Nominations of Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez to El Dorado County positions

1 message

Nima Chandler <nima@nancyhandler.net>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 11:33 PM

Do not confirm Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission due to his affiliation with the Proud Boys.

Do not confirm Mandi Rodriguez to the County's Human Rights commission due to her affiliation with the proud boys and questions about her eligibility based on residence location.

The Proud Boys are a white supremacist, anti-Semitic, misogynistic extremist group who do not deserve a voice in our county.

Nima Chandler

Overseas voter, El Dorado County (South Lake Tahoe)



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Upcoming Meeting

1 message

Amy Yost <amystevens00@hotmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 6:15 AM

Hello Supervisors,

I have been a resident of Placerville for 20 years. I grew up in a similar small foothill town. I chose Placerville because I loved the idea of raising my children in a small town. For the most part, I have found this to be a wonderful town that is welcoming to all and offers a strong sense of community for my family and others.

Unfortunately, in the last few years, there seems to be a division among the people of El Dorado County. It seems that many are using bullying and unkind tactics to promote their beliefs. While I do not think we should all think the same, there is no place for racists and bullies in this community. There especially should not be a place for those people in positions that serve our county.

It has been brought to my attention that Chris Cockrell is being appointed to the Veteran's Affairs commission. Our Veteran's should be valued and honored through our community. Cockrell has chosen to associate himself with a racist group. There are many wonderful fraternal organizations in our community, however, Cockrell has chosen to associate with one that has ties to many racist events and beliefs. I'm concerned that not ALL Veterans would be honored with him in a position of power.

In addition, Mandi Rodrigues should not be appointed to the Human Rights Commission. As you know: "The purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents of different races, religions, national origins." Rodrigues has chosen to not tolerate local artists and has chosen to support a group with direct racist ties. This is not a person that is practicing the ideals of the Commission.

I am asking that you pull Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. Your role is to promote a strong community that is welcome to all.

Thank you,
Amy Yost

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BOS Agenda 1-5-20

1 message

Melinda Velasco <velamar333@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 6:39 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Clerk of the Board,

I am requesting that Item 8. 20-1597 be pulled from the General Government Consent Items for discussion.

A couple of days ago I heard that another newly elected supervisor was planning on nominating Mandi Rodrigues as Alternate to the Human Rights Commission. Based on my conversations with Mandi and the things that she has said during City Council and BOS meetings, I feel she will work against the intention of the Human Rights Commission if she is added to the group.

The original wording regarding the HRC from El Dorado County Code Title 2, Chapter 2.20.1100 states that the function of HRC is *C. To inquire into incidents of tension and conflict among or between people, including people subject to prejudice and discrimination due to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, civic interest, or any other factors, and to take action by means of conciliation, conference and persuasion to alleviate those tensions and conflict.*

Back in mid November, 2020, the Supervisors proposed an ordinance to amend the function of HRC to *C. To conduct and recommend any educational programs as, in the judgment of the Commission, will increase good will among inhabitants of the County and open new opportunities into all phases of community life for all inhabitants.*

Regardless of whether the wording remains in its original form or whether it is modified to the proposed new function, Mandi's appointment to the "Alternate" position would undermine the work of the Commission.

On multiple occasions Mandi has said that racism was not a problem in El Dorado County. She has said it publicly at City Council and BOS meetings, so this is not hearsay. At a farmers market this past summer, she told my 13-year-old daughter the KKK and Black Lives Matter were the same. As we both know, the KKK is a terror and hate group with decades of documented tortures and murders of people of color. On

whether Black Lives Matter is a hate, group the Southern Poverty Law Center sums it up as follows:

Many of (BLM's) harshest critics claim that Black Lives Matter's very name is anti-white, hence the oft-repeated rejoinder "all lives matter." This notion misses the point entirely. Black lives matter because they have been marginalized throughout our country's history and because white lives have always mattered more in our society. As BLM puts it, the movement stands for "the simple proposition that 'black lives also matter.'"

Mandi told me that she assisted in bringing an "alt-lite" anti-Muslim, misogynistic group to Main Street during a Toys for Tots event. (I was trying to work with her through conversation, trying to see common ground. I had a hard time finding common ground apart from Mandi's past friendly relationship with my sister-in-law.)

The point is, Mandi is a vocal and divisive person. This isn't hearsay. It's my personal experience. But her divisiveness and positions on social issues including prejudice and racism are well-documented and can be easily pulled up from the videos of Placerville City Council and BOS meetings. Since the HRC is supposed to be non-political, Mandi would bring politics to the commission. She would also undermine the work of the Human Rights Commission.

Since Mandi would be the only Alternate to HRC, it seems to me that all of the Supervisors should be part of the process of deciding who is selected. Moreover, George Turnboo is representing District 2. Mandi lives in District 3. According to the bylaws, Supervisors are supposed to recommend members of their own districts to commissions.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Melinda Velasco



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Objection to Mandi Rondriguez as alternate to the County's Human Rights Commission

1 message

amy.kadelski <akadelski@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 8:34 AM

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Good Morning. I am writing to strongly object to the appointment of Mandi Rondriguez to the Human Rights Commission.

First, Mandi Rodriguez lives in the city of Placerville which is located in District 3. As per the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission bylaws, she does not meet the qualifications to be nominated by the District 2.

Most importantly, the comments and actions made by Mandi Rodriguez directly contradict the charter of the Human Rights Commission. She has an association with the Proud Boys in Placerville and other neighboring communities. The Human Right Commission objective to "promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons" is a far cry from the alt-right group's consistent actions of intolerance towards marginalized communities. Her personal position that racism should be tolerated is unacceptable for some hold any position on the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission.

Thanks,

Amy Fish



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Nominations of Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez

1 message

janice eastburn <janiceeastburn@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 8:40 AM

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Dear EDC Board of Supervisors:

As an EDC voter I am writing to urge that you remove Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez from consideration for the Veterans Affairs Commission and the Human Rights Commission (respectively). Both individuals are known to have affiliation with the hate group Proud Boys which is known for it's violent white supremacist, anti-Semitic, misogynistic, and homophobic beliefs and actions. While Mr. Cockrell and Ms. Rodriguez are certainly entitled to hold any beliefs they choose (no matter how repulsive) as individuals, they certainly do not deserve a place of authority from which to institute those beliefs in El Dorado County. I find it particularly appalling that a person who openly advocates for the oppression of minorities would serve on the very commission whose duty it is to uphold human rights.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Janice Eastburn
PO Box 9286
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Proposed Consent Calendar items/commissions

1 message

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Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 8:49 AM

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Les Francis

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January 4 letter to EDC Board of Supervisors.docx

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January 4, 2021

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County

Re: Agenda for your meeting tomorrow, January 5, 2021

Please know that as a resident of and voter in El Dorado County I am reaching out to you in order to voice my opposition to an item on your Consent Calendar for tomorrow's Board meeting. Specifically, I am raising concerns about two proposed appointments to vital county posts---the Human Rights Commission (Mandy Rodriguez) and the Veterans Affairs Commission (Chris Cockrell).

My concerns go beyond what qualifications the two nominees may or may not possess, but rather on what their nominations represent.

As a country, as a state and as a community, we are in deeply troubling and treacherous times. Disagreements have turned into divisions and views are increasingly expressed through vitriol. Hatred seems to be the new normal. These matters go beyond politics; instead, they raise questions about who we are as a people, as a community.

This is not the time, therefore, for the Board to make appointments which may make things worse, rather than better, that may exacerbate divisions rather than heal them. And it is certainly no time for the Board to consent to things which are vigorously contested.

I urge your serious consideration of the issues raised above, and humbly suggest that you consider the proposed appointments more thoroughly and within the context of the environment I have described above, and to which others have testified.

Respectfully,

Les Francis

Camino



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Nominations of persons affiliated with Proud Boys

1 message

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Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 8:55 AM

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I am informed of two nominations to be addressed at the BOS meeting Tuesday, January 5, specifically for Veterans Affairs Commission and Human Rights Commission.

I'm concerned that the persons nominated (Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez) are allegedly affiliated with the group Proud Boys which is identified as a white supremacist, anti-Semitic, misogynistic extremist group. I further understand Ms. Rodriguez may be ineligible due to the location of her residence. I therefore question whether the BOS has critically vetted these nominees for personal qualifications and known affiliations.

I will join the zoom meeting specifically to listen to your discussion and vote on these nominations.

As a concerned citizen and military Veteran, I am personally offended by the acts and behaviors exhibited by the Proud Boys and strongly oppose any candidate for public position who espouses a Proud Boys affiliation.

Jesse Garner/South Lake Tahoe



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Agenda Item 8. 20-1597

1 message

Carly <cbabb529@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 9:50 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us

04 January 2021

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear County Supervisors;

As a community member in District 2, I am requesting the BOS pull the Item 8. 20-1597 from the Consent Calendar immediately. This item would serve to promote members of the white supremacist hate group Proud Boys to meaningful county committees. These proposed appointments include Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

As members of this community, my family has always been proud of our county and area as a welcoming and healthy place. With the growing rise in racism and hate infiltrating even our Toys for Tots drives, our community is changing and not in a good way. Appointing political members who have demonstrated their willingness to promote hate and anger is absolutely the wrong choice for our community.

Both individuals have shown themselves to be highly politicized and promoters of anger toward people of different race, creed, or gender. It was just so very recently that both have been engaged in hateful actions that increase the rift, such as flashing a white supremacist hand signal while wearing a Santa suit on Main Street and/or angrily bullying an artist organizer at the Town Hall for her work in creating an Art for Peace display.

I strongly suggest that the BOS pull the Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. You all are here to help us achieve a safe and welcoming community, not one that discriminates and encourages hatred by elevating those who so willingly promote it. Please do the right thing.

Carly Babb
Somerset



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Reject Mr. Cockrell

1 message

Jim <jim.kalamber@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:10 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please, we have enough extremism.

Jim Kalamber
4879 El Cid, Rocklin

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez

1 message

Elis Bradshaw <elisbradshaw@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:19 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Board of Supervisors--

I am an El Dorado County native now living in Minnesota, and despite the distance I have become aware that two people with known and proven support of white supremacist extremist organization the Proud Boys (they have been classified as an extremist hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center and by the FBI).

Chris Cockrell recently appeared in public on Main Street in Placerville as a representative of the Proud Boys, and photos shared to social media show him using a [hand gesture](#) that has recently been coopted to signify "white power". I have attached the photo to this email.

Mandi Rodriguez (Rodrigues per the meeting agenda) has posted videos of herself supporting the Placerville Proud Boys to social media. Though she has since deleted those videos, presumably after realizing that such public support might hurt her public persona, you can find a copy of one of the videos she shared [here](#).

I cannot believe that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors would support having anyone who is a known affiliate or supporter of an extremist organization in an official appointed role in the county government. The reputation of our town and our county has already suffered due to displays of white supremacy that happened on Main Street over the Christmas holiday and earlier in the fall; is this the image that you want for Placerville, its residents, and its businesses? Are these the values that you want to be associated with El Dorado County? In particular I find it disturbing that individuals with white supremacist beliefs and sympathies would be appointed to the Human Rights Commission and the Veteran's Affairs Commission, two Commissions that serve the needs of diverse populations.

Approving Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez to these posts would deal real damage to the image and residents of El Dorado County. Please vote against their appointments.

Thank you,
Elis Bradshaw

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Elis Bradshaw (she/her)

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Appointments

1 message

Jane Meuser <janemeu@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:20 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am writing in opposition to the appointments of Mandi Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell to any county commissions. I have lived in El Dorado County for 51 years and know that it is too great for hate.

Please pass my sentiments on to the BOS.

Respectfully,
Jane Meuser

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please read at the BOS Meeting tomorrow

1 message

Melinda Velasco <velamar333@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:27 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please read the following before or at the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 5th, 2021.

January 4, 2021

Dear District Supervisors,

I am writing to share a personal experience I had with Mandi Rodrigues which makes me question whether she would be an appropriate fit as an "Alternate" to the Human Rights Commission.

My name is Melinda Velasco and I am Co-Chair of Civil Rights Now. Our group organized an event called "Standing Against Racism with Art" at the Placerville Town Hall on July 17th and 18th of 2020. The intention of the art display was to provide a peaceful forum for community members to express their feelings and outrage regarding recent killings of people of color. We presented our proposal before the Placerville City Council and were granted use of the hall with the agreement we would follow Covid protocols.

Shortly after we began setting up for the event, a woman entered through the front doors of the Town Hall with no mask. She began filming us as we set up. To be clear, we had about nine people in the Town Hall, most were elders, and we were putting up artwork. This was my first meeting with Mandi Rodrigues. She was filming with her cell phone camera and loudly asked "What are you doing?" I approached her and told her we were setting up for an art event and that it would be open to the public at 2PM. She asked what it was about, repeated herself loudly, then someone asked her to put a mask on. She refused. I asked her to leave as we were given the Town Hall with the agreement to follow social distancing protocol. She started calling out incendiary comments including that the artwork was racist and that we were all racists.

I am a teacher and, honestly, the first thing that went through my head was, "Where is the campus monitor?" Since there was no campus monitor, I left to talk to the people in the Town Hall office about removing Mandi. Chief Wren had already told us that if we experienced any trouble, to let him know immediately, so that was next on the list. But, by the time I got back, an elder woman artist had gotten Mandi outside and was engaging with her in the parking lot.

Based on this interaction alone, I don't think that Mandi is an appropriate fit for the Human Rights Commission which is supposed to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents of different races, religions, national origins, and the other characteristics listed in Government Code section 11135.

Thank You.

Melinda Velasco



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Block Appointment of Mandi Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell

1 message

Jim Neiss-Cortez <jim.neiss@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:30 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, BOS Two <bostwo@edcgov.us>, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing with deep concern regarding the attempt to appoint Mandi Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell to county level Commissions. Both have been vocal and visual participants in divisive community actions.

Mandi has filmed social justice protests and mocked them during her live and recorded streams on social media. How, in any way, would someone who does that be qualified to serve on the Human Rights Commission. Her actions are in direct conflict with the mission of the Commission. Her appointment serves only to undermine the Commission.

Chris Cockrell is now famous for using the White Power sign as Santa during the Proud Boys media visit to the Toys for Tots event on Main Street Placerville. He has shown himself to align with values that do not belong in our community. At minimum, the Proud Boys are anti-women's rights, at the extreme, they are hate filled racists.

People who align themselves with extremist groups have no place on our county level commissions. They have both demonstrated extremist positions and engage in behavior that splits our community.

Please block their appointment.

Jim Neiss
7801 Boondock Trail
Somerset, CA 95684
530.333.5736



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Item 8, 20-1597

1 message

Tom/Julie Castro <tnjcastro@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:33 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I retired to this community 13 years ago and have been involved with many community groups including Big Brothers and Big Sisters. I have enjoyed this caring and generous community, however, lately I have been very concerned about right-wing and racist activities that should not be in our community.

I am writing to request the Board of Supervisors reject Mandy Rodrigues from the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell from the Veterans Affairs Commission. These two individuals should not represent our community based on their racist activities. Our community should represent an open mind to all people. Anyone who has a racism attitude of intolerance is not acceptable to be in any position of authority.

I sincerely hope you will reject these two individuals.

Sincerely, Julie Castro
Lotus, Ca



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Against Nomination of Chris Cockrell and appointment of Mandi Rodriguez

1 message

cecilia clark dan linhardt <diamondspgs@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:34 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

We've just been made aware that District 2 Supervisor George Turnboo has nominated Chris Cockrell, who recently joined the Proud Boys on Main Street dressed as "Santa", to the Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodriguez, who is believed to be affiliated with the PB, as an alternate to the County's Human Rights Commission. The PB are white supremacist, anti-Semitic, misogynistic extremist group.

El Dorado County is too great to perpetuate this kind of hate. We don't need or want the Proud Boys or any of their hangers on to have a position in any El Dorado government office.

El Dorado County is too great to hate!

Cecilia Clark

Daniel Linhardt



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please forward this letter to Supervisor Turnboo as his email address is inactive

1 message

Melinda Velasco <velamar333@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:41 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisor Turnboo,

I am requesting that Item 8. 20-1597 be pulled from the General Government Consent Items for discussion.

A couple of days ago I heard that you were planning on nominating Mandi Rodrigues as Alternate to the Human Rights Commission. Based on my conversations with Mandi and the things that she has said during City Council and BOS meetings, I feel she will work against the intention of the Human Rights Commission if she is added to the group.

The original wording regarding the HRC from El Dorado County Code Title 2, Chapter 2.20.1100 states that the function of HRC is *C. To inquire into incidents of tension and conflict among or between people, including people subject to prejudice and discrimination due to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, civic interest, or any other factors, and to take action by means of conciliation, conference and persuasion to alleviate those tensions and conflict.*

Back in mid November, 2020, the Supervisors proposed an ordinance to amend the function of HRC to *C. To conduct and recommend any educational programs as, in the judgment of the Commission, will increase good will among inhabitants of the County and open new opportunities into all phases of community life for all inhabitants.*

Regardless of whether the wording remains in its original form or whether it is modified to the proposed new function, I believe that Mandi's appointment to the "Alternate" position would undermine the work of the Commission.

On multiple occasions Mandi has said that racism was not a problem in El Dorado County. She has said it publicly at City Council and BOS meetings, so this is not hearsay. At a farmers market this past summer, she told my 13-year-old daughter the KKK and Black Lives Matter were the same. As we both know, the KKK is a terror and hate group with decades of documented tortures and murders of people of color. On

whether Black Lives Matter is a hate, group the Southern Poverty Law Center sums it up as follows:

Many of (BLM's) harshest critics claim that Black Lives Matter's very name is anti-white, hence the oft-repeated rejoinder "all lives matter." This notion misses the point entirely. Black lives matter because they have been marginalized throughout our country's history and because white lives have always mattered more in our society. As BLM puts it, the movement stands for "the simple proposition that 'black lives also matter.'"

Since Mandi would be the only Alternate to HRC, it seems to me that all of the Supervisors should be part of the process of deciding who is selected. I ask you to reconsider your recommendation of Mandi.

I appreciate the time you have taken to read my concerns. I also thank you for dedicating your work to make our community a better place and to support all of us.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Melinda Velasco



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

agenda item 8. 20-1597

1 message

Faith Cushman <faithcushman@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:42 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, The BOSFOUR
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Attached is a letter to the board of supervisors

Sincerely,

Faith Cushman

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04 January 2021

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear County Supervisors.

I bought property in Lotus in 2002 and have enjoyed the people and beauty of this county since then. Recently it seems that not following science and wearing masks during the Covid pandemic seems to be a way of supporting a right-wing political view. I do not feel safe shopping in this county and only go to the Forklift Grocery Store in Cameron park where they take wearing masks seriously. I am upset with many of the businesses in the Placerville area and probably will not be supporting them ever again. There are many people in this county who feel just like I do about this issue.

The last year has been very upsetting for me. I have observed an ever- increasing rift among people in our community with overtones of threatened violence toward those that might look or believe differently. These same people seem to think they are more patriotic than the rest of us. This is more than unsettling. You were elected by all citizens and we really need to look toward our city and county leaders to help us with these disturbing changes.

I have learned that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate members and promoters of the white supremacist group, **Proud Boys**, to meaningful county committees and that effort is on the upcoming Board Meeting agenda. These proposed appointments include Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission. This is disgusting.

Both individuals have shown themselves to be highly politicized and promoters of anger toward people of different race, creed, or gender. It was just so very recently that both have been engaged in hateful actions that increase the rift, such as flashing a white supremacist hand signal while wearing a Santa suit on Main Street and/or angrily bullying an artist organizer at the Town Hall for her work in creating an Art for Peace display.

I strongly suggest that the BOS pull the Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. You all are here to help us achieve a safe and welcoming community.... Not one that discriminates and encourages hatred.

Sincerely,
Faith Cushman
Lotus, CA



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Public Comment, January 5, 2021 meeting agenda item 8. 20-1597 Consent Calendar District II Appointments

1 message

Michelle Greene <mccgreene77@hotmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:43 AM

To: "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Public comment, January 5, 2021 meeting agenda item 8. 20-1597 Consent Calendar District II Appointments

Greetings,

I am a resident of District 3. I am a woman of color. I am extremely disturbed that George Turnboo has appointed Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodriguez to the Human Rights Commission. I understand that both appointments are to be voted on by the Board of Supervisors on January 5th and I urge you for multiple reasons to decline both appointments.

Cris Cockrell has been identified as the proud boys Santa from the Toys for Tots drive on Main Street on December 5th, 2020. The proud boys have been identified as a right wing, ultra conservative, white supremacist, misogynistic, anti-Semitic extremist group. This has been all over the news media and social media. Mr. Cockrell has never clarified that he is not a proud boy. That silence speaks volumes! If I were associated with the KKK I would immediately scream from the rooftops that I do not identify.

Mandi Rodriguez has associated herself with the proud boys on multiple occasions. She was part of the fiasco on Main Street (video links included) and at a demonstration with the proud boys recently in Rocklin. This association makes her appointment to the Human Rights Commission unbelievably offensive and absolutely inappropriate! In addition this post is not supposed to be politicized. Mandi recently lost an election for a seat on the Placerville City Council and is actively campaigning for the 2022 election. This is an obvious political move to add this commission to her resume as a means of saying she is not racist. According to your bylaws she is not eligible to be appointed due to her residency status. Mandi Rodriguez lives in Placerville which is located in District 3. She recently ran for Placerville city council and a requirement to run for that office is that she live in the city of Placerville. Since Mandi lives in District 3 she does not meet the qualifications to be an alternate member of the committee nominated by the District 2 supervisor per the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission bylaws which state the member must be a "full-time resident of their respective Supervisorial District to serve on the commission."

This is a time of great contention in our city. The appointment of these two individuals will increase this, bring negative attention to the area, deeply outrage those who support equality and human rights and has cost our county precious tourist dollars. The county is watching, the media are watching and the decision you make on this will be part of your legacy. What will your legacy be? Please know if these appointments are made this will be challenged by the community.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to the upcoming meeting on Tuesday.

Sincerely hoping you do the right thing,
Michelle Greene

Video: <https://www.facebook.com/BlackLivesMatterSac/videos/393112518565438>Mandi: <https://www.facebook.com/mandiskis>Mandi's mayoral bid: <https://www.facebook.com/mandi4hangtown>Chris: <https://www.facebook.com/ForABetterElDoradoCounty>; also, <https://www.facebook.com/1chriscockrell>



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Bad nominations for Placerville

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:45 AM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

Assistant to Supervisor John Hidahl, District 1

Board of Supervisors, County of El Dorado

Phone: (530) 621-5650

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From: **Stephanie Dukes** <sfsteph82@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 8:31 PM

Subject: Bad nominations for Placerville

To: bosone@edcgov.us <bosone@edcgov.us>

I am writing to request that you pull the following two District 2 committee member appointments from the consent calendar, and that you vote against the appointment of the following individuals:

Human Rights Commission, Appoint Mandi Rodrigues, Alternate - District 2.

1)Mandi Rodriguez lives in the city of Placerville which is located in District 3. As per the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission bylaws, she does not meet the qualifications to be nominated by the District 2.

2)Mandi Rodriguez has made public comments and committed actions that directly contradict the charter of the Human Rights Commission. Her association with the PB in Placerville and other neighboring communities shows that her affiliation is not isolated to the recent Toys for Tots event. The Human Right Commission objective to "promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons" is a far cry from the alt-right group's consistent actions of intolerance towards marginalized communities. Her personal position that racism should be tolerated is unacceptable for some hold any position on the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission.

3)The Human Right Commission is a non-political commission. Mandi Rodriguez was a right-wing political candidate in the last election. Her extreme views and associations would challenge the intended non-political standing of this commission.

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Stephanie



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Human Rights Commission

1 message

Regina Miranda <reginaradish@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:48 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Please check Mandi Rodriguez's social media posts. You will see anti-mask propaganda, humiliating videos (she posted a video of a man cleaning his groceries, without his consent, humiliating him while she sat in her car). She incites vandalism (via a post on Facebook) and separatism in our community. She called into the last city council meeting and did not respect the rules that everyone follows, she even had someone else use their own time to continue her defense script.

I cannot imagine how/why they have been nominated for these positions but I implore you to reconsider, as well as evaluate your nomination and vetting practices. These are not the people we need in this role. I hope you use social media to learn more about them. Mandi did not win the city council election, which tells me that regardless of her online antics/persona, our community does not want her in a leadership role or representing our community.

Regina Miranda



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Reject Mandi Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:40 AM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

Assistant to Supervisor John Hidahl, District 1
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From: **Matt Niswonger** <matt@adventuresportsjournal.com>
Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 8:11 AM
Subject: Reject Mandi Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell
To: <bosone@edcgov.us>

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Matt Niswonger



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Oppose nominations!

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:42 AM

Kind Regards,

Cindy MuntAssistant to Supervisor John Hidahl, District 1
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From: **JONES FAMILY** <zmpepj5@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 6:43 PM
Subject: Oppose nominations!
To: <bosone@edcgov.us>
Cc: Me <zmpepj5@gmail.com>

Please be advised.

I fully oppose the following nominations (detailed below), all of these people are shown to be anti-Black/racially bias, and all of the following people have affiliations with the white supremacy male chauvinistic terrorist organization the Proud Boys.

I can't believe that the County would even entertain the idea of any of the following people to be included on any County commission.

Mayor Saragosa has rightfully so already denounced the Proud Boys and white supremacy, it would be beyond disgusting if the County allowed itself to be infiltrated by racially biased individuals.

You must denounce white supremacy and oppose the following nominations.

Mandi Rodriguez should not allowed a seat on the County's Human Rights Commission.

Chris Cockrell should not be allowed a seat on the County's Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Leslie Jones should not be allowed a permanent seat on the County's Human Rights Commission.

Thank you,
Jones Family
Sent from Earth



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Vote AGAINST Mandi Rodrigues

1 message

Bree Bee <breebeestyles@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:28 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To the Clerk of the Board,

I am writing to request that you pull the following District 2 committee member appointments from the consent calendar, and that you vote against the appointment of Mandi Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission Alternate – District 2.

1)Mandi Rodriguez lives in the city of Placerville which is located in District 3. As per the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission bylaws, she does not meet the qualifications to be nominated by the District 2.

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Thank you for your attention to this urgent and important matter.

Bree



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

EDC Veterans Affairs and Human Rights Commissions

1 message

Larry P. <lp4us@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:34 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Sir or Madam,

It has come to my attention that two individuals have been nominated to Commissions for El Dorado County that are affiliated with the organization "proud boys." Specifically, Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez have been nominated to the Veterans Affairs and Human Rights Commission respectively. As a long time resident of El Dorado County (45 years), I believe that anyone affiliated with such a group should NOT be given any position related to Governance of El Dorado County.

The "proud boys" are known as a violent hate group with a neo-fascism ideology by several nationwide organizations.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations classifies various members as "extremists threats with ties to white nationalism."

The "proud boys" organization has been banned from the social media outlets Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Youtube and others.

I, like other residents of El Dorado County, have numerous relatives that fought and died during World War II against the very ideology of hate, xenophobia, anti-Semitism and misogyny professed by this group.

I remind you that the Mission Statement of of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors states that "El Dorado County government shall provide efficient, courteous, and effective services and infrastructure for safety, protection, and well-being of our residents, businesses and visitors."

The beliefs and ideology of the white supremacists group, "proud boys," does NOT provide "safety" nor "well-being" to our county residents and the "proud boys" have NO place in our County or anyplace else.

Sincerely,

Larry Pedigo
El Dorado County Resident



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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1 message

ROBERT CUSHMAN <bobcush2@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:08 AM

Reply-To: ROBERT CUSHMAN <bobcush2@yahoo.com>

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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

330 Fair Lane

Placerville, CA 95667

Dear County Supervisors.

I have observed an ever- increasing rift among people in our community with overtones of threatened violence toward those that might look or believe differently. These same people seem to think they are more patriotic than the rest of us. This is more than unsettling. You were elected by all citizens and we really need to look toward our city and county leaders to help mitigate these disturbing changes.

I have learned that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate members and promoters of white supremacist groups to meaningful county committees and that effort is on the upcoming Board Meeting agenda. These proposed appointments include Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission. This is disgusting.

Both individuals have shown themselves to be highly politicized and promoters of anger toward people of different race, creed, or gender. It was just very recently that both have been engaged in hateful actions that increase the rift, such as flashing a white supremacist hand signal while wearing a Santa suit on Main Street and/or angrily bullying an artist organizer at the Town Hall for her work in creating an Art for Peace display.

I strongly urge that the BOS pull the Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. You all are here to help us achieve a safe and welcoming community.... not one that discriminates and encourages hatred.

Sincerely,

Bob Cushman

Lotus, CA

Bob Cushman
Board Member, Friends of the River
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Fwd: Agenda item 8. 20-1597

1 message

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To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:01 AM

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From: **Kathleen Peek** <katypeek14@gmail.com>
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Subject: Agenda item 8. 20-1597
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I request that the above item be removed from Tuesday's (January 5, 2021) BOS agenda.

Mandi Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell are being proposed to serve on EDC Commissions.

As a resident of El Dorado County I can not imagine two more inappropriate individuals to be representing our county on the Human Rights Commission and the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Their participation in the Proud Boys' appearance during Toys for Tots event is very disturbing to me and I would think is also disturbing to you.

We must strive to eliminate such divisiveness in El Dorado County. Their endorsements by the BOS would carry an unfortunate message.

Thank you,
Kathleen W. Peek
Camino



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BOS Agenda Item 8: 20-1597 for January 5, 2021

1 message


SHERYL TRAINOR <strainor.ot@comcast.net>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:35 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>

Please see attached letter to Supervisor Wendy Thomas, District III, in regards to Agenda Item 8:20-1597 for BOS January 5, 2021 meeting.

Thank-you, Sheryl Trainor

 **BOS3 Letter Human Rights Commission.pdf**
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Sheryl Trainor
4030 Chestnut Lane
Placerville, CA 95667
Strainor.ot@comcast.net

530-306-8487

January 4, 2021

Wendy Thomas
330 Fairlane
Placerville, Ca. 95667

Dear Supervisor Thomas,

I reside in your district and want to give input regarding the upcoming appointment of individuals to the Human Rights Commission. I am concerned those with the loudest voices will be appointed, without regard for diversity of opinions and civil discourse. Recently, we heard Placerville City Mayor Saragosa speak with KOVR-13 about intolerance of hate speech in our community. I support appointing individuals who prioritize willingness to share information in a civil manner to reflect concerns of all members of our community.

I have lived in El Dorado County since 1990, the last nineteen in the third district. During 24 of those years, I worked for a local non-profit, home-visiting children with disabilities and their families. In this role I met many families of various cultures and economic means. Developmental disabilities have no regard for skin color, religious denomination, or economics; neither should our government.

I hope our county commissions can reflect all its' constituents in a just and inclusive manner.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Y. Trainor



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Item 8. 20-1597 - pls remove -OFF the agenda's consent calendar !!

2 messages

Bobbi Owen <beajaydee@hotmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:41 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors

I am amazed and confused that people in our county would even consider the appointment of the two below people.

Mandy Rodriguez, and Chris Cockrell. They are racist and promote hateful division within our community. It is unthinkable that they should be allowed to represent our county. We need reasonable, thoughtful representation -

1. Mandy Rodriguez has long been a loud promoter of the Proud Boys and vociferously bullied artists in front of Town Hall during our Art for Peace display. She is highly right-wing political and is just a bully.

2. Chris Cockrell is somewhat more widely known for his participation in the Proud Boys invasion of Main Street Toys for Tots event. In fact, he was dressed in the Santa suit when all of those PBs posed with their white supremacy hand signal. His face (and hand signal) in that santa suit has travelled as far as New Zealand, it seems.

Please remove Item 8.20-1597 from the calendar

Thanks

Bobbi Owen – citizen of Diamond Springs

Bobbi Owen <beajaydee@hotmail.com>

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Cc: bosone@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us; bostthree@edcgov.us; bosfour@edc.gov.us; bosfive@edcgov.us; edc.con@edcgov.us

Subject: Item 8. 20-1597 - pls remove -OFF the agenda's consent calendar !!

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Fwd: BOS Meeting Tues.

1 message

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To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:47 AM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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Cc: <bosthree@edcgov.us>, <bosfive@edcgov.us>, <bosfour@edcgov.us>, <bosone@edcgov.us>, <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Dear BOS~

I has come to my attention that you are about to approve the appointments to county boards of two people with well known racist ties to white supremest groups. I am asking you to pull the consent item 8.20-1597 from Tuesday's agenda. Please give further study to those who you will be appointing. They represent all of us.

I have lived in this county for nearly 50 years. I was a school teacher for 35 of those years and raised my two children here. It seems that our county has been battling its racist/homophobic/fear-mongering image for that entire time. Decades ago I joined a Human Rights group and I still have a bumper sticker that says "El Dorado County Is Too Great for Hate." I well remember the pick up truck parked on Main St. and other shopping centers with a huge sign saying "God Hates Gays".

Fast forward....A few months back on Main St. I joined a group protesting George Floyd's death. I am not anti-police but that image of Floyd being murdered was too much to bear. Before the protest, local Facebook posts were circulating which said "There are more guns than protesters up here" and "We know where to bury the bodies where no one will find them." I was horrified and a bit scared but I went anyway.

This has been a decades-long issue in EDC and I would urge you to come out on the right side of history. To let this go and sweep it under the rug is only making the situation worse. I would hope that one of your missions as you represent the entire population of EDC is to promote inclusiveness and peace. Not only do these individuals and groups make our residents uncomfortable and fearful but they are a blow to our already struggling economy.

Thank you, Patty Wilson



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Objection to Veterans Affairs Commission nomination


1 message

Joseph Connolly <retqmcs@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:55 AM

Dear Clerk of the Board and Supervisor Thomas: I am submitting my objection to the nomination of Mr. Chris Cockrell for the veterans affairs commission. My objections are noted in the enclosed letter. I request the board remove his nomination from the consent calendar and reject his nomination as an unsuitable commission member. I oppose his nomination as a retired veteran and El Dorado County resident.

Sincerely, Joseph Connolly

 **Objection_Cockrell nomination.pdf**
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January 4, 2020
Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Subj: Objection to Chris Cockrell nomination to Veterans Affairs Committee

To: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors ("Board")

Dear Board Members:

I request you remove the nomination of Mr. Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission from the consent calendar, and for the following reasons, reject his nomination as an unsuitable candidate for that commission. I oppose his nomination as a fellow veteran, having served for 25 years in the United States Coast Guard, and as an El Dorado County citizen.

Nomination: The January 5th meeting agenda does not mention Mr. Cockrell's authority to be nominated pursuant to County ordinance 4188 ("ordinance"), which established the veteran's affairs commission. Since he is not listed for nomination as an alternative voting member, I presume his nomination is as a voting member, pursuant to section 2.25.020(A). To be nominated under that section, Mr. Cockrell's nomination is required to be "submitted by the recognized veteran's organizations of the county." If he has not been properly nominated under that section, then his nomination should be withdrawn and not considered. If he was nominated by a recognized veteran's organization, then that nomination should be read and discussed on the record, and allowed to be commented on by the general public first. As a retired veteran of the Armed Forces, I welcome the opportunity to review *all* nominations for the commission, and make a recommendation for who would be *most suitable* for carrying out the advisory duties under section 2.26.060 of the ordinance.

Unsuitable character: The veteran's affairs commission advises the Board in four subject matters related to veterans affairs, including promoting public support for veterans affairs, and recruitment for the National Guard and Armed Forces. (Section 2.26.060(A)-(D).) This is a matter I carried out myself as a volunteer while on active duty. I visited high schools to promote enlisted and officer programs for the U.S. Coast Guard, including appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. One student in particular sought and received an appointment to the Academy, was commissioned as an officer upon graduation and went on to a successful career. I was instrumental in advising him and his family in his interests and seeing that he achieved his goals.

To do these programs well you must be a role model in your appearance, demeanor and experience. I understand Mr. Cockrell served in the U.S. Army, but that alone does not rank him as the most suitable candidate for the commission. What matters also is his *current* presence, and in that regard I find his public contempt for fellow citizens to be a notable reason to reject his nomination.

a. Social Media Disparagement: Mr. Cockrell has two public Facebook accounts. One is a personal page (<https://www.facebook.com/1chriscockrell>), while the second is a "political" page (<https://www.facebook.com/ForABetterElDoradoCounty>). These pages are consistent in that Mr. Cockrell regularly disparages "Progressives" and "Democrats." Most recently, his political page shows a picture of a white family with the caption, "Right Wing Extremism!" and wrote, "Democrats and Progressives hate this stuff! OMG!" (November 17, 2020.) On his personal page he most recently posted an article from Forbes titled, "The U.N. Says America is Already Cutting So Much Carbon It Doesn't Need the Paris Climate Accord" and wrote, "Again, Trump was right!! Democrats and Progressives f'in everything up! (December 22, 2020.)"

Mr. Cockrell's open contempt for his fellow citizens should automatically disqualify him from consideration by the Board for a public commission. His contempt is not in keeping with service values that he once followed as a member of the U.S. Army. Those include RESPECT ("to treat others with dignity and respect while expecting others to do the same"), SELFLESS SERVICE ("Put the welfare of the nation ... before your own"), and INTEGRITY ("Do what's right, legally and morally.") (See <https://www.army.mil/values/>). His intolerant views are also not in keeping with the Board's vision statement of "Safe, healthy, and vibrant communities."

Mr. Cockrell has forgotten that those core service values have the same meaning to career veterans as they did when we served. Each service's values should be first and foremost among this county's veterans affairs commission members, who should be the most stellar representatives of our Armed Forces, not someone who holds the majority of this county's citizens in contempt. Apart from his disparaging views I'm not aware of any distinguishing military service on Mr. Cockrell's behalf that warrants his consideration above other, more well qualified candidates for the commission.

Mr. Cockrell is a loud and proud Republican, according to his Facebook pages, but Republicans are a minority of registered voters (see <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/Elections>) and not the sole base for potential recruitment. As a veteran I resent his blanket views about others, and his potential to dismiss their interest in our Armed Forces. There are plenty of young men and women who aspire to service, and are encouraged by their families, who also happen to be "progressive" or "democratic" (something we promote as an American ideal to other countries when we serve), or who believe in things Mr. Cockrell publicly opposes. Knowing Mr. Cockrell's viewpoints, is he really the best candidate for this commission? And would the Board tacitly support his viewpoints by appointing him anyway? In my opinion, there are far better candidates for this important commission and the Board should seek them out rather than supporting an openly derisive citizen, and contemptuous veteran.

In sum, Mr. Cockrell is not a suitable candidate for the county's veterans affairs commission and would be incapable of responsibly carrying out the commission's duties. His myopic view of our citizenry limits his ability to recognize the best candidates for service (and perhaps even his fellow democratic and progressive veterans), or the best avenues to promote veterans affairs in our county. The Board should not give its voice to his contemptuous viewpoints and should reject his nomination in favor of a more suitable candidate.

b. Proud Boys interaction: Last month, a newly formed local group calling themselves the Hangtown Proud Boys took photos after a toys for tots donation on Main Street. Their identity with a nationally condemned hate group was controversial and was also condemned by the Placerville City Council. For the record I joined in that condemnation of the group's presence at a public event. (<https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/proud-boys-toy-drop-off-riles-community/>)

The group proclaims itself to be "A patriotic group of men who are hive minded, we are alcoholics and that is about it. We no relation [sic] to the Proud Boys except our name and clothing and twitter." (<https://twitter.com/hangtownb>). Not ironically, the Anti-Defamation League summarizes the same characteristics in their condemnation of the group: "In [the founder's] own words, the Proud Boys are a "pro-western fraternity," essentially a drinking club dedicated to male bonding, socializing and the celebration all things related to western culture. In reality, the Proud Boys bear many of the hallmarks of a gang, and its members have taken part in multiple acts of brutal violence and intimidation. While the Proud Boys insist that they only act in self-defense, several incidents—including one in which two members of the group were convicted of attempted gang assault, attempted assault and riot—belie their self-professed peaceful nature. Indeed, many members have criminal records for violent behavior and the organization actively pursues violence against their perceived enemies." (<https://www.adl.org/proudboys>). The group is similarly characterized by the Southern Poverty Law Center. (<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/proud-boys>)

There is no rational reason for the Board to support this kind of group in El Dorado County, and if it has not already done so, I strongly encourage the Board to add its condemnation to that of our citizenry and Placerville City Council. It should take Mr. Cockrell's nomination as an opportunity to make that kind of forceful declaration, while rejecting Mr. Cockrell's nomination for knowingly participating in the Proud Boys gathering.

Thanks to another District II nominee for a County position, Ms. Mandi Rodriguez, there is a lengthy video of the Proud Boys gathering, her appreciation for that group, her recognition of Mr. Cockrell, his willing inclusion in the group's photo, his mingling among the group, and his specific request for a photo of him behind the group. I request the Board play this video in its entirety for the record, and incorporate public comment on Mr. Cockrell's unsuitability for a public commission in light of this connection. (<https://www.facebook.com/BlackLivesMatterSac/videos/393112518565438>)

The video highlights Mr. Cockrell's awareness of the group and a relationship to Ms. Rodriguez. It starts by noting "Mandi Minnicki Rodriguez was live," where she immediately states "We got the Hangtown Proud Boys here...." (Times 0:00 and 0:52) Imposed over the video are written comments, including by Mr. Cockrell, who wrote, "I love this one so much!" (Time 0:00) As Ms. Rodriguez nears the Proud Boy's gathering for a public photo she recognizes Mr. Cockrell, dressed in a Santa costume. "Did you see Chris? Santa? Santa Chris?" (Time 3:34) He then walks up to Ms. Rodriguez and says, "My daughter says Dad's killing it." (Time 4:08) As the group takes photos, Mr. Cockrell joins in, in front of and behind the group. (time 5:03-5:40) He

then approaches Ms. Rodriguez again and says, "Hey, send a picture of me in the back." (Time 5:47) At the end, Ms. Rodriguez says to another woman, "Sorry we hijacked your event. Sorry your event got hijacked."

Mr. Cockrell sought a position on this Board, is 51 years old, and a small business owner after more than 20 years working in the insurance industry. In short, he should have the political acumen and common sense not to affiliate with a divisive group, or to separate himself from the ramifications of associating with such a group. However, a month after the Proud Boys gathering continues to generate controversy, he has yet to make clear that he does not identify with the group or condone its identity. Now he is in nomination for a public commission, which should never be identified, even remotely, with the suggestion of condoning white supremacy or its ideology.

[\(https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/district-2-race-cockrell-running-as-write-in-candidate/\)](https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/district-2-race-cockrell-running-as-write-in-candidate/)

I raise this issue squarely as a veteran, with the clear line that the military and those representing our Armed Forces have no business with the Proud Boys and their ilk. It's not just my opinion, General H.R. McMaster, former national security advisor to President Trump, said in October, 2020 that "No leader should encourage any group that is based on a narrow identity that aims to supersede our identity as Americans. We have these centripetal forces in our society today, created by this interaction of identity politics with racism and bigotry. We need leaders who can bring us back together and generate confidence in our identity as Americans and as human beings. ... To use a sports analogy, condemning white supremacists should be a layup for any leader. What we're undervaluing these days is the importance of bringing Americans back together to reinforce our common identity. As a military officer, it breaks my heart to see divisions, because what you see is people come into the Army from all different walks of life. They carry with them certain prejudices and predilections. But you see that all melt away when they're part of the team."

[\(https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2020/10/hr-mcmaster-trump-proud-boys-and-white-supremacy/616554/\)](https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2020/10/hr-mcmaster-trump-proud-boys-and-white-supremacy/616554/)

In sum, Mr. Cockrell does not demonstrate the same clear military leadership that the Board should demand of its commission members. In my opinion, he should have the awareness that his nomination and membership on the commission can be divisive to the community at large, and for the good of the community, withdraw his nomination in place of a more qualified and less contentious leader. But he hasn't, nor has the nominating supervisor to my knowledge.

Leadership requires absolute trust and confidence. Mr. Cockrell demonstrates neither, in his public disparagement of his fellow citizens, and in his inability to recognize a community conflict that he may take forward with the Board's support of his actions. I hope you will agree and reject his nomination to the veterans affairs commission. The County can do better.

Sincerely, Joseph Connolly
Senior Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.)



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Mr. Cockerell

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
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Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:56 AM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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From: **CR Mills** <crmills.ca@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 12:30 PM
Subject: Re: Mr. Cockerell
To: <bosone@edcgov.us>, <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Greetings Supervisors,

I am deeply concerned about the appointment of Mr. Cockerell to the Veteran's Commission and Ms. Rodriguez to the Human Rights Commission. These appointments would politicize these commissions based on their comments at previous meetings.

Sincerely,
C.R.

On Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 10:51 AM CR Mills <crmills.ca@gmail.com> wrote:
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Sincerely,
C.R.



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Fwd: Concerns about Turnbo appointment

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
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Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:57 AM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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From: **tracy celio** <tracy.celio@gmail.com>
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Subject: Concerns about Turnbo appointment
To: <bostwo@edcgov.us>, <bosone@edcgov.us>, <bosthree@edcgov.us>, <bosfour@edcgov.us>, <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Dear County Supervisors,

I live in district 3. I have had roots in this county since 1863 and know El Dorado County to be a wonderful community to live, work, raise family and retire. We are a community who values being neighborly before petty politics and we always value individual humanity over divisive rhetoric.

I am deeply concerned with Supervisor Turnbo's consent item on the upcoming agenda to allow 2 individuals to serve who do not reflect our community values, Paul Cockrell and Mandy Rodriguez.

I will not disparage these people by telling you what I know, but I will ask you to do your own research and due diligence. Find out who these folks represent and do you believe their values align with county values. A simple Google search will show you that at minimum, both Cockrell and Rodriguez consort with groups that do not align with our county values and at worst are part of said groups.

Supervisor Parlin, as my representative I urge you to ask questions and do not simply consent to this item. I do hope all supervisors will take this into consideration. As a elected supervisors, you have the responsibility to chart our community trajectory. In word, I have heard our supervisors condemn hate and intolerance. I applaud you for that. I urge you to make action on your words and please do not appoint individuals aligned with hate groups, the speech or the like to any community committees in any capacity.

Thank you very much for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

Tracy Celio
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take appointments off consent and OPPOSE

1 message

Traci Sheehan <traci.sheehan@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:00 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to urge you to take the appointments of two individuals off of Tuesday's consent calendar and **OPPOSE the appointment** of Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Chris Cockrell has played an active role and leadership within a known hate group. Recently he was photographed flashing a white power sign. His actions were well-publicized in the media. I don't believe that our elected leaders would want to approve an appointment of someone whose actions were so controversial and so visible. Both individuals' actions have proven themselves to be promoters of hate and divisiveness in our community. We cannot afford to appoint and elevate individuals who espouse hate to these community positions.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,
Traci Sheehan
P.O. Box 573
Coloma, CA 95613

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Traci Sheehan

The health of a democratic society may be measured by the quality of functions performed by private citizens.
--Alexis de Tocqueville



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Fwd: Appointments to committees

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:59 AM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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From: **Sally Traub** <sallytraub@me.com>

Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 2:27 PM

Subject: Appointments to committees

To: <bosone@edcgov.us>

To our representatives in county government,

I wish to strongly object to the two people who are being considered for appointments under the consent agenda., Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell.

As a 45 year resident, former small business owner and long time educator, I am vehemently opposed to having people such as Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell as members of committees meant to represent ALL people in our county. They are well known for their support of racist, white supremacists groups such as the so-called Proud Boys and support of hate toward people of different beliefs. There is no room in our county for people of this ilk to be in any positions of influence. Please do the right thing and remove this immediately from the consent agenda.

Sally Traub
Cameron Park, CA

Sent from my iPad



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Appointments, January 5th

1 message

leocauchon@netscape.net <leocauchon@netscape.net>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:07 PM

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Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Good day Mr. Turnboo,

Congratulations on your swearing in today as our supervisor for District II. I live in Shingle Springs so I appreciate your commitment to service. I would like to express some concerns about the appointments for our district listed on the 1/5/21 agenda.

In general I am concerned that noticing of vacancies and submitting of applications were not a part of the process. From my perspective including these steps in the process of appointment is best for transparency and effective commissions/committees.

Specifically I am concerned with the appointments to the Veterans Affairs Committee and to the Human Rights Commission. Both Chris Cockrel and Mandi Rodriques are unfortunately entangled with the Hangtown Proud Boys in the perception of many of county residents. I know from personal experience that both of them are passionate advocates. As such I think that they could be of better service in other roles until you are able to facilitate greater healing in our county.

Leslie Jones also seems like a passionate advocate. I have not had the honor of personally experiencing her gifts but I can share that such advocacy is most likely not an asset on the Human Rights Commission. Again I think that she could be of better service in a less public role during this time of transition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leo Bennett-Cauchon



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Consent Item - 20-1597 Agenda 1/5/21

1 message

Marvin Neiss-Cortez <marvin.neiss.cortez@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:16 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Dear Board Members,

I was shocked to learn that my district supervisor, Supervisor Turnboo, is proposing to add Mandy Rodrigues and Chris Cockrell to the Human Rights and Veteran's Affairs commissions respectively.

Both of these individuals have shown themselves to be divisive figures with a history of racist and hateful actions

I have witnessed Ms. Rodrigues mock and bully peaceful protestors in downtown Placerville and offer support to the Proud Boys (a known hate group). Mr. Cockrell has made himself famous as the 'white power' hand signaling Santa who brought great shame to Placerville.

These individuals are free to hold abhorrent beliefs, it is their right, however, El Dorado County should not let such individuals serve all the members of the county when it is clear that they do not respect all the citizens of the county.

The country and county need to heal at this time and adding these 2 will only bring more division to our area. Let's be decent. I believe hate has no place in El Dorado County, do you agree?

I strongly ask that the BOS pull item 20-1597 which includes these appointments from the consent calendar immediately.

Respectfully,

Marvin Neiss-Cortez
Somerset



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Requesting Removal

1 message

Cindi Ehrgott <cindiehrgott@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:17 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Members of the El Dorado County Board of supervisors - I urgently request the removal of agenda item number 8 20-1597 from tomorrow's agenda Tuesday, January 5. The reason for my request is that I strongly object to the possible appointment of the two individuals proposed by Turnboo. They both have in the past held very public anti-racial positions in our community. The last thing we need is further division in our community from people who hold outwardly racist opinions and follow these up with racist actions. Please do the right thing and take this item off the agenda and look further for other more qualified appointees. I thank you so much for your serious consideration of this matter. El Dorado county is too great for hate.

Sincerely - Cindi Ehrgott

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Public comment, January 5, 2021 meeting agenda item 8. 20-1597 Consent Calendar District II Appointments

1 message

Nicole Blaylock <brookseydarling@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:18 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

I am writing to request that you pull the following two District 2 committee member appointments from the consent calendar, and that you vote against the appointment of the following individuals:

Please pull Human Rights Commission, Mandi Rodriguez, Alternate - District 2.

Her personal position that racism should be tolerated is unacceptable for someone to hold any position on the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission.

The Human Right Commission is a non-political commission with an objective to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons. Mandi Rodriguez was a right-wing political candidate in the last election. Her extreme views and associations would challenge the intended non-political standing of this commission.

Please pull Veterans Affairs Commission Member, Chris Cockrell - District 2

On December 5th, 2020, Chris Cockrell dressed up as a Santa and with a group identified as the "Hangtown PB" and displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. The community stood against this display on multiple occasions because of the violent, and extremist nature of the PB group. This affiliation should be concerning to the Board and carefully considered in the nomination process.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Nicole Blaylock
Camino Resident

—



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Please do not approve George Turnboo's nominations of Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:13 PM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

Assistant to Supervisor John Hidahl, District 1
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From: **Joan Todd** <joantodd92865@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 4:04 PM
Subject: Please do not approve George Turnboo's nominations of Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez
To: bosone@edcgov.us <bosone@edcgov.us>, bosthree@edcgov.us <bosthree@edcgov.us>, bosfour@edcgov.us <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosfive@edcgov.us <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to vet any of Mr. Turnboo's nominations carefully. Those two people mentioned above have links to the Proud Boys - a white supremacist, racist, anti-semitic group. It certainly does not look good for any government group to have links to such a group.

I do not live in your county, however I have plans to travel in that area - i.e. I'm a tourist. I don't care to spend my tourism dollars in an area where such groups are supported.

Please take care to consider such nominations very carefully.

Thank you for your time. Stay safe and healthy!

Joan Todd



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Item 8.20-1597

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:20 PM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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From: **terry allen** <tga8891@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 5:44 PM

Subject: Item 8.20-1597

To: <bosone@edcgov.us>, <bosthree@edcgov.us>, <bosfour@edcgov.us>, <bosfive@edcgov.us>

I am writing out of concern for an upcoming BOS item 8.20-1597. I have concerns about two people who are being considered for certain commissions. Mandy Rodriguez should definitely not be considered for a Human Rights Commission. She has proved herself to be motivated by politics, her own, and is certainly not interested in bringing together, or adding decent values, to our community. Her agenda is hate, pure and simple. Chris Cockrell made it clear in his photo shoot that he is singularly all about whiteness. He took center stage as Santa waving his white supremacist sign on Main Street. Since when does Placerville condone this? I've lived in this community for 40 years and have worked at the hospital for that many years. We do not discriminate. We do not promote intolerance. We take care of people whatever their background, whether they are white, black, purple or green, no matter their politics. We maintain professionalism and that is what is being asked of you, BOS -- professionalism and tolerance. Anything less is not representative of the people you serve and those who elected you.

Thank you for your time, Terry Allen POB 597, Coloma, 95613



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Open seat on Board of Supervisors

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:20 PM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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From: **suzanne tollefson** <stollefson29@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 5:46 PM
Subject: Open seat on Board of Supervisors
To: bosfive@edcgov.us <bosfive@edcgov.us>, bosfour@edcgov.us <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosone@edcgov.us <bosone@edcgov.us>, bostwo@edcgov.us <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to object to Item no. 8 on the Agenda for Tuesday, January 5, 2021. As a working resident of Cameron Park, I will be unable to attend Tuesday's meeting, but wanted to express my very strong opposition to the appointment of Mandi Rodriguez to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission. Neither of these individuals represent the values of our community.

As documented in The Mountain Democrat on 12/10/20, Mr. Cockrell recently posed with Proud Boys on Main Street in Placerville, showing the "white power" hand sign and cheerfully supporting what has been denounced as a violent Neo-fascist group that promotes misogyny, xenophobia and homophobia. (See, e.g. Terrorism Research & Analysis Consortium - trackingterrorism.org and Southern Poverty Law Center.) The photo was taken and supplied to the newspaper by Ms. Rodriguez.

Placerville and El Dorado County are made up of thousands of people from diverse political, religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. These people are our neighbors, business owners, employees, family and friends. They deserve to feel safe in our community, as should visitors to our area who want to shop, play and stay here. Supporting such hate organizations does not help our image as a beautiful and friendly place to live and work. Most of all, appointing those who support hate groups to County commissions breaks the promise of fair representation for all.

Our citizens deserve County commissioners who they can respect and have faith in. Those same commissioners should reflect our values and our way of life — not the fringe beliefs of a dangerous minority. We can, and should, do better.

I respectfully request that Agenda Item no. 8 be removed from consideration and that the proposal to appoint Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Cockrell be permanently tabled.

Thank you,

Suzanne Tollefson
Suzanneinsact@yahoo.com

1/4/2021

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EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Commission Nominations

1 message

BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:22 PM

FYI

*Sincerely,
Shelley Wiley*

Assistant to Supervisor Lori Parlin, District IV
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From: 'Joanne Abram' via BS-BOSFour-m <bosfour@edcgov.us>
Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 2:19 PM
Subject: Commission Nominations
To: bosfour@edcgov.us <bosfour@edcgov.us>

Dear Ms. Parlin,

I am writing to protest the nominations of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodriguez as an alternate to the County Human Rights Commission. Both of these individuals have shown their support of the Proud Boys, who are an extremist group which promotes hatred. Our County should work toward inclusion and peaceful coexistence of the variety of citizens we have here. This is not what El Dorado County should be aligning with and I oppose both nominations based on these concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Joanne Abram, 41 year resident of El Dorado County



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Consent Item 8, District Specific Appointments, 1/5/21

1 message

leocauchon@netscape.net <leocauchon@netscape.net>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:24 PM

Reply-To: leocauchon@netscape.net

To: "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I would like to ask you to pull Item 8 from the consent agenda. By this action you could give the appropriate supervisors the opportunity to share with the public and the members of the Board the reasons for selecting the 13 new District II appointments and the 4 new District III appointments. From my perspective this would increase transparency and accountability when the Board votes on this important agenda item.

I would also request that the Board direct staff to bring back a process for it to consider for future district specific appointments. In my opinion a process of noticing vacancies and submitting applications would be one way to insure greater transparency and effectiveness in the Board's Committees and Commissions. I would like to commend the example provided by the Transportation Department in this area under agenda item 14.

Sincerely,
Leo Bennett-Cauchon
Shingle Springs



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Veterans Comm/Human Rights Comm Nominations

1 message

Adrian Jones <apheliios@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:25 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello,

I'm writing as I live nearby Placerville (in Pollock Pines), and I am greatly concerned over two nominations to the Veterans Comm., and Human Rights Commission made by District 2 Supervisor George Turnboo.

Chris Cockrell was nominated to the Veterans Comm.; and yet he is a proud member of the Proud Boys', a well-known white supremacist group. They are notable extremists, as well as misogynistic (only men may join), anti-Semitic, and neo-fascist group.

Mandi Rodriguez is affiliated with the Proud Boys as well, and was nominated as an alternate to the County's Human Rights Commission, despite her place of living making her INELIGIBLE for the position. I think it is more than obvious how someone affiliated with an outwardly PROUD hate group has ZERO place being anywhere near a "Human Rights Commission".

Fascism is everything our country warred against in WWII, yet the Proud Boys (including Chris Cockrell, and Mandi Rodriguez), per their name, proudly embrace it. WWII war vets are the original "antifa (anti-fascist)" group. People who believe in fascism have no place in the County board, regardless of their political alignment.

I personally believe in thoroughly researching and vetting the backgrounds of anyone nominated to a position of power, and am both troubled and disgusted that such a large oversight was made in the nominations of both Chris and Mandi. If their nominations are successful, it makes me question how accepting Placerville truly is to anyone "not like them". The state of the downtown-Main Street area is already foul concerning state mandates, and the lackadaisical attitude from the County certainly does not bolster any hope. Placerville is the laughing stock of Northern California because of how we are handling COVID19 guidelines. It's saddening, as a resident who genuinely loves the area for what it is.

I hope to never see Chris Cockrell as Veterans' Comm., or Mandi Rodriguez in the county's Human Rights Commission, since both blatantly oppose everything veterans and human rights stands for.

Thank you, and have a nice day.



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Please take item 20-1957 off the January 5, 2021 BOS consent calendar

1 message

BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:26 PM

FYI

*Sincerely,
Shelley Wiley*

Assistant to Supervisor Lori Parlin, District IV
Board of Supervisors, County of El Dorado
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From: **Marilyn Tahl** <mtahl@lookative.com>
Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 3:51 PM
Subject: Please take item 20-1957 off the January 5, 2021 BOS consent calendar
To: The BOSFOUR <bosfour@edcgov.us>

Hello Supervisor Parlin,

I hope you had a safe and happy Holiday and New Year!

I write in reference to agenda item 8. (20-1957) on consent calendar for the January 5, 2021 BOS meeting.

I sincerely hope that you will take OFF the consent calendar. This item of 'en masse' approval is extremely problematic. Having sat on the River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) to the BOS and been through the vetting process, it seems that when there are so many appointees compiled into one item, controversial appointments can be buried only to become problems in the future.

It has been brought to my attention that two individuals being put forward by the Supervisor of District 2 for commission positions have ties to the Proud Boys, a known white supremacist organization.

I hope and urge you to take this item off the consent calendar this week and break it up into more manageable segments, so appointments can be made with full deliberation and El Dorado County does not end up in the national and international news (again) for aiding and abetting white supremacy, however inadvertently. I do not believe that is who we are, nor wish to be portrayed, as a county.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tahl
Garden Valley, CA (Dist 4)

1/4/2021

Edcgov.us Mail - Fwd: Please take item 20-1957 off the January 5, 2021 BOS consent calendar

IF YOU CAN'T BE A GOOD EXAMPLE, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO BE A HORRIBLE WARNING. -C. Aird



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: BOS meeting Jan 5, 2021- request to pull an item from the Consent Calendar

1 message

BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:35 PM

FYI

*Sincerely,
Shelley Wiley*Assistant to Supervisor Lori Parlin, District IV
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From: **Ruth Michelson** <ruthmichelson@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 5:25 PM

Subject: BOS meeting Jan 5, 2021- request to pull an item from the Consent Calendar

To: BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisor Lori Parlin-

I am writing to ask if you will please pull an item from the consent calendar so that it can be discussed at this Tuesday's Board meeting. The item of interest is #8. 20-1597.

Thank you for considering this request.

Your constituent,

Ruth Michelson



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Opposition to nomination of Mandi Rodrigues

1 message

Nora McDaniel <noramc@mcdanielmfg.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:36 PM

To: Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, John Hidahl <bosone@edcgov.us>, Lori Parlin <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>, Wendy Thomas <bosthree@edcgov.us>, George Turnboo <bostwo@edcgov.us>
Cc: "blmedc@gmail.com" <blmedc@gmail.com>

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I am a local business owner. I employ (and therefore support) 12 community families. I pay both business and personal taxes in the county. I am appalled by the recent acceptance of local "political" figures in accepting the racists demagoguery of the group known as "The Proud Boys" and call upon each and everyone of you to denounce the organization and everything for which it stands. I believe that all political and law enforcement members of this county should be vetted for their participation in this and other organizations that have been determined by the Southern Poverty Law Center to be either a white supremacist or terrorist organization. I further request that any person that falls within that category be immediately terminated from any further participation having to do with county held positions, including but not limited to anyone employed by the county; any person, organization, or entity whose position is listed on the county government page; and any persons chairing or working on a committee organized by said persons, organizations or entities.

I am further writing to request that you pull the following two District 2 committee member appointments from the consent calendar, and that you vote against the appointment of the following individuals:

Human Rights Commission, Appoint Mandi Rodrigues, Alternate - District 2.

1)Mandi Rodriguez lives in the city of Placerville which is located in District 3. As per the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission bylaws, she does not meet the qualifications to be nominated by the District 2.

2)Mandi Rodriguez has made public comments and committed actions that directly contradict the charter of the Human Rights Commission. Her association with the Proud Boys in Placerville and other neighboring communities shows that her affiliation is not isolated to the recent Toys for Tots event. The Human Right Commission objective to "promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons" is a far cry from the alt-right group's consistent actions of intolerance towards marginalized communities. Her personal position that racism should be tolerated is unacceptable for some hold any position on the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission.

3)The Human Right Commission is a non-political commission. Mandi Rodriguez was a right-wing political candidate in the last election. Her extreme views and associations would challenge the intended non-political standing of this commission.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Nora B. McDaniel



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Diamond Springs, CA 95619

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EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Cockeel and Rodriqueez

1 message

Diane Verwoest <spellboundbylaketahoe@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:40 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Yes, anyone can run for office but to place two people who are affiliated with the Proud Boys group is an atrocity to EDC. People who support putting these extremists groups into positions of influence should be careful when thinking they would be good candidates to help run EDC. These extremists groups, when given the opportunity, will slowly tear down our Democracy and replace it with some kind of crazy. Caution is needed.

Diane Verwoest



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

County Appointments

1 message

Bob Bradshaw <thebobbradshaw@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 12:48 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Clerk of the Board,

As a county resident of over thirty years, I wish to add my comments and urge the Board of Supervisors not to confirm Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez to the Veteran Affairs Commission and County's Human Rights Commission respectively. Both have shown an affiliation with the proud boys white supremacists, we don't need or want that representing our county. Time to make a stand.

Bob Bradshaw



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

(no subject)

1 message

+15305599479@msg.fi.google.com <+15305599479@msg.fi.google.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 1:00 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Clerk of the Board,

Of course you may add my comments. I must express that I am overwhelmed with gratitude to live in a country where I can express myself freely. As a 30+ year resident of El Dorado County (the schools are superior!) I am grateful that we wandered into this beautiful place and stayed. I get to live the American dream. Every day!

The American Dream does not include Proud Boys, Oath Keepers or supremacy of any type or color. There are good conservative, liberal, Christian, all sorts of folks up here totally disgusted by the nomination of Mindy Rodriguez and Chris Cocheral. They are literally the antithesis of American values and DEMOCRACY. Why would George Turnboo disgrace El Dorado County with these nominees and the ensuing potential media firestorm?

These past 4 years I've gotten pretty used to false patriots so let me ask a basic economical question- are you willing to completely throw away the dollars from the ski season? The 80 corridor works just as well as the 50 corridor. Maybe better. Do you want all that money to go to Placer County? People speak with their dollars too.

Betsy Bradshaw



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

01/05/21 BOS Meeting Agenda Item 8. 20-1597

1 message

AJ Powers <aj.powers@live.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 1:26 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Hello,

I understand there are two district 2 appointments for Tuesdays meeting.

Mandi Rodrigues and Chris Cockrell.

These two individuals were recently engaged in events in Placerville supporting the Proud Boys. This community is better than this. Appointing these individuals who support and do not condemn the white supremacy ideology, especially to the Human Rights Commission is inappropriate. It is morally corrupt and in conflict with the good governance core values. El Dorado should not be represented by people who are publicly supportive of white supremacy groups such as the Proud Boys. The evidence is all over the internet and even Mandi Rodrigues' Facebook page shows her celebrating the Proud Boys!

No El Dorado. These are not the people who would bring this community forward together in positivity.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Regarding 2 nominations

1 message

cath4cliff@gmail.com <cath4cliff@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 1:30 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us

Supervisor Turnboo

I implore you to remove the nomination of a member of the proud boys, Chris Cockrell, to the El Dorado County Veterans Affairs commission. The proud boys are just that, immature and juvenile acting boys who have formed a hate group to put down people of color, people of the Jewish faith, Islamic faith, gay, transgender people and women. Many of the above people are veterans! The proud boys derived their name from a children's animated musical fantasy, Disney's *Alladin*. It was the film's song "Proud of Your Boy" changed to Proud Boys!

They enjoy dangerous extremist activities meant to hurt others with street fighting, drinking, violence and they plan to be in DC this week dressed in black to blend in with leftist antifa demonstrators.

Do you really want to be affiliated with this group?! We, as residents of El Dorado county DO NOT!

Please immediately remove Chris Cockrell's name from nomination!

Please immediately remove Mandy Rodriguez, a proud boy supporter, as an alternate to our El Dorado Human Rights Commission! The proud boy focus of hate toward others does not fit with the words *human rights*!

Cathy Cliff



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Eldorado County Board of Supervisors Human Rights Commission appointees

1 message

Dianna Mitzner <kylescabin@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 1:43 PM

January 6, 2021

John Hida hl bosone@edcgov.us
Lori Parlin bosfour@edcgov.us
Sue Novasel bosfive@edcgov.us
Wendy Thomas bosthree@edcgov.us
George Turnboo bostwo@edcgov.us
Clerk of the Board edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Honorable Supervisors of Eldorado County,

I am writing with deep concern over the possibility of a nomination of Eldorado Human Right's Commission. I live in an adjacent county, Alpine, where I have operated a bed and breakfast for a number of years. My guests launch from my home as a base camp for exploring Apple Hill, Lake Tahoe, Heavenly and other ski areas (including x-country skiing) as well for frequenting (under non-covid circumstances) restaurants and retail shops. I, as well as the visitors who I would normally direct to these services, would be very disappointed that El Dorado County would include a white supremacist in county government in California.

Most sincerely,
Dianna Mitzner

Dianna Mitzner
Starlight Lodge,
P.O. Box 175
Markleeville, Ca 96120



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

bos meeting tues jan 5 comment

1 message

Lorraine King <lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:07 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "bosone@edc.gov.us" <bosone@edc.gov.us>, "bostwo@edc.gov.us" <bostwo@edc.gov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

To Board of Supervisors:

It has come to my attention that there are persons being appointed to county commissions in District 2 in El Dorado County who will foster racial division and anger. Specifically there may be persons appointed to the Human Rights Commission who do NOT value Human Rights for All, based on statements these persons have made in public and in public meetings and events. This is very alarming, it is wrong, and it does not reflect the values that I believe are held by the majority of residents of El Dorado County. These commissions should be looking for solutions to problems in our county, not appointing persons that will politicize the commissions and contribute to discord.

There should be no persons appointed to the Human Rights Commission, or any other county commission, in District 2, or any other district, who publicly espouses ideas of hatred, white supremacy, exclusion or violence.

I request that Item 8. 20-1597 be pulled from the General Government Consent Items for Discussion so that discussion can be held.

Thank you,

Lorraine King
lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net
El Dorado Hills resident




EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Appointment of Mandi Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commision

1 message

Gale Hesselgesser <galerespect@gmail.com>
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Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:12 PM

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January 4, 2021

Dear Supervisor

As I reviewed the agenda for tomorrow's meeting of the Board of Supervisors, I noticed that Mandi Rodriques is to be appointed to a 4-year term as an alternate to the Human Rights Commission for District 2. I have deep concerns about this appointment.

I found an old agenda for the Human Rights Commission, dated January 28, 2019. It begins with the commission's Purpose:

"The Purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents of different races, religions, national origins, and the other characteristics listed in Government Code section 11135"

My experience with Mandi flies in the face of this purpose:

-In early November I attended a Republican "Meet the Candidates" event where Mandi's presentation included many shouted falsehoods and misrepresentations about the behavior of groups that have demonstrated for human rights and fair and equal treatment for American of all backgrounds.

-On December 6, 2020, she invited our local "Proud Boys" group to donate to the "Toys for Tots" event on Main Street, providing support for the group's stated purpose to change their public presence to appear more palatable to ordinary Americans. (They have updated their bylaws to this purpose.)

-On December 10, 2020, I stood in front of our courthouse, and then the Town Hall with a sign stating "Placerville celebrates Human Rights Day," which, I believe, the County Board of Supervisors had approved on the 8th of December. Mandi screamed at our group because we were "always attacking her." She then called a contingent of the newly formed "Proud Boys" to come to support her because she "was afraid."

These are my concerns:

"...promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations...among residents of different races, religions, national origins..."

Mandi's **communication style** does not include views other than her own, as she shouts to drown out those who have a different perspective. This would make it difficult for the commission to have open discussions and come to mutual agreements on actions, etc.

Mandi's reliance on the **Proud Boys** is antithetical to the purpose of the Commission as the Proud Boys are characterized as a:
Hate Group by the Southern Poverty Law Center
Racist Group by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
White Supremacist Group by US law enforcement groups
Extremist group with ties to White Nationalism by the FBI

They, themselves characterize themselves as "Western Chauvinists", which is defined as "a person displaying aggressive or exaggerated patriotism, with the belief in the superiority or dominance of one's own group or people, ('Western'=European or Euro-American) who are seen as strong and virtuous while others are considered weak or unworthy."

(definitions from Websters, Google and Wikipedia)

Clearly, the Proud Boys don't stand for "tolerance and mutual respect."

The Human Right Commission is a new group, still finding its shape and function. Mandi's behavior and associations suggest that her interest in the Commission would likely be to dismantle it, not the help it thrive.

I would sincerely appreciate your consideration of these concerns.

Gale Hesselgesser



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Meeting January 5, 2021

1 message

Dale Wallerstein <drdalerw@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:27 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello,

I am writing to request that Item 8. 20-1597 be pulled from the General Government Consent Items for discussion at tomorrow's Board meeting. There are several reasons why many of us have great concern about possible appointees.

Thank you,

Dr. Dale Wallerstein
Spiritual Leader, Temple Kol Shalom



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NO Proud Boys on Human Rights Commission !!!!!

1 message

adeline <adeline@enmagine.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:35 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Hello,

It is with great dismay that I learned of Mr. Turnboo's nomination of Chris Cockrell and Mandi Rodriguez, members of the Proud Boys, as alternates to the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission.

The Proud Boys have been identified as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. The Anti-Defamation League identifies the Proud Boys as an "extremist conservative group." The ADL states that the Proud Boys' "extreme, provocative tactics—coupled with overt or implicit racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and misogyny and the fact that the group is so decentralized, inconsistent, and spread out—suggest the group should be a significant cause for concern."

The Proud Boys have aligned themselves with neo Nazi groups and other alt right organizations. They have been banned from Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter.

This group should never be allowed to have even a toehold in any aspect of our community's governing structure and committees. It is an insult to even consider members of the Proud Boys as being part of the Human Rights Commission. As a long time resident of this county I personally find the suggestion of considering this to be offensive in the extreme.

El Dorado County is too great for hate!!

Sincerely,

Adeline Penn, Immediate Past President

Temple Kol Shalom



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Request removal from Consent Calendar

1 message

Mike Harrell <pastormike@foothillsumc.net>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:44 PM

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County Supervisors,

I have recently been made aware, via community organizations and civically engaged individuals, that two persons being nominated to positions on El Dorado County commissions at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 4 are allegedly involved with/supportive of the Proud Boys fringe group in our county. While I have no idea if these allegations are valid, I believe they do merit further exploration by the Board of Supervisors as well as the opportunity for members of the public (and the individuals in question) to address the possibility of these potential appointments in a public meeting. Therefore, I respectfully add my voice to those requesting that Agenda Item 8, 20-1597 be removed from the Consent Calendar to allow for this conversation to take place.

Regards,

Michael A. Harrell, Pastor
Foothills United Methodist Church



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Item 8. 20-1597 --Cockrell & Rodriguez

1 message

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Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:45 PM

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January 4, 2021

Sent via email

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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Dear County Supervisors;

My husband and I have learned that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate members and promoters of the white supremacist group, Proud Boys, to meaningful county committees and that effort is on the upcoming Board Meeting agenda. These proposed appointments include Mandi Rodriguez to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

Both individuals have shown themselves to be highly politicized and promoters of anger toward people of different race, creed, and/or gender. Very recently both of them have been engaged in hateful actions that increased the community rift, such as flashing a white supremacist hand signal while wearing a Santa suit on Main Street and/or angrily bullying an artist organizer at the Town Hall for her work in creating an Art for Peace display.

This is NOT the direction we want to see our County or our leaders going.

We strongly suggest that the BOS pull Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. You all are here to help us achieve a safe and welcoming community--not a community that discriminates and encourages hatred and violence.

Please give this your immediate and careful attention.

Ilene Starin
William Lichtig
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No Proud Boys in EDC politics

1 message

Kristen Sullivan <kristen_sullivanak@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:55 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I was born n raised in EDC and I just can't imagine sending the message out to the world that we nominate people with known affiliations to hate groups into positions of power within county politics let alone approve the nomination. Please DO NOT.

Especially after the huge backlash when his pic went viral as the "white power" Santa.

Please do not appoint them and stand with the rest of us that do not want our area to be associated with hate. I thank you for serving in government during these stressful times, I know it is not easy.

I thank you for your time and hope you and your families stay safe,

Kristen Sullivan

Sent from my iPad



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Appointees to Human Rights Commission

1 message

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New Year's Greetings,

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and members of our local Jewish community (and all people who celebrate diversity) to request your support in vetoing the appointments of Chris Cotrell and Mandi Rodriguez to the Human Rights Commission. Both have been associated with, or have been in support of, a national hate group. In all good conscience, how can hate supporters be members of our Human Rights Commission. A moral oxymoron, for sure. We would appreciate your support in not allowing these appointees' approval to come to fruition.

Thank you.

Blessings,

Dr. Dale Wallerstein

Spiritual Leader, Temple Kol Shalom



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Objection to District II Human Rights Commission nominations

1 message

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Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:08 PM

Dear Clerk of the Board and Supervisor Thomas: I am submitting my objection to the District II nominations to the Human Rights Commission, as stated in the enclosed letter. I request the board remove those nominations from the consent calendar and reject them as unsuitable members of the commission. I oppose their nomination as an advocate for equality and El Dorado County resident.

Sincerely, Joseph Connolly



Objection_District II HRC nominations.pdf
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January 4, 2021
Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Subj: Objection to District II nominations to Human Rights Commission

To: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors ("Board")

Dear Board Members:

I request you remove the nominations of Ms. Leslie Jones, and Ms. Mandi Rodriguez to the Human Rights Commission ("Commission") from the consent calendar, and for the following reasons, reject their nominations as ineligible and unsuitable candidates for that commission.

I oppose these nominations as an advocate for equality and human rights, and as an El Dorado County citizen. For the record, I regularly attend meetings of this County's PFLAG chapter (Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays), other regional PFLAG chapters, and support groups at the Sacramento Gender Health Center. I do so in support of the LGBTQ community at large, plus family members and friends who exist in those communities.
(<https://pflag.org/about>)

Eligibility: Per County ordinance 5081, a nominee for the commission must be "a full-time resident of their respective ... Supervisorial Districts to serve on the commission." (Section 2.20.1102(B)(2).) Therefore, both nominees must be full-time residents of District II, as this is their listed nomination status on the January 5th Board agenda. According to the Mountain Democrat, Ms. Rodriguez is a resident of Placerville (District III) and thus ineligible as nominated. (<https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/proud-boys-toy-drop-off-riles-community/>) Accordingly, the Board should reject her nomination outright. Similarly, if Ms. Jones is not a full-time resident of District II the Board should reject her nomination for the same reason.

Furthermore, ordinance 5081 limits a supervisor's nomination to *one* member of the commission. Since *two* members have been nominated for the same commission from District II, the Board should reject both nominations as improperly submitted pursuant to the governing ordinance. (Section 2.20.1102(B)(2).)

Unsuitably: I do not know either nominee personally, but from what I can discern online, neither has the personal or civil characteristics sought for in the commission, nor do their public identities comport with the commission's responsibilities and adherence to California law. (Sections 2.20.1101, 2.20.1108; Government Code, section 11135.)
(https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=GOV§ionNum=11135.)

a. Ms. Rodriguez: Ms. Rodriguez has a public Facebook page.
(<https://www.facebook.com/mandiskis>). The profile picture on that page is of Donald Trump

wearing a "Make America Great Again Hat," with the words "MAGA HAT STAYS ON" superimposed over the picture. It goes without saying that the Trump administration has demonstrated a regular disregard for human rights, attacking people on the basis of their national origin, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity, whether citizens of this country or others who seek to attain citizenship in this country. In other words, it doesn't matter where they are from, just that they exist.

(See, e.g., <https://transequality.org/the-discrimination-administration>)

It is difficult to imagine a "MAGA" adherent would be a suitable candidate to promote the commission's responsibilities, including "To foster mutual respect and understanding among all groups of people, including people subject to prejudice and discrimination due to race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, civic interest, or any other factors" or, "To hold public meetings in the interest of the constructive resolution of tensions, prejudice, and discrimination among or between groups of people, including people subject to prejudice and discrimination due to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status or civic interest." (Sections 2.20.1108(A), (E).)

Apart from a Facebook profile, Ms. Rodriguez has posted live video on Facebook in appreciation of the Hangtown Proud Boys, a group that is most certainly at odds with the goals and responsibilities of the County's human rights commission. I request the Board play this video in its entirety for the record, and incorporate public comment on Ms. Rodriguez's unsuitability for the human rights commission in view of her accommodating views of the Proud Boys. (<https://www.facebook.com/BlackLivesMatterSac/videos/393112518565438>)

The group proclaims itself to be "A patriotic group of men who are hive minded, we are alcoholics and that is about it. We no relation [sic] to the Proud Boys except our name and clothing and twitter." (<https://twitter.com/hangtownb>). Not ironically, the Anti-Defamation League summarizes the same characteristics in their condemnation of the group: "In [the founder's] own words, the Proud Boys are a "pro-western fraternity," essentially a drinking club dedicated to male bonding, socializing and the celebration all things related to western culture. In reality, the Proud Boys bear many of the hallmarks of a gang, and its members have taken part in multiple acts of brutal violence and intimidation. While the Proud Boys insist that they only act in self-defense, several incidents—including one in which two members of the group were convicted of attempted gang assault, attempted assault and riot—believe their self-professed peaceful nature. Indeed, many members have criminal records for violent behavior and the organization actively pursues violence against their perceived enemies." (<https://www.adl.org/proudboys>). The group is similarly characterized by the Southern Poverty Law Center. (<https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/proud-boys>)

There is no rational reason for the Board to support this kind of group in El Dorado County, and if it has not already done so, I strongly encourage the Board to add its condemnation to that of our citizenry and Placerville City Council. It should take Ms. Rodriguez' nomination as an

opportunity to make that kind of forceful declaration, while rejecting her nomination for openly condoning a group that is wholly inconsistent with the purpose of the human rights commission. As a commission subject to Government Code section 11135, it is unlawful to allow the kind of discrimination promoted by the Trump administration and the Proud Boys. The Board should keep nominees like Ms. Rodriguez far away from being approved for membership on the commission.

b. Ms. Jones: I do not know who Ms. Leslie Jones is, but there is a public Facebook page for an El Dorado County resident named Leslie Jones who supports Ms. Rodriguez' bid to be Placerville mayor in 2022. (<https://www.facebook.com/leslie.greenjones/likes>) She is also a member of the El Dorado County Republican Women Federated, and in at least one post, was dismissive of the Board and its "disregard for their oath to uphold the constitution." (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/650623974965067/user/100006941169955>; October 24, 2020.)

Like Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Jones has no discernable personal or civic characteristics that qualify her for appropriate membership to the commission, pursuant to section 2.20.1120(C) of the county's ordinance. "In selecting the membership of the commission, the Board shall take into consideration, among other things, people from groups of various race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or civic interest, and people from other groups subject to prejudice and discrimination."

In each instance, the common factor(s) for their respective nominations seem to be an affiliation with Republican, conservative viewpoints, and personal support for the nominating supervisor, Mr. Turnbo. (For the record, I am not a member of any political party, or religion.) There is no record that I'm aware of that shows a public commitment to the ideals, purpose, or responsibilities of the county's human rights commission. If anything, it shows membership with groups that have vigorously advocated for the opposite perspectives, and are currently advocating to overturn the rule of law in our national elections.

These nominations should give the Board cause to question their suitability and eligibility. In my opinion, they are ill suited for membership to an important County commission, and I encourage the Board to seek out stellar candidates that are more suitable and aligned with the commission's purpose. The County can do far better.

Sincerely,

Joseph Connolly



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Please pull two names from the consent calendar

1 message

Jamie Beutler <beutlerjamie@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:16 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that George Turnboo, newly elected Supervisor District II, would like you to approve Chris Cockrell for Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodriguez for Human Rights Commission.

I respectfully request that both those names be withdrawn and new names submitted.

Chris Cockrell was involved in the Proud Bois "Toys for Tots" event that Mandi Rodriguez organized. He was dressed in a Santa outfit, and during that event, and while in his Santa outfit, there are photographs of him flashing the white supremacy hand sign, which gained national TV attention. There are veterans of color in this county that are entitled to their benefits. They earned them! I would not be convinced that Mr. Cockrell would be the best advocate for veterans of color in El Dorado County. Please withdraw his name.

Mandi Rodriguez is known to promote the Proud Bois on her social media, a national, well known white supremacy group. As a co-founder of the Human Rights Commission, am very aware of the suffering and intimidation that people of color face in this county at the hands of misguided individuals and groups like the Proud Bois. Racism is alive and well in El Dorado County. I believe that Ms. Rodriguez is not the right person for this position, in spite of the fact that her mother is an immigrant of Hispanic descent.

All that aside, she does not live in George Turnboo's district. I believe the rule is, that those appointed by Supervisors in a particular district, must be from that district. Ms. Rodriguez lives outside District II.

I happen to live in Mr. Turnboo's district. As a co-founder of the Human Rights Commission, I believe I am very qualified. I would like to submit my name to represent District II on the Human Rights Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jamie Beutler
Community Activist
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Fwd: Request to pull Agenda item 8. 20-1957 from Consent Calendar 1/5/21

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03 January 2021

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Supervisor Parlin,

I am urging you to pull Agenda item 8. 20-1957 from the Consent Calendar which proposes Mandi Rodriguez for the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran Affairs Committee. They are not appropriate individuals for these positions.

“Commissioners are a presence in the community.”

EDC Human Rights Commission Mission Statement

The purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents of different races, religions, national origins,

An individual who serves on the Human Rights Committee should have qualifications that show a familiarity and knowledge of underrepresented groups; should have a history of working with these groups and a history of promoting inclusion of these different cultural, religious and ethnic groups. I don't believe Mandy Rodriguez has such a background and her promotion of the Proud Boys, which is a recognized racist group, would actually be disqualifying for a seat on such a committee. Fighting a health department mandate to wear masks and supporting confrontation w/ the health department over such a mandate, do not show an inclination to "foster peaceful relations," in our community.

For the proposed appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veteran Affairs Commission, again this is an individual who is a member of the Proud Boys and who took over a Toys for Tots event in downtown Placerville and attempted to have it seen as sanctioned by the police department. Our military services are constantly trying to improve their record on equality for people of color and women. Having someone on the Commission who is associated with a racist and misogynistic organization does not encourage veterans who do not look like them and who wouldn't fit in w/ Proud Boys, to seek assistance or be involved w/ the Commission.

We are in rough times and we are rugged individualists, but we cannot survive as a community if we do not have leaders that attempt to pull us together versus trying to push our own agendas. This county relies heavily on tourism and we don't want to be known as a backwater and making the national news for being "That place"

for less than positive actions that promote bigotry, bullying and disregard for our community as a whole.

I am a retired Physician Assistant, most recently employed at Marshall Hospital Emergency Department. I was also employed in the ERs of San Mateo County Hospital, UCSF and the San Francisco County Jail and I served on the Ethics Committee at San Francisco County Hospital. In that time I have seen what type of individuals pull people together and find common ground. Mandi Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell do not fit that mold.

Currently I am on the board of a local grange hall and volunteer w/ local environmental and non profit organizations. My husband and I moved here for the small town atmosphere, and the beautiful outdoors ten years ago. I am seeing however, a hardening and division that was not previously here and an intolerance to differing opinions. I had multiple friends have political signs stolen from their lawns. I see also that minorities here seem to be "ghosts." Are they afraid to be more out and about in the community? You were elected by all citizens and we really need to look toward our city and county leaders to help us with these disturbing changes.

And yet I have learned that Supervisor Turnboo is proposing to elevate members and promoters of the white supremacist group, Proud Boys, to meaningful county committees and that effort is on the upcoming Board Meeting agenda. These proposed appointments include Mandy Rodrigues to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

I strongly suggest that the BOS pull the Item 8. 20-1597, which includes these appointments from the Consent Calendar immediately. You all are here to help us achieve a safe and welcoming community.... Not one that discriminates and encourages hatred. You are my district supervisor. I voted for you and this is truly an urgent matter.

Yours respectfully,
Janet Rossi, PA

1/4/2021

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Fwd: Agenda Item 8. 20-1597

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 Subject: Agenda Item 8. 20-1597
 To: <bosfour@edcgov.us>

To: District Four Supervisor Lori Parlin

Lori,

My wife and I supported your campaign because your local focus resonated for us, and we appreciate the effort you have put in to the formation of the Coloma-Lotus Advisory Committee so that we down here in Coloma-Lotus can work on local solutions before things get elevated to the county-wide level.

I bring this up to say that I take pride in and feel some ownership of what happens in both our neighborhood and in the county at large. The year 2020 was a big disappointment on so many levels, but the biggest disappointment with a local story all year was when the Proud Boys usurped the Toys for Tots and local law enforcement by showing up en mass and flashing a white power hand gesture. So wrong on so many levels. And it has already brought us ridicule from the world over.

Tuesday mornings consent calendar (Agenda Item 8. 20-1597) includes appointments of two individuals from that event. Chris Cockrell is in the Santa Suit and making the hand gesture. And while Mandy Rodriguez cannot join Proud Boys (it is strictly for males), she is clearly sympathetic, and saw nothing wrong with the infamous photo; in fact she was the one who took it.

Clearly someone was asleep at the wheel when they thought their appointments warranted approval by consent. I believe in innocent before proven guilty as much as the next citizen; but these appointments clearly deserve more scrutiny than the consent calendar will allow.

And the scrutiny should be thorough given Proud Boy's dangerous ideology. Respected human rights organizations from the Southern Poverty Law Center to the Anti-Defamation League have called it an "alt-right fight club" and "all too willing to embrace racists, antisemites and bigots of all kinds," respectively. It is telling that the most exonerating thing that can

be said of their reputation is that after news surfaced that the FBI had classified them as an "extremist group," the retraction merely said that only certain members were extremist threats with ties to white nationalism.

Mandy's sympathies should be given particular scrutiny given that her appointment is to the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission of all posts. For such a position, said scrutiny should not end when she declares herself "not-racist," for as Ibram X. Kendi (Author of "How to be an Anti-Racist") lays out, that "is a claim that signifies neutrality: 'I am not a racist, but neither am I aggressively against racism'" because "One either allows racial inequities to persevere, as a racist, or confronts racial inequities, as an antiracist."

Nor should the scrutiny end when supporters claim she is "nice;" as the bestselling author Austin Channing Brown has written:

"When you believe niceness disproves the presence of racism, it is easy to start believing bigotry is rare and the label racist should only be applied to mean-spirited intentional acts of discrimination. Your politeness will not save you from the de-humanization white supremacy reeks on yourself and the world. Niceness has yet to save us from the distortions of racism and it won't. Niceness will never be enough."

I don't write to the board of supervisors often, and I try to refrain from making judgements as to what you should do. But when I see something that is wrong and needs board action to correct, I am thankful when, as in the past, you do.

Sincerely,

Joseph Petrofsky
PO Box 883
Lotus CA 95651

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Fwd: Proud Boys on county commissions??

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From: 'Peter Melnicoe' via **BS-BOSFour-m** <bosfour@edcgov.us>
Date: Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 3:48 PM
Subject: Proud Boys on county commissions??
To: <bosfour@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisor Parlen:

I received a communication today indicating that Supervisor Turnboo will present two nominations for County Commissions on Tuesday who are said to be affiliated with the Proud Boys organization, which specializes in picking fights at civic events. If these folks are confirmed, It likely would constitute a continuing embarrassment for our County.

The individuals in question are Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell. I have been informed that their appointments are on the consent calendar for this coming Tuesday Board meeting. I believe these nominations warrant some discussion and should be removed from the consent calendar.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Regards,

Pete Melnicoe



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Fwd: Agenda Item 8. 20-1597

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:57 PM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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From: **Alice Butler** <alicevirginiabutler@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 1:31 AM
Subject: Agenda Item 8. 20-1597
To: <bosthree@edcgov.us>, <bosfive@edcgov.us>, <bosone@edcgov.us>, <bosfour@edcgov.us>

Dear El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

Please remove the above referenced agenda item immediately. It is a travesty to even consider the appointment of two individuals, Mandy Rodriguez and Chris Cockrell, who are widely known to promote racism and racist rhetoric in our community. We must fight hate, discrimination and all forms of racism at every turn and teach tolerance in its place. If our local elected leadership doesn't demonstrate moral and social equality and justice, then who?

Sincerely,
Alice Butler
385 Coloma Heights Road
Coloma, CA 95613



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Veterans Affairs Chris Cockrell

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:54 PM

Kind Regards,

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From: **Kristi Doshier Holst** <kristi.holst@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jan 3, 2021 at 9:54 PM

Subject: Veterans Affairs Chris Cockrell

To: bosfive@edcgov.us <bosfive@edcgov.us>, bosfour@edcgov.us <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosone@edcgov.us <bosone@edcgov.us>, bostthree@edcgov.us <bostthree@edcgov.us>, bostwo@edcgov.us <bostwo@edcgov.us>, edc.con@edcgov.us <edc.con@edcgov.us>

To All it Concerns in El Dorado County,

Please do not nominate this man or allow the nomination to move forward for Chris Cockrell. As a Christian and proud American, I find the affiliation with the Proud Boys to be absolutely disgusting. It was humiliating to see our county on the news when the events below occurred. Please do not openly support such nonsense .

On December 5th, 2020, Chris Cockrell dressed up as a Santa and with a group identified as the "Hangtown Proud Boys" and displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This photo was widely circulated and can easily be found online. The community stood against this display on multiple occasions because of the violent, and extremist nature of the Proud Boys group. This affiliation should be concerning to the Board and carefully considered in the nomination process.

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Kristi Holst

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Fwd: Fitness of Commission Nominees

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:11 PM

Kind Regards,

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From: **Pete & Aletha Nelligan** <panelligan@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:58 AM
Subject: Fitness of Commission Nominees
To: The BOSFIVE <bosfive@edcgov.us>, <bosfour@edcgov.us>, <bosthree@edcgov.us>, <bostwo@edcgov.us>, <bosone@edcgov.us>

Dear Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my concerns about two of the commission nominees on the Consent Calendar of tomorrow's board meeting. Responsible residents of our county have raised serious questions about the fitness of Mandi Rodrigues for the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell for the Veterans Affairs Commission. I share their concerns. At a minimum, their nominations should be removed from the Consent Calendar to a time and place where a more deliberate consideration of their fitness may be had.

Ms. Rodrigues appears to be in some way associated with the "Proud Boys." This is a group that has been designated a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. It is difficult to imagine a group whose beliefs, values, and activities are more different than the stated purpose of the El Dorado County Human Rights Commission. Before selecting Ms. Rodrigues for a position on this important commission, I request that the members of the Board of Supervisors assure themselves of her fitness for it.

Mr. Cockrell may have also associated himself with the Proud Boys and their activities. His nomination, too, should receive appropriate scrutiny.

Thank you,

Peter J. Nelligan, Ph.D.
Emeritus Professor of Criminal Justice
South Lake Tahoe



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Fwd: Agenda item 8.20-1597

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:28 PM

Kind Regards,

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From: **cece walrond** <walrond462@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:27 AM
Subject: Agenda item 8.20-1597
To: <bosfour@edcgov.us>
Cc: The BOSTHREE <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>, <bosone@edcgov.us>

BOS of El Dorado County: Lori Parlin, John Hidahl, Wendy Thomas,, Sue Novasel

Please remove agenda item 8.20-1597 from your consent agenda of tomorrow Tuesday 1/5/2021. More thought and information is warranted in the proposed appointments to fill two positions on two of the commissions. The government of El Dorado County needs people who will work towards compromise on any issue that comes before any of the commissions. Over the years divisiveness often has become predominant and compromise difficult to achieve; that is worrisome and not good governance.

Specifically I ask that you reconsider the proposed appointments of two District 2 candidates - Mandy Rodriguez to the Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to Veterans Affairs Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this request.
Cece Walrond
Coloma CA



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Fwd: BOS Mtg Jan 5th, 2021

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:29 PM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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From: **Carolyn Loomis** <crloomis99@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:34 AM
Subject: BOS Mtg Jan 5th, 2021
To: BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosone@edcgov.us <bosone@edcgov.us>, bosthree@edcgov.us <bosthree@edcgov.us>

What is happening to Placerville??

Please pull Item 8. 20-1597 off the Consent Calendar at the Jan 5th meeting.

After reviewing photos and video of the candidates Mr. Turnboo wishes to appoint to two Commissions, I am dumbfounded at his choices.

These people are known to associate with and welcome a pack of white supremacist and violent goons known as Pride Boys who are infiltrating and recruiting in Placerville.

This is a dangerous direction for us to be going in and needs to be stopped NOW!

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: [BOSThree] Item 8. 20-1597

1 message

Karen Feathers <karen.feathers@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:40 PM

Thanks!!

Karen FeathersAssistant to Supervisor Wendy Thomas
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From: **Vera Nicholas** <vera.nicholas@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:38 PM
Subject: [BOSThree] Item 8. 20-1597
To: <bosthree@edcgov.us>

Dear Wendy,

I have lived in El Dorado County for more than 40 years and have seen many changes over time. My daughter went to EDC schools and I attribute her success to the education that she received here. What a great county in which to raise children!

However, I have been very disturbed by some of the activities of white supremacist groups in downtown Placerville and have recently become aware that Supervisor Turnboo is nominating a couple of Proud Boy supporters to County Commissions.

1. Mandi Rodrigues - Human Rights Commission (!!!!) (bullied artists at the Art for Peace display)
2. Chris Cockrell - Veterans Affairs Commission (the Santa giving white supremacist hand signals at the Toys for Tots affair in downtown Placerville)

I beg of you to consider pulling Item 8. 20-1597 from the agenda. We need people on these commissions who are compassionate and tolerant of others. Racism has no place in our government.

Thank you,

Vera

--
Vera Nicholas
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530-306-8165



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BOS Agenda of Jan. 5---Item #8

1 message

John Garon <jcpagaron@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:45 PM

January 4, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County, Placerville, CA 95667**FROM:** John and Patricia Garon, 3860 Wilson Loop, Placerville**SUBJECT:** Comments on 01/05/2021 Agenda Item #8--appointments of Rodriguez and Cockrell

Item #8 of the BOS agenda for January 5, 2021, is a proposal by Supervisor Turnboo to appoint Mandy Rodriguez to the County Human Rights Commission and Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission. Mr. Turnboo could not have chosen two less appropriate and less suited people than those two.

Ms. Rodriguez's Facebook page opens with "My middle finger welcomes you!" The idea of Ms. Rodriguez sitting on the Human Rights Commission is appalling in light of her racist displays on Main St. in December. If the BOS wants to cripple the Commission from within, then appointing Rodriguez is a good choice. Cockrell's support of, or membership in, the Proud Boys is doubly appalling. The Proud Boys' politics, and tactics, particularly intimidation, mimic those of Fascist Black Shirts and Nazi Brown Shirts.

At one time or another, every Supervisor has run on a platform of "bringing jobs to EDC", but little has been done to accomplish that goal in a meaningful way. By appointing two neo-Fascists to positions of responsibility, the BOS sends the message that EDC is governed by extremists, hardly the kind of message investors look for.

Surely, the BOS can find two less aberrant candidates, more representative of this County's population.



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Committee and Commission Appointments

1 message

The **BOSONE** <bosone@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:45 PM

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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From: **Marian Washburn** <mewash@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:08 PM
Subject: Committee and Commission Appointments
To:

January 4, 2021

Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to voice my concerns about the Consent Calendar "Committee and Commission" nominations item on your January 5, 2021 agenda. Specifically, I find many of Supervisor Turnboo's nominations highly disturbing.

The highest function of local government should be to find solutions to community problems and to strengthen resources for the betterment of the County as a whole. Many of Mr. Turnboo's nominees have earned a reputation, both on social media and in person, of division and harsh condemnation of others. The nomination of Mandi Rodriguez as an alternate member of the Human Rights Commission seems particularly egregious.

If Mr. Turnboo's nominees are confirmed, I believe that they will become disruptive forces on their committees and commissions. Speaking personally, I predict that our County government will develop an increased reputation for division and intolerance.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to carefully review the qualifications of new nominees and only vote for those who have earned public's trust. This is no time to add animosity and intolerance to the functioning of our County's government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marian Washburn".

Placerville



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Nominees associated with the Proud Boys hate group

1 message

Jason Christian <jason.christian@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:58 PM

To: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, edc.cob@edcgov.us

I recently received an email with the following information:

"District 2 Supervisor George Turnboo has nominated Chris Cockrell who recently joined the Proud Boys on Main Street dressed as "Santa" to the Veterans Affairs Commission and Mandi Rodriguez who has made her affiliation with the PB known (see comments for links on both) as an alternate to the County's Human Rights Commission. "

While I have been unable to confirm the association of these nominees with the Proud Boys, I felt the need to write and express that if there is any truth to these nominees being affiliated with any white supremacist, anti-semitic, or misogynistic groups, including the Proud Boys then their nominations should be rescinded or at least not confirmed. A Human Rights Commission shouldn't include a white supremacist, and our Veterans deserve better representation.

I'm sure you have more knowledge as to the veracity of these allegations and the character of the nominees - I trust you to do the right thing and ensure only qualified individuals who don't espouse hate will be considered for these (and any other) positions.

Thanks,

Jason Christian
Placerville resident since 2009



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: [BOSThree] URGENT: Rejection of nominees

1 message

Karen Feathers <karen.feathers@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:45 PM

Thanks!!

Karen FeathersAssistant to Supervisor Wendy Thomas
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From: **Nadine** <dinehendricks@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:35 PM
Subject: [BOSThree] URGENT: Rejection of nominees
To: <bosthree@edcgov.us>

As a resident of Camino, in your district, I am writing to you regarding very concerning news which has come to my attention. I understand that new BOS member, George Turnboo, has made the following District 2 committee member appointments set for Board confirmation this week:

Veterans Affairs Commission Member, Chris Cockrell - District 2
Human Rights Commission, Mandi Rodriguez- Alternate - District 2.

These two community members must be rejected because they were both involved in a highly controversial rally event held in Placerville on December 5th, 2020. As you probably know, this event co-occurred with a Toys for Tots Holiday Toy Drive, but unfortunately was also attended by local members of the "Hangtown Proud Boys". There was footage of the event widely distributed on mainstream and social media, locally and throughout the State, which caused overwhelming blow back and extreme outrage throughout the community. In that footage, both of these individual nominees were obviously demonstrating encouragement and support of the Hangtown Proud Boys. Most noteworthy was that Chris Cockrell had dressed up in a Santa Claus costume while he posed in pictures with the group identified as the "Hangtown Proud Boys" while displaying a hand gesture, widely understood to represent "white power". Mandi Rodriguez posted a live stream video of the event while clearly making statements of encouragement and support of the group.

This event and the subsequent media attention brought shame, embarrassment, and humiliation to our community due to the well established reputation of the "Proud Boys" as a nationally organized chauvinistic, white nationalist, and antisemitic hate group focused on violence and dissent. The City of Placerville and Placerville Police who had also appeared to support the group have attempted in vain to roll back the controversy and problems this has caused. The nomination of these two individuals who are directly connected to this event and who have demonstrated support or encouragement of the Proud Boys is an extremely provocative one and clearly is a very unfortunate nomination choice for the BOS and the

community. This is especially problematic coming from the new BOS member, George Turnboo. It is unclear if he fully understands the serious implications of any association with these types of hate groups by the BOS, especially coming from a duly elected Supervisor, but this is very serious stuff! It is obviously completely unacceptable in every possible way for the BOS in El Dorado to appear to have any support or endorsement of persons associated with this hate group. This is especially true in these divisive times. As a community we are already struggling with a poor image and reputation on these types of issues and that negatively affects the people in this community in a variety of ways. This should be of primary concern to the Board and all its members and clearly both of these people must be rejected. We can not be a community that supports this type of behavior.

Thanks for your support, and efforts to make our community safer and stronger with continuing support of our mutual values of equality and justice for all.

Nadine Hendricks
Camino resident



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Upcoming District Two Appointment

1 message

The BOSONE <bosone@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:54 PM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Kind Regards,

Cindy Munt

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From: **Sara Diggs** <diggs.sara@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 2:45 PM
Subject: Upcoming District Two Appointment
To: <bosone@edcgov.us>, <bostwo@edcgov.us>, <bosthree@edcgov.us>, <bosfour@edcgov.us>, <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisors,

I am a resident of District Two writing ahead of the vote on the District Two appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

It has recently come to my attention that Mr. Turnboo's appointee for the Veterans Affairs Commission, Chris Cockrell, was the Santa throwing up the white pride hand gesture in a picture widely circulated in early December from when the Proud Boys descended upon Main Street in Placerville during the Toys for Tots drive. The Southern Poverty Law Center has identified the Proud Boys as a hate group with such tenets as white supremacy, Islamophobia, chauvinism, misogyny, and extremism. I do not believe that a person who is part of such a group or even supports one with such abhorrent values should be granted any kind of legitimacy that comes with a seat on a county committee. It's my understanding that you all will vote on this tomorrow and I strongly urge you to decline his appointment. I would hate to see the Proud Boys' influence (and any other hate group, for that matter) spread further than it already has in our county.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
Sara Diggs



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: [BOSThree] Shocking nominations

1 message

Karen Feathers <karen.feathers@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 3:58 PM

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From: **Daniel Linhardt** <nomadlaw@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 11:10 AM
Subject: [BOSThree] Shocking nominations
To: <bosthree@edcgov.us>

Dear Ms. Thomas,

I am a long time resident of Diamond Springs. I was recently shocked to learn that two people who are associated with the Proud Boys have been nominated to positions on county boards. I am referring to the nomination of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission and Marli Rodriguez as an alternate on the Human Rights Commission. The reputation of the Proud Boys is justifiably terrible as a bunch of racists hooligans. This is a terrible image for El Dorado County. It will discourage individuals and businesses from desiring to move into the county with adverse effects on home value and employment in the county. I strongly urge you to vigorously oppose their placement on any Commission of El Dorado County. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

Daniel Linhardt



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Agenda Item 8.20-1597

1 message

Debra Lee <debrahuntlee@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 4:07 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgiv.us, edcfive@edcgov.us

I hereby request that the BOS pull Item 8. 20-1597, which includes certain controversial appointments, from the Consent Calendar so that these appointments can be discussed in the interest of transparency and open participation.

Debra Lee
4019 Nugget Ln
Placerville



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