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December 17, 2013

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
EDC Clerk to the Board

**CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST**  
**RE: Tax Assessor Karl Weiland and**  
**Albert L. Hamilton - Legal Counsel to EDC Senior Services**  
**Division of the Area Agency on Aging**

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain the following:

The official titles and respective Bonding Agency name & address for El Dorado County employees:

- Karl Weiland – Tax Assessor
- Albert L. Hamilton – Legal Counsel to EDC Senior Services Div. of the Area Agency on Aging

It is requested that your determination be made within **10 days** as stipulated within the California Public Records Act.

If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the legal authorities on whom you rely.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

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December 15, 2013

**TO: Al Hamilton, President Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County**  
**Edward Knapp, El Dorado County Counsel**

**RE: NOTICE AND DEMAND**  
**ALFRED LAURENCE HAMILTON JR. – CA BAR ASSOCIATION #41385**

Enclosed you will find a notarized Affidavit of Fact and applicable Exhibits A-G concerning public employee Alfred L. Hamilton, legal counsel to EDC Senior Services Division of the Area Agency on Aging, and President of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County.

**IN SUMMARY:**

- (1) WHEREAS** Alfred L. Hamilton is a public employee and is obligated by his Oath of Office and liable under Bond to serve citizens in a manner that is consistent with the Policies & Procedures of El Dorado County, State and Federal Laws, and the California BAR Association (See Exhibit H).
- (2) WHEREAS** Alfred L. Hamilton publicly declared himself to be a “dictator” during the January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meetings of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County. (See Exhibit C)
- (3) WHEREAS** Alfred L. Hamilton has abused his position as a county employee and as a member of the CA BAR Association to discriminate, slander, harass and retaliate against paid members of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County. (See Exhibit B)

**EDC Policy #E-5** states in part, “Each employee of the County of El Dorado must refrain from conduct constituting unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation.”

**California AB 1234 (Ethics Training)** requires local officials to periodically receive training on public service ethics, laws and principles. The purpose of this training is to alert local officials to the extensive array of laws that apply to public service, as well as the unique ethical obligations public servants have.

- (4) WHEREAS** to be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Taxpayers Association must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3), and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual.



(5) WHEREAS Alfred L. Hamilton is the President of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County he is bound by Commercial Law to follow the Bylaws, rules, policies and procedures of the organizational structure.

(6) WHEREAS Alfred L. Hamilton is employed by the County, his illegitimate pronouncement on January 14, 2013 as "dictator" subjected the paid members of the Association to a despotic display inconsistent with the Bylaws:

**BYLAWS II. OBJECT A** - *"The object of the Taxpayers Association is the creation and maintenance of a forum within which to study the issues of government and the problems of those who are governed... These discussions shall be directed by the Association in an effort to educate all taxpayers as to the current issues, how they may be affected, how to reveal and understand the true costs of government, and to encourage awareness of individual responsibility. The Association shall **monitor and be involved** in the process of governance to help insure that the blessings of freedom shall be forever perpetuated."*

(7) WHEREAS the conduct of Alfred L. Hamilton established a CONFLICT OF INTEREST contrary to the goals and purposes of the Association. Specifically, how can the Taxpayer's President *impartially* lead the organization to monitor the financial & tax issues of *his own employer*?

**IV. Board of Directors, Section A (3)** states, *"Directors with conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest shall report them to the Board in a timely manner. A written Conflict of Interest Policy shall be maintained in the organizations Policies and Procedures Manual."* **This policy does not yet exist.**

*Why has the Policies & Procedures Committee failed to address the five (5) policies they were tasked with in August 2012??? (See Exhibit C)*

(8) WHEREAS Alfred L. Hamilton was not yet seated in December 2012 therefore he was ineligible to direct the December 17, 2012 Board meeting. Members expressed concerns that would *invalidate* any and all unlawful actions taken by the Directors described in the December 17<sup>th</sup> Board minutes, specifically: *"Control and prevent non-taxpayer or personal issues from being presented by requiring an advance written input for approval by the President."* (See Exhibits A, B & G)

(9) WHEREAS Albert L. Hamilton appeared to permit and condone violations concerning Bylaws VI. **MEETINGS Section A (3):** *"The Secretary shall cause to be created a contemporaneous record of the general meetings and of all Board business conducted and action taken."* Bernard Carlson submitted his resignation as Secretary/Director earlier in the year, therefore members questioned why Bernard was permitted to attend, vote and act in the capacity of an Officer during the December 17, 2012 meeting??? (See Exhibit G)

**IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS Section A** states: *"...At the second meeting in December the 15 nominees with the most individual votes shall be announced, shall be considered elected, and will be seated at the first meeting in January. Directors shall refrain from any self-dealing or the appearance of self-dealing. Directors shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the goals and objectives of the organization as set forth in the formation documents, operating policies and with all applicable law."*

(10) WHEREAS PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY section A states: *"For all meetings at which the business of the organization is conducted or other relevant organizational applications, the rules contained in the current edition of **Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised** shall govern in all cases*



to which they pertain provided they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt."

During the January 28, 2013 meeting of the Association Al Hamilton announced ***"I threw Roberts Rules of Order into the bottom of my drawer. I'm running this meeting now."***

- (11) **WHEREAS IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS A (5)** states: *"Special Board meetings may be called by the president or Secretary upon five (5) days receipt of individual written, electronic or verbal notice."*
- (12) **WHEREAS NAME AND RECITALS Section A (4)** states: *"The organization shall strive to operate in a manner consistent with non-profit best practices and shall maintain all records required to be made available for public inspection."*


Since Al Hamilton took over the Association as a self-appointed "dictator" members have expressed in writing their concerns that Board meetings have been impromptu, without proper notice and lacking a quorum and/or questioned the recording of minutes. **Why have paid members of the Association been denied the opportunity view the minutes, records and ballots heretofore requested in writing???**

- (13) **WHEREAS** Alfred L. Hamilton has publicly voiced libelous statements and distributed to Association members materials intended to bully, discriminate, and maliciously slander my good name and reputation excerpts below (See Exhibits A & B):
- A. During the January 14<sup>th</sup> TPA meeting Mr. Hamilton stated, *"I am a dictator...Meeting is adjourned...You're not going to ask any questions about your personal issues."* I, Melody Lane, DEMAND to know the source(s) and an explanation concerning his specific knowledge of 'personal issues' Mr. Hamilton referred to???
  - B. I, Melody Lane, DEMAND specific explanation regarding Mr. Hamilton's statement, *"The outburst I caused by denying Melody Lane the opportunity to read her prerecorded expose of the County shortfalls with respect to the American River and her property in Coloma..."*??? Expose of what exactly???
  - C. I, Melody Lane, DEMAND explanation as to what jurisdiction or standing Mr. Hamilton may possess to suggest to the Association that I *"hire a competent attorney and sue the people that she thinks are abusing her."*???
  - D. I, Melody Lane, DEMAND an explanation for the slanderous claims of Bernard Carlson and Al Hamilton, *"And from what I understand she has tried this approach and lost at least in front of Pat Reiley, Judge."*???
  - E. I, Melody Lane, DEMAND explanation regarding the claims, *"Actually she has made so much noise that she is being ignored by all. This has been pointed out to her in writing in the past to no avail."* I previously responded in writing by asking the question, ***"By WHOM, WHEN, and regarding WHAT was pointed out in writing???"*** I've not received a reply.
  - F. I, Melody Lane, DEMAND explanation regarding the discriminating statement, *"The Melody Lane's of this county cause road blocks to our goals and provide no service or value to our cause."* I previously responded in writing by asking the question, ***"HOW exactly do you perceive the purpose, goals and mission of Compass2Truth to conflict with the Association's mission and goals???"*** A reply has yet to be received to disseminate to constituents.
- (14) **WHEREAS** the public actions of Alfred L. Hamilton caused Association members to believe he collaborated with County employees and other civic leaders in an apparent Conspiracy Against Rights and violations of **Title 18 U.S.C. § 214, 241, 242 & 514 (See Exhibit F)** in order to discriminate, slander and intimidate paid members of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County. (See Exhibits A & B)



**THEREFORE** since this matter affects all TAXES and TAX PAYERS of El Dorado County, I, Melody L. Lane, do hereby DEMAND that Albert L. Hamilton, President of the Taxpayers Association of EDC, and County Counsel Edward Knapp provide me their written responses in the form of a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Fact to each of the claims so stated above within **30 days** of receipt of this NOTICE & DEMAND. Failure to provide evidence or rebuttal within 30 days affirms the claims as so stated above.

Sincerely,



Melody L. Lane  
Founder – *Compass2Truth*

Attachment: Notarized Affidavit of Fact + Exhibits A-G

CC: Vern Pierson, EDC District Attorney  
Bill Carey, Secretary – Taxpayers Association of EDC  
CA BAR Association



## SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF FACT

BELOW IS THE SWORN AFFADAVIT OF FACT BY **MELODY L. LANE**, THE WRITTEN RECORD OF EVENTS CONCERNING **AL HAMILTON**, LEGAL COUNSEL TO EL DORADO COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION OF THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND PRESIDENT OF THE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF EL DORADO COUNTY.

I, Melody L. Lane, being over 18 years of age, am hereby competent to testify to the following:

- (1) I, Melody L. Lane, have been a paid member of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County since 2008. General meetings are held at Denny's Restaurant on Fair Lane in Placerville at 7:30 AM every Monday morning and are open to the public.

I'm also the Founder of **Compass2Truth** – Conservatives Serving God in Truth & Liberty. **Compass2Truth** is comprised of concerned citizens, residents and dedicated volunteers.

The mission of **Compass2Truth** is to sustain the high quality of life in El Dorado County, to educate residents and visitors while providing focused direction and assuring protection from the effects of *unmonitored management and a general degradation of the wonders and benefits of this historic county*.

The goal of **Compass2Truth** is to preserve the environmental and historic heritage of El Dorado County for present and future generations. Included in this goal is the method of accountability of funds used to maintain the historic environment that makes the western slope of El Dorado County a safe and desirable area for residents and tourists alike. This objective includes citing informed suggestions for more desirable methods of operation in addition to accountability for historic artifacts, natural resources and designated funds.

- (2) In December 2012 Al Hamilton was elected 2013 President of the Taxpayers Association. He also serves as legal counsel to the EDC Senior Services Division of the Area Agency on Aging. As a public employee he is under Bond and Oath of Office.
- (3) During the **August 13, 2012** meeting of the Taxpayers Association the group determined the Association Bylaws necessitated the creation of a Policies & Procedures Committee to address:
  - **Conflict of Interest**
  - **Non-discrimination**
  - **Records Retention**
  - **Whistleblowers**
  - **Midterm Director Replacement**

The purpose of the Policies & Procedures Committee was to supplement the April 25, 2011 updated Bylaws. Bylaws require that minutes be kept of all committee meetings and reports of



their activities be shared with the members of the Association. The Committee was comprised of:

- 2012 President Ellen Day
- Bill George (EID)
- Secretary Bernard Carlson
- EDC Tax Assessor Karl Weiland

Concerns were frequently expressed about all five Policy & Procedure issues that needed to be immediately addressed to remain in compliance with the Association Bylaws. Throughout the remainder of 2012 and 2013 whenever I inquired during Association meetings as to the progress of the Policies and Procedures Committee I was told by Al Hamilton that the committee hadn't met and therefore had no status report for members.

- (4) **December 17, 2012** incoming President Al Hamilton requested a meeting of Directors. According to the minutes, Al Hamilton and Secretary Bill Carey initiated plans with the El Dorado County Chief Administrators Office to have *regular open discussions with County Department Heads* in an effort to determine how or what the Association can do to assist in their operation.

Karl Weiland, Tax Assessor for El Dorado County, moved to have the President select and assign Directors or other members to report weekly on county issues.

Additionally it was moved to control and prevent non-taxpayer or personal issues from being presented by requiring an advance written input for approval by the President. Motion was seconded by Larry Calderwood.

Bill George moved to have an initial Executive Committee be comprised of the elected officers, seconded by Bernard Carlson. Note: Bernard Carlson had submitted his resignation as an Officer of the Association in November 2012 therefore he was not qualified to second any motions.

The libelous letter that I received dated October 3, 2012 from Bernard Carlson raised many questions about the intentions and purpose of Bernard's presence at Directors meetings. Concerns had been raised by several other female members of the Association who had received similar inappropriate and libelous letters and/or phone calls from Bernard causing us all great concern about discrimination and bully tactics meant to discredit and discourage our participation in public meetings. (See Exhibit A)

- (5) **On January 14, 2013** CAO Terri Daly and Assistant CAO Kim Kerr were the guest speakers at the Association. Twenty eight people were present in the room, including District Supervisors Mikulaco and Veerkamp and former Supervisor Sweeney. Before I could ask the speakers a valid question concerning all El Dorado County taxpaying citizens, Al Hamilton stood up and interrupted me in mid-sentence. (See Exhibit B)

When I stood to challenge his authority to prevent me from addressing a public official Al remarked, "I am a dictator...*Meeting is adjourned...You're not going to ask any questions about your personal issues.*"



Al Hamilton never heard the question. His intentions appeared premeditated and maliciously intended to discriminate, humiliate and discredit me.

Several members joined me in voicing their objections to his interruption, particularly to his self-proclaimed dictatorship. The comments included:

- ***“I still want to hear the question!”***
- ***“Let her ask the question!”***
- ***“We haven’t heard the question!”***
- ***“Wow, would this make an interesting story!”***
- ***“We need a letter to the editor on this one!”***

Immediately afterwards Al Hamilton gathered Directors for an impromptu meeting in a corner of the room.

At that time Asst. CAO Kim Kerr approached me at the opposite end of the room. She appeared shaken by the sudden outburst and adjournment by Al Hamilton. Kim promised to address in writing the DOT, CIP and TIM fee issues that were due to Compass2Truth by 9/1/12 in order that they may be properly disseminated to concerned citizens.

The entirety of our conversation as well as the abruptly ended Taxpayers Assn. meeting was audio recorded.

- (6) **On January 28, 2013** I addressed a formal 30-day Notice to the Association and handed it publicly to Al Hamilton. The notice contained eleven (11) apparent violations and questions concerning the Taxpayers Association Bylaws. *A reply was never received from the Association.*

Additionally, during the Association meeting Al Hamilton announced “I threw Roberts Rules of order into the bottom of my drawer. I’m running this meeting now.”

- (7) **On January 28, 2013** I made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors during Item #3 (CIP/TIM Fees) concerning the relevance of Al Hamilton’s inappropriate outburst and adjournment of the January 14<sup>th</sup> Taxpayers Association meeting when I was prevented from addressing the CAO on issues relevant to the BOS agenda.
- (8) **On January 28, 2013 @ 6:09 PM** I received a forwarded email exchange distributed by Al Hamilton to the directors of the Taxpayers Association, several of whom are EDC employees and local civic leaders. I was shocked by the libelous content and support of Al Hamilton’s unprecedented ‘outburst’ by Bernard Carlson and County Tax Assessor Karl Weiland on January 14<sup>th</sup>. **(See Exhibit B)**
- (9) **On March 18, 2013** another formal 14-day NOTICE AND DEMAND was presented to Al Hamilton in the presence of the Association’s guest speaker that day, Senator George Runner from the BOE. No response was received from the Association to the eleven (11) specific questions concerning Al Hamilton’s outburst during the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting that was abruptly adjourned.
- (10) **On March 20, 2013** relevant materials were emailed to the Board of Supervisors and the CAO for follow up. No response was ever received. **(See Exhibit C)**



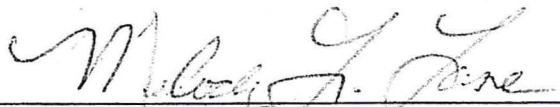
- (11) **On April 9, 2013** I made another appeal during the BOS meeting for the Human Resources department to address the unethical and unlawful conduct of their public employees Al Hamilton and Karl Weiland. *That request was ignored by the BOS.*
- (12) **On June 24, 2013** a 3-day NOTICE OF DEFAULT was presented to Al Hamilton during the Taxpayers Association meeting when 31 individuals were present in the room. It was also sent to the BOS and the EDC CAO on **July 14, 2013**. *That Notice was also ignored by the Taxpayers Assn as well as the BOS. (See Exhibit D)*
- (13) **On August 26, 2013** I submitted two letters to Secretary Bill Carey after the Taxpayers meeting to be read at the next Director's meeting and requested they be distributed to all Association directors. Their formal written reply was due September 30, 2013. *A response was never received.*
- (14) After the conclusion of the **September 23, 2013** meeting Secretary Bill Carey approached me to confirm that he intended to read and distribute both letters given to him on August 26<sup>th</sup> during the next Directors meeting.
- (15) **During the December 9, 2013** meeting of the Association I inquired as to the two letters that Secretary Bill Carey was supposed to have read at the last Directors meeting and distribute to all Directors. County Recorder Clerk/Director of Veteran Affairs Bill Schultz was our guest speaker that morning. *(See Exhibit E)*

Secretary Carey indicated that no Director meetings had taken place since my request in August therefore the letters were not read or distributed.

That's when Al Hamilton publicly announced *"Ah, I guess somebody doesn't like you!...I have taken the policy to ignore your letters and to ignore you!"*

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*I, Melody Lane being first duly sworn on oath according to law, deposes and says that I wrote the 4-page, 15-item AFFIDAVIT above and that the matters stated herein are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief, so help me God.*

  
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Melody L. Lane

  
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Date



\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for California

*SEE ATTACHED  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California

County of EL DORADO

On DECEMBER 14, 2013 before me, BARRY J. BULLIS, NOTARY PUBLIC  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared MELODY L. LANE  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are  
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in  
his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the  
person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

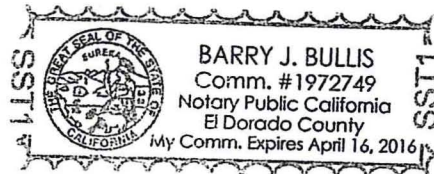
I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing  
paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature



(Seal)





October 3, 2012

Melody, Just my personal opinions!

Monday I said that people should join organizations that they support, not oppose, or join to use them for their personal agenda.

You said that Sue Taylor supported Taxpayer issues. Wrong.

- She is against EDAC that Taxpayers support.
- She is against developments like the Grado Diamonds Springs project that Taxpayer supports.
- She wants TIM fees INCREASED! Taxpayers want them reduced.
- She is negative about everyone's project except her own; thus, she clearly is in direct opposition to the Taxpayers positions.

At Taxpayers, you bring up your personal issues and try to link them to other supposedly wide community issues. In trying to enlist support for something Monday you went on and on, to the annoyance of members and guests, about things that are not pertinent to taxpayer community wide issues. As I see it, Taxpayer's mission isn't to:

- Harass or attack the River Management Committee/rafters for their position on Judge Riley's ruling against you.
- Attack Supervisor Briggs, the Board of Supervisors, or CAO Terri Daly.
- Attack the Mountain Democrat.

Please understand that your attacks will always drive people away and against you –even if they are unconcerned and not involved in the issue.

Progress is made by taking a POSITIVE approach working with others on issues of substance and importance.

You have a problem! Get over it! Take a Christian approach and forgive those that you perceive to have done you wrong.

Holding a grudge damages you more than the opponent(s).

You will never get better advice. Try it! Smile. Be Happy. Have a good day!

Bernard



*Exhibit A*

**From:** Bernard Carlson <1bcc@comcast.net>  
**To:** 'Bill George' <bgeorge49@reagan.com>; 'Karl Weiland' <karl.weiland@edcgov.us>; 'al hamilton' <hamilton@twinwolf.net>  
**Cc:** james\_alderink@yahoo.com; bcarey123@hotmail.com; 'Larren Calderwood' <amlwc@yahoo.com>; ellendaypriderealty@yahoo.com; 'al hamilton' <alhamilton.us@gmail.com>; rgkringel@gmail.com; goeagle@directcon.net; artmarinaccio@hotmail.com; hjnorris@pacbell.net; 'Stan B Paolini' <Paolini\_stan@yahoo.com>; echolanellc@aol.com; david.smythe@sbcglobal.net; jgstlz@directcon.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 27, 2013 3:19 PM  
**Subject:** RE: OUTBURST

Amen! That kind of input from her (or anyone) is a detriment to our purpose and organization.  
Bernard

**From:** Bill George [mailto:bgeorge49@reagan.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 26, 2013 3:24 PM  
**To:** 'Karl Weiland'; 'al hamilton'  
**Cc:** 'Bernard Carlson'; james\_alderink@yahoo.com; bcarey123@hotmail.com; 'Larren Calderwood'; ellendaypriderealty@yahoo.com; 'al hamilton'; rgkringel@gmail.com; goeagle@directcon.net; artmarinaccio@hotmail.com; hjnorris@pacbell.net; 'Stan B Paolini'; echolanellc@aol.com; david.smythe@sbcglobal.net; jgstlz@directcon.net  
**Subject:** RE: OUTBURST

I second the motion!

Bill

**From:** Karl Weiland [mailto:karl.weiland@edcgov.us]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 26, 2013 13:51  
**To:** al hamilton  
**Cc:** Bernard Carlson; james\_alderink@yahoo.com; bcarey123@hotmail.com; Larren Calderwood; ellendaypriderealty@yahoo.com; bgeorge49@reagan.com; al hamilton; rgkringel@gmail.com; goeagle@directcon.net; artmarinaccio@hotmail.com; hjnorris@pacbell.net; Stan B Paolini; echolanellc@aol.com; david.smythe@sbcglobal.net; jgstlz@directcon.net  
**Subject:** Re: OUTBURST

So Moved !!

On Wed, Jan 23, 2013 at 9:06 AM, al hamilton <hamilton@twinwolf.net> wrote:  
The outburst that I caused by denying Melody Lane the opportunity to read her prerecorded expose of the County shortfalls with respect to the American River and her property in Coloma was my effort to draw a line in the sand beyond which our members and guests may not cross.  
The Taxpayers is not a forum for every misguided person the castigate our speakers for problems the speaker has no control over or even an interest in. It is a forum to investigate and report to the taxpayers of our County issues that are of great importance to us. The Melody Lane's of this county cause road blocks to our goals and provide no service or value to our cause. Actually she has made so much noise that she is being ignored by all. This has been pointed out to her in writing in the past to no avail.  
Her approach should be to hire a competent attorney and sue the people that she thinks are abusing her. And from what I understand she has tried this approach and lost at least in front of Pat Reiley, Judge.  
I look for advice on how to solve this time wasting problem. Thanks,  
al

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al hamilton esq

*Exhibit B*

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## Melody Lane

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**From:** Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 5:38 PM  
**To:** bosfive@edcgov.us; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us; 'Ron Briggs'  
**Cc:** Kimberly Kerr; Terri Daly; 'Sheriff DAgostini'; edc.cob@edcgov.us  
**Subject:** Tax Payers Assn. Notice & Demand  
**Attachments:** TPA 3-18-13 N&D.doc

The attached 14-day Notice & Demand was delivered to Al Hamilton during Monday's Tax Payers meeting when Senator George Runner from the BOE was our guest speaker. Supervisors Nutting, Mikulaco and Veerkamp were present as was Jack Sweeney.

It should be noted that Bill George, Tax Assessor Karl Weiland and Bernard Carlson comprise the TPA Policies & Procedures Committee. I asked the status of the task they were assigned last August regarding:

- Conflict of Interest
- Records Retention
- Whistleblowers
- Midterm Director Replacement
- Non-discrimination.

This notice & demand stems from the January 14<sup>th</sup> incident when CAO Terri Daly and Asst. CAO Kim Kerr were our guest speakers. Before I could ask a question of the speakers, Al Hamilton jumped to conclusions and denied my right to free speech by abruptly declaring the meeting adjourned: "I am a dictator...Meeting is adjourned...You're not going to ask any questions about your personal issues." Supervisors Mikulaco and Veerkamp and Jack Sweeney witnessed his apparently orchestrated outburst.

This matter is deserving of the attention of the BOS since it has potential for litigation involving discriminating and unethical conduct of at least two EDC public employees:

**Senior Legal Services Attorney Al Hamilton and Tax Assessor Karl Weiland.**

The BOS will find this relevant to the materials I submitted yesterday during Open Forum as well as Item #3 - Mt. Murphy Bridge CIP. Such issues concerning *all EDC citizens* have been the topic of our meetings held with CA State Parks personnel, Roger Trout, Sheriff D'Agostini and legislators.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in dealing transparently with this matter as befitting your oaths of office and to the citizens of EDC.

Respectfully,

*Melody Lane*

Founder – **Compass2Truth**

Conservatives Serving God in Truth and Liberty

***"We, the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts***

*Exhibit<sup>1</sup> C*

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June 24, 2013

Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County  
c/o Al Hamilton, President  
P.O. Box 13  
Placerville, CA 95667

### **THREE (3) DAY NOTICE OF DEFAULT**

**RE: Taxpayers Association Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, Standing Rules, Resolutions and all applicable Federal, State & local laws, codes, regulations and ordinances**

Mr. Hamilton,

On January 28, 2013 you were publicly presented with a **30-Day Notice and Demand** relevant to the issues arising from your outburst during the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County. Your unwarranted actions on behalf of the Association deprived me of my First Amendment rights, were discriminatory, and maliciously intended to slander my good name and reputation.

Your failure to respond to the first Notice and Demand resulted in a **14-Day Notice of Fault** dated March 18, 2013 that was presented to you in the presence of George Runner, Member of the CA State Board of Equalization.

I, Melody Lane, do hereby present to you and all directors of the EDC Taxpayers Association a final **3-Day Notice of Default** demanding your response to all the topics heretofore delineated in both Notices.

Failure to respond appropriately within the time limits will be interpreted as an admission of guilt and subject to potential legal action described in CA CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 2023.010 - 2023.040. Furthermore the incident will be reported to the State Bar Association for investigation.

The solution is simple: Just do what is right and honor your oath of office.

Sincerely,

Melody Lane  
Founder – **Compass2Truth**

CC: Sheriff John D'Agostini  
District Attorney Vern Pierson

*Exhibit D* 14-0009 OPEN FORUM 12-17-13



## Transcript of 12/9/13 Taxpayers Association Dialog

**Melody:** Al, I have a question...

**Al Hamilton:** Hold that for a moment. Let's let the meeting develop...

**Melody:** Who's in charge of sending out ballots & membership renewals?

**Hamilton:** Bernard.

**Melody:** I didn't get one again this year. Is there a reason for that?

**Hamilton:** Ah, I guess somebody doesn't like you!

**Melody:** Ah, I get that impression. Along that same line I'd like to know if our Secretary, ah, when you had your last Board meeting? What was the date of your last Board meeting and were the two letters I gave to Mr. Carey (8/26/13) read at the meeting?

**Bill Carey:** We haven't had a Board meeting since then.

**Melody:** Ok, is there a reason there hasn't been a meeting and those two letters read?

**Hamilton:** I have taken the policy to ignore your letters and to ignore you!

**Melody:** OK, well that, Mr. Dictator, is against the policies and you also have a Policies & Procedures meeting that was supposed to have met to go over Conflict of Interest, Records Retention, Whistleblowers, Mid-term Director Replacement and Non-Discrimination. I get the very distinct impression I'm being discriminated against, not to mention the email you sent out publicly slandering my name which has been entered into the public record...uh...at the BOS meeting. You DO remember which one that was? "The Melody Lanes of this county cause roadblocks to our goals & provide no service or value to our cause. Actually she has made so much noise that she is being ignored by all." (Bernard chuckles loudly). Ha, ha, ha...

**Hamilton:** Anyway Melody, we've heard it all...

**Melody:** This is a point of order for this meeting and I deserve an answer. I'd like to know where my membership...(unintelligible disruption and noise)...why you're discriminating against me?

**Bernard:** Well I have mailed you and everyone...uh, I don't know why you don't get them. I can't understand that.

**Melody:** Well, gee...I don't either!!!

**Hamilton:** Jack, would you introduce our speaker?

*Exhibit E*

14-0009 OPEN FORUM 12-17-13

## TITLE 18, SECTIONS 214, 241, 242 & 514

Title 18, Section 214 - Whoever, being or having been an employee or staff member referred to in subchapter II of chapter 1 of this title, having taken and subscribed the oath of office, or having sworn to observe the limitations imposed by section 9 of this title, or whoever, being or having been a census liaison within the meaning of section 16 of this title, publishes or communicates any information, the disclosure of which is prohibited under the provisions of section 9 of this title, and which comes into his possession by reason of his being employed (or otherwise providing services) under the provisions of this title, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

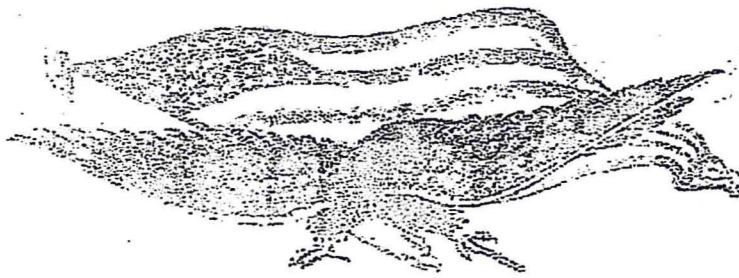
Title 18, Section 241 - If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same;

Title 18, Section 242 - Whoever, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or to different punishments, pains, or penalties, on account of such person being an alien, or by reason of his color, or race, than are prescribed for the punishment of citizens, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; and if bodily injury results from the acts committed in violation of this section or if such acts include the use, attempted use, or threatened use of a dangerous weapon, explosives, or fire, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and if death results from the acts committed in violation of this section or if such acts include kidnapping or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to kill, shall be fined under this title, or imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both, or may be sentenced to death.

Title 18, Section 514 - (a) Whoever, with the intent to defraud - (1) draws, prints, processes, produces, publishes, or otherwise makes, or attempts or causes the same, within the United States; (2) passes, utters, presents, offers, brokers, issues, sells, or attempts or causes the same, or with like intent possesses, within the United States; or (3) utilizes interstate or foreign commerce, including the use of the mails or wire, radio, or other electronic communication, to transmit, transport, ship, move, transfer, or attempts or causes the same, to, from, or through the United States, any false or fictitious instrument, document, or other item appearing, representing, purporting, or contriving through scheme or artifice, to be an actual security or other financial instrument issued under the authority of the United States, a foreign government, a State or other political subdivision of the United States, or an organization, shall be guilty of a class B felony.

*Exhibit F*





TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF EL DORADO COUNTY

Post Office Box 13



Placerville, California 95667

Founded in 1958

TO: Association Directors

FROM: Bill Carey, Secretary

DATE December 17, 2012

REGARDING: Discussion at Director's Meeting

At a Directors meeting requested by incoming President Al Hamilton, the following issues were discussed, focused on, and led to the following:

- Establish an Executive Committee to formulate issues and directions for the Association.
- Implement plan to regularly coordinate with the County CAO, Health Services Director and DOT manager. *(President Hamilton and Secretary Carey to initiate plans with CAO)*
- Have regular open discussions with County Department Head in an effort to determine how or what the Association can do to assist in their operation.

Karl Weiland moved to have the President select and assign Directors or other appropriate members to report weekly on county issues. Motion Seconded by Larry Calderwood. Motion approved.

- Meeting agendas to include time for a report on new information from those assigned to a specific issues.
- Control and prevent non-taxpayer or personal issues from being presented by requiring an advance written input for approval by the President.

Bill George moved to have an initial Executive Committee be comprised of the elected officers, seconded by Carlson. Motion approved.

Thoughts on issues and assignments:

- General Plan, EDAC
- Regulatory Reform
- Planning/Building
- Coordination with CAO & Dept Heads
- Employee Salaries & Retirement
- DOT & TIM Fees
- Fire Departments
- EID

Art Marinaccio  
Michael Ranalli  
Bill Carey  
Al Hamilton/Bill Carey  
Ray Kringel/Jim Alderink  
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Brian Veerkamp  
Bill George

Exhibit G

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December 17, 2013

Public Records Act Request

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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TO: The Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County and/or  
The Office of Vern Pierson, El Dorado County District Attorney

FROM: A group of concerned taxpayers

Pursuant to the California Public Acts we are requesting the following:

A true accounting of the monies spent/incurred to date (from April 2012)  
on the DA's case against Supervisor Ray Nutting.

An approximation of how many staff hours, contractor hours, and facility  
costs have been amassed.

An estimate of how many taxpayer dollars will be spent to take the case to  
trial, pay the cost of the trial, and pay for the post trial costs.

Please respond to:

*Evelyn Veerkamp  
3047 Lewis Street  
Placerville, CA 95667*



24. 08-0395

Hearing to consider adoption of Resolution **82-2008** authorizing submittal of a Community Development Block Grant General Allocation Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for up to a \$1,496,000 grant to establish a permanent, year-round location for the United Outreach Grace Place emergency shelter and provide funds for shelter staffing, and start up and operational costs, including the purchase of a \$25,025 four-wheel drive seven-passenger van through Fleet Services to be donated to United Outreach Grace Place, a leverage commitment of \$2,500 from the Department's Housing Element Implementation funds, \$25,785 in-kind staff match from the Mental Health Department, and \$64,120.84 in permit fee waivers to meet the required cash match; Chairman be authorized to sign the Statement of Assurances; and if awarded, authorize the Director to execute the subsequent grant agreement, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, and other grant-related documents.

FUNDING: State grant funds.

Attachments: [Blue Route, 1-6-09.pdf](#)

[Community Development Block Grant Standard Agreement \(08-STBG-4982\), 1-](#)

[United Outreach of El Dorado County MOU Service Commitments, 1-6-09.pdf](#)

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To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act I am requesting the following:

Re: Jim Mitrisin's Nov. 1, 2013 response to my Oct. 22, 2013 second request for the restoration of the original attachments to item #24 on the April 1, 2008 BOS Agenda. He indicates that everything is there but a Manual. The website is displaying data from a meeting that occurred nine months later.

Please see your copy of the item 08-0395 dated April 1, 2008

Please note @ Attachments: Blue Route, 1-6-09 pdf (That is Jan. 6, 2009)

How is it that an 09 document is an attachment to a 2008 Agenda? In fact, eight of the attachments bear 2009 dates. Where are the original 2008 documents?

I would like a complete set of the **original** 2008 attachments.

Thank you,

Sue Taylor



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**From:** "Jim Mitrisin - El Dorado County" <jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us>  
**To:** "Sue Taylor" <sue-taylor@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2013 12:14:30 PM  
**Subject:** Public Records Act Response from 10/22/13

Ms. Taylor,

I am responding to your follow-up request to prior Public Records Act requests submitted to the Board during Open Forum of their October 22, 2013 regular meeting. I have attached a copy of your submittal to this email for reference.

**Regarding Question 1:** There is no request for public records contained in this section of letter. I am not aware of any meeting of the Board outside those that are publicly noticed via a regular or special meeting agenda.

**Regarding Question 2:** Upon review of the original hard copy file for agenda item 24 for April 1, 2008 (File 08-0395) the only document not published to the website was the Grace Place "Nomadic Sheltering Manual." I'm unable to determine whether it was provided as Public Comment or if it was part of the original packet from the Department. A search of file "08-0395" from the website's "Search Agenda Items" shows all documents from the hard copy are indeed available. I added the "Nomadic Sheltering Manual" now displayed as attachment number 30 of that file. I have no explanation as to why that document was not included in the electronic version and extend my thanks for pointing it out. In 2008 the electronic files were handled differently where all the

Item # 9  
Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06**

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
APPROVING THE INITIAL PLAN OF FINANCE FOR THE CONNECTOR PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code, section 6500 *et seq.*, the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (Connector JPA) was formed by the cities of Rancho Cordova, Elk Grove, and Folsom, and the counties of Sacramento and El Dorado, to provide for the coordinated designation, acquisition, planning, designing, financing, construction, operation, and maintenance of a multi-modal transportation corridor to connect the City of Elk Grove, the County of Sacramento, the City of Rancho Cordova, the City of Folsom, and the County of El Dorado, known as the "Connector Project"; and

**WHEREAS**, planning for the Connector Project, which is a regional transportation beltway/expressway to connect Interstate 5, State Route 99, and U.S. Highway 50, has been in process for more than two decades;

**WHEREAS**, the joint powers agreement which formed the Connector JPA requires the adoption of a Funding Plan specifying a plan or formula for funding the Connector JPA's operations and any project phases for which the Connector JPA is responsible;

**WHEREAS**, on February 27, 2009, the Connector JPA approved an initial five year Funding/Finance Plan, that focused on the initial planning and project development phase of the Connector Project and described anticipated revenues and expenditures for the initial phase through the end of fiscal year 2012-13. This initial Funding/Finance Plan reflected that sufficient funding from Measure A was available to fund the planning and project development expenses, but did not address construction financing;

**WHEREAS**, on February 27, 2009, when the Connector JPA considered the initial Funding/Financing Plan, El Dorado County expressed concern regarding the potential of a funding contribution from El Dorado County, other than the nominal participation contribution provided annually, to the overall project development costs since El Dorado County was already engaged in the planning and development of the Silva Valley Parkway Interchange and White Rock Road widening, and El Dorado County did not have a dedicated local funding source available such as the Measure A tax dollars earmarked by the other participating jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS**, the Connector JPA has developed and refined a Plan of Finance for the Connector Project and has met with staff from each member jurisdiction to review the proposed Plan of Finance and to solicit input on the assumptions made by the Connector JPA staff and financial consultants;

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County has requested an amendment to the Connector JPA to address concerns outlined in its letter dated November 29, 2012;

**WHEREAS**, the Connector JPA adopted Resolution 2012-25 on December 14, 2012, to work cooperatively with its members to address the concerns raised by El Dorado County;



**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR JPA RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The Board of Directors hereby approves the Initial Plan of Finance, dated March 2013, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, and as described in the February 8, 2013, and March 8, 2013, staff reports and presentations.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained therein to the contrary, the Plan of Finance does not obligate any of its members, including El Dorado County, to any financial contribution or funding whatsoever; and does not impose any financial obligation on its members under section 5(d) of the Connector JPA joint powers agreement.
4. The Plan of Finance is hereby amended to incorporate Resolution 2012-25, adopted on December 14, 2012, in its entirety.
5. Connector JPA staff is directed to work cooperatively with El Dorado County and with any other member jurisdiction to address their concerns and develop an amendment to the JPA agreement, and any other appropriate agreement, within 90 days from this action for the respective county's, or city's, consideration.
6. It is anticipated that the Plan of Finance will be updated each fiscal year to reflect changes in the anticipated funding and financing opportunities.

This Resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Sander, Starsky, Mikulaco, Hume, Nottoli

NOES:

ABSENT:



Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

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## Planned Capital Connector gets finance plan approved

By: Staff report



The Capital SouthEast Connector moved closer to becoming a reality when the project's Joint Powers Authority board of directors adopted an initial Plan of Finance and Project Design Guidelines on Friday.

The planned 35-mile Connector will connect Interstate 5 south of Elk Grove to Highway 50 in El Dorado County just east of El Dorado Hills.

The Plan of Finance outlines the project's anticipated costs, proposed phasing, and potential funding and financing strategies. The

project's total cost is estimated at \$456 million.

Of that total, \$118 million was provided through a half-cent sales-tax approved in 2004 by 75 percent of Sacramento County voters. The balance will need to be secured through a variety of potential sources, including state, federal and local funds, according to a press release issued by the JPA.

The finance plan also indicates that the project will likely be constructed in two major phases. The first phase, envisioned to be completed between 2018 and 2023 and estimated to cost \$315 million, would include construction of a Connector "backbone" that will provide an improved level of service throughout the entire length of the roadway. This initial phase would include four continuous lanes, expanded at-grade intersections at all major access points, a continuous path for pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians, and right-of-way preservation for the project's full build out including future interchanges.

The project's second phase includes interchanges and additional lanes in some segments, and would be completed over the next 10 years to 20 years as additional funding is made available and demand necessitates additional improvements.

The plan does not obligate contributing agencies or jurisdictions to any specific level of funding but provides a general framework for the types of funds that might be available to develop the project.

"The finance plan is our roadmap for implementing the project. Its approval was critical in moving us closer to making the Connector a reality, and bringing its economic-development and congestion-relief benefits as soon as possible to the region's residents and workers," said Tom Zlotkowski, executive director of the Connector JPA.

The Project Design Guidelines will help ensure consistent planning and design of the Connector across the five JPA jurisdictions - Sacramento County, El Dorado County, and the cities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova and Folsom - so that it blends with communities on the alignment, integrates and provides efficiency for multiple forms of travel, incorporates sustainability concepts and is developed cost effectively.

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Representatives of the JPA jurisdictions and numerous other community stakeholders helped to shape the design guidelines, which will be updated periodically as the Connector is developed.

"The design guidelines provide an important foundation for ensuring that the Connector has a consistent look and feel over its entire length, and that it operates efficiently for a variety of travel modes," said Zlotkowski.

With approval of the finance plan and design guidelines, the JPA jurisdictions now will consider how to incorporate the Connector into their respective general plans, a process expected to be completed over the next six months.


A recent economic impact study projected that construction of the Connector will create more than 5,400 new full-time jobs, \$310 million in new labor income, \$831 million in new regional economic output and more than \$23 million in new indirect business tax revenue. Over 20 years, the Connector is expected to create more than 25,000 total new direct and indirect jobs, and generate \$2.5 billion in new economic output and \$182 million in new indirect business tax revenue.


Reduced congestion and travel delays will save residents and workers \$11.7 million annually by 2045, according to the JPA.


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## Governments approve financing, design for Southeast Connector

Staff *Sacramento Business Journal*

Local governments behind the proposed Capital Southeast Connector on Friday approved a financing plan and design guidelines, moving the massive project a big step forward.

The proposed expressway from Elk Grove to El Dorado County is envisioned as a way to ease traffic congestion and boost the region's economy.

The 35-mile route is expected to cost \$463 million in 2012 dollars through 2035. About \$118 million comes from a Sacramento County tax measure approved by voters in 2004.

Directors of the joint-powers agency that runs it —representing the counties of Sacramento and El Dorado, as well as the cities of Elk Grove, Folsom and Rancho Cordova — unanimously approved the project's financing and design plans.

As early as this summer, the local governments could vote to commit funds to the project and empower the agency to take full responsibility.

Described as what would be the county's largest congestion-reducing road in decades, the project would link Interstate 5 and Highway 99 just south of Elk Grove, then run along Grant Line and White Rock roads skirting Rancho Cordova and Folsom, finally connecting to Highway 50 in El Dorado Hills. The expressway would consist of two to three lanes in each direction.