



Open Forum

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Funds to Arts and Culture El Dorado, letter for Open Forum, 2/9/2021

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Ruth Michelson <ruthmichelson@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:00 PM

To: Lori Parlin <bosfour@edcgov.us>, BOS Clerk EDC <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisor Lori Parlin and other Board members-

Recently I saw a county report that showed that **Arts and Culture El Dorado** had only spent \$10,000 out of the \$100,000 they were granted by you for Expressive Therapies. This is part of a 3 year program; \$100,000 each year for 3 total years. If there is more to this that I don't understand, I'd like to know more.

I find it puzzling why Arts and Culture El Dorado apparently was not able to offer services, especially during this year of deep duress for so many. Many, many clients could have benefited if Arts and Culture El Dorado had found a way to provide Expressive Therapy. So many other agencies and individual therapists jumped on the zoom bandwagon, and I would think that this organization would have been able to do the same with some innovation and resourcefulness.

If this situation is as it appears, please consider awarding these monies to another agency that is actually helping out people during these difficult Covid times.

Thank you,

Ruth Michelson  
District 4



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## 2/9/21 Open Forum Public Comments - John Hidahl Affidavit

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**Melody Lane** <melody.lane@reagan.com>

Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 2:22 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, Kim Dawson &lt;Kim.Dawson@edcgov.us&gt;

Cc: john.hidahl@edcgov.us, lori.parlin@edcgov.us, sue.novasel@edcgov.us, wendy.thomas@edcgov.us, george.turnboo@edcgov.us, Donald Ashton &lt;don.ashton@edcgov.us&gt;, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosfour &lt;bosfour@edcgov.us&gt;, bosone@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Please ensure the entirety of this correspondence is entered into the 2/9/21 BOS Open Forum Public Comments:

All actions by public employees conducted in the performance of their official duties, either support and defend the national and state Constitutions, or oppose and violate them. You are expected to uphold these principles, being **ever conscious that public office is a public trust.**

On January 25<sup>th</sup> John Hidahl received a notarized affidavit which is the first essential of due process of law. Pursuant to that lawful notification, John had 15 days to rebut anything which he disagreed by means of his own written, notarized affidavit of truth. John's failure to respond, as stipulated, was his agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in my Affidavit of Truth is true, correct, legal, lawful, and is his irrevocable admission attesting to this, fully binding upon him in any court of law in America, without his protest, objection, and that of those who represent him.

John Hidahl refused on numerous occasions to respond publicly to verbal inquiries as lawfully required. You do **not** have the discretion to determine who you will or will not respond to. An example was during the December 8th Open Forum when you responded to several Citizens, but you discriminated by refusing to respond to my specific inquiries. If you did not know the answer to my questions, then you were lawfully obliged to direct staff to respond to my petitions for redress of grievances. By not responding, the oath taker denies the Citizen remedy and constitutional due process of law as stated within the Bill of Rights. Not only were your actions in violation of the Brown Act, your lack of transparency and accountability demonstrated that you had no intention of honoring your sacred oath to support and defend the Constitution(s) and the inherent rights of the public.

It is a matter of public record that directors of the Taxpayers Association have threatened me and/or habitually discriminated against me. Additionally, all EDC Supervisors recently received copies of sworn Affidavits that were addressed to Andy Nevis and his supervisor, Charles Delgado, at the CA Water Resources Control Board. During the October 12th Taxpayers Association Candidate Forum in which John Hidahl was the only participant, Andy Nevis made a point to turn around in his seat and look directly at me when he deliberately circumvented the purpose and intent of the written question that I ask during every candidate forum:

*"This question has some ambiguities, so just for transparency, I'll read the question as it was submitted and then I'll invite you to, uh, maybe take it into a little more broader form of theater, so it will be more insightful discussion. So I'll read the question: **All elected officials are required to sign an oath of office to protect and support the state and national constitutions. If you are elected, will you sign a Constitutional Affidavit that essentially says that if it is PROVEN that you have violated your oath of office, then you will immediately resign and/or allow the people to remove you from office without your protest or objection?** What I'm going to invite you to do is reflect on, since you have already been supervisor, reflect on taking the oath of office. What does that oath mean to you, and how does it, you know, guide your everyday operations as a supervisor?"*

There was nothing ambiguous about my question. Your collusion with the Taxpayers Association and with county staff to promote special interest groups **to the exclusion of conservative Citizens**, such as me, who don't share your liberal political ideologies, demonstrates your **bias, conflict of interest, and disrespect** for the people whom you theoretically serve. You again crossed the line when you acted as an agent for Andy Nevis by reading his letter into the public record during the December 15th BOS Agenda Item #38 honoring Supervisors Brian Veerkamp and Shiva Frentzen when you were aware that both Supervisors have regularly violated their oaths of office. Your emulation of their unlawful conduct maintains the corrupt status quo, thereby harming me and other EDC Citizens.

In closing, I am a former BOE employee as well as a constituent of Ted Gaines. My specific question to Ted Gaines during yesterday's Taxpayers meeting was brief and to the point. Ted knew exactly what I was talking about because he was the recipient of irrefutable evidence that Compass2Truth presented to the FBI and US Attorney General McGregor Scott involving CA State Parks and BLM land acquisitions negatively affecting taxpayers, as well as evidence of rampant government corruption. It was NOT a "personal issue" as Andy falsely claimed when he muted the microphone and deliberately circumvented my question and nullified my voice.

If you have any questions or comments, please make them now at this time.

The COB will receive an email containing evidence to be entered into the public record.

*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

As history teaches us, if the people have little or no knowledge of the basics of government and their rights, those who wield governmental power inevitably wield it excessively. After all, a citizenry can only hold its government accountable if it knows when the government oversteps its bounds. ~ John Whitehead ~

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**From:** Melody Lane [mailto:[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, February 8, 2021 3:35 PM

**To:** [andrew.nevis@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:andrew.nevis@waterboards.ca.gov)

**Cc:** 'ted.gaines@boe.ca.gov'; 'matt.cox@boe.ca.gov'; eileen.sobeck@waterboards.ca.gov; charles.delgado@waterboards.ca.gov; george.turnboo@edcgov.us; 'todd.white@edcgov.us'; 'mark.treat@edcgov.us'; Karl Weiland; john.hidahl@edcgov.us; sue.novasel@edcgov.us; wendy.thomas@edcgov.us; lori.parlin@edcgov.us; Richard Esposito; 'bosfive@edcgov.us'; bosfour ([bosfour@edcgov.us](mailto:bosfour@edcgov.us)); 'bosone@edcgov.us'; 'bosthree@edcgov.us'; 'bostwo@edcgov.us'

**Subject:** 2/8/21 Taxpayers Association meeting with BOE rep Ted Gaines

Mr. Nevis,

The objective of the Taxpayers Association is the maintenance of a forum in which to study the issues of government and the **problems** of those who are governed. I am a former BOE employee as well as a constituent of Ted Gaines. You had no authority to censor me again this morning while I was addressing BOE rep Ted Gaines. The attached notification of legal responsibility, which is the first essential of due

process of law, was received by you and your employer on December 4, 2020. Your unlawful and discriminatory actions have been your modus operandi ever since you took over the Taxpayers Association. You have no right to infringe on any citizen's First Amendment rights to address any public official, nor will your political bully tactics be tolerated.

My specific question to Ted Gaines was brief and to the point. Ted knew exactly what I was talking about because he was the recipient of irrefutable evidence that Compass2Truth presented to the FBI and US Attorney General McGregor Scott involving CA State Parks and BLM land acquisitions **negatively affecting taxpayers**, as well as evidence of rampant government corruption. It was NOT a "personal issue" as you falsely claimed when you muted the microphone and deliberately circumvented my question and nullified my voice. If Ted needed further clarification, then all he needed to do was ask me for it, but you censored me. In so doing you deliberately avoided public transparency and thus violated your Constitutional oaths of office.

After you muted the microphone Gay Willyard, who is Supervisor George Turnboo's appointee to the EDC Fair Association, turned around and viciously confronted me concerning the exercise of my First Amendment right to address Ted Gaines. Meanwhile you allowed an open mic for several members to dialog freely with Ted Gaines. Apparently Gay is not familiar with her own Principal Agent Oath of Office. When the principal has knowledge of the agent's wrong doing, but fails to take remedial action, then that means George is complicit and liable for aiding and abetting Gay's unlawful actions. Gay has consistently demonstrated her animosity when I've stood my ground upon Constitutional principles.

Lastly, by using the Taxpayers Association for your personal political interests, it presents a conflict of interest which is against the Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures. Your lack of transparency and accountability was demonstrated again this morning after Ted Gaines signed off and Todd White left the building. Gay Willyard, Steve Ferry, and Ellen Day were the only people besides myself remaining in the room. At that time you projected a partially visible letter on the screen that you had drafted concerning Item #32 on tomorrow's BOS Agenda, the Diamond Springs Parkway Project/Shingle Springs Miwok Indians MOU representing \$5.219 million in funding. Without knowing the full content of the letter, you called for a vote and unidentified individuals voiced their approval of Gay Willyard's seconded motion to present YOUR letter to the Board of Supervisors. The Association members have *no idea* what you are doing on their behalf. Since Karl Weiland was on the Zoom call I presume that he voiced his approval of the motion which is another conflict of interest; Ellen Day was the only director who audibly abstained. Evidently it was a predetermined decision made without the necessary identified director votes and transparency required by law.

Our nation is in the midst of a Constitutional crisis and political upheaval. If you are violating your oaths of office now, then it certainly does not bode well for your future aspirations to run for public office.

Regards,

*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

***“There is no difference between socialism and communism, except in the means of achieving the same ultimate end: communism proposes to enslave men by force, socialism by vote. It is merely the difference between murder and suicide.” ~ Ayn Rand ~***

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## AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION OF TRUTH

District #1 Supervisor John Hidahl  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

I, Melody Lane, the undersigned, make this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth of my own free will, and I hereby affirm, declare, and swear, under my oath and under the pains and penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and of this state, that I am of legal age and of sound mind and hereby attest that the statements, averments, and information contained in this Affidavit/Declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

This Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is lawful notification to you, Supervisor John Hidahl, and is hereby made and sent to you pursuant to the national Constitution, specifically, the Bill of Rights, in particular, Amendments I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, IX, and X, and The Bill of Rights of the California Constitution, in particular, Article 1, Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 21, 23, and Article 3, section 1, which requires your written rebuttal to me, in kind, specific to each and every point of the subject matter stated herein, within fifteen (15) days, via your own sworn and notarized affidavit, using true fact, valid law and evidence to support your rebuttal of the specific subject matter stated in this Affidavit/Declaration.

You are hereby noticed that your failure to respond, as stipulated, and rebut, with particularity and specificity, anything with which you disagree in this Affidavit/Declaration, is your lawful, legal, and binding tacit agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this Affidavit/Declaration is true, correct, legal, lawful, and fully binding upon you in any court in America, without your protest or objection, and that of those who represent you. Your silence is your acquiescence. See: *Connally v. General Construction Co.*, 269 U.S. 385, 391. Notification of legal responsibility is "the first essential of due process of law." See also: *U.S. v. Tweel*, 550 F. 2d. 297. "Silence can only be equated with fraud where there is a legal or moral duty to speak or where an inquiry left unanswered would be intentionally misleading."

Any act committed by you, John Hidahl, either supports and upholds the Constitutions, national, and state, or opposes and violates them. Your oath of office requires you to support and uphold the national and state Constitutions, and therefore you are constitutionally mandated to abide by that oath in the performance of your official duties. You have no Constitutional authority, or any other form of valid, lawful authority, to oppose and violate the very documents to which you swore or affirmed your oath and under which you were delegated by the people the limited authority to conduct the duties of your office. These three above-stated positions are true, factual, lawful, and constitutionally ordained.

However, despite the above-stated factual, lawful positions, your unconstitutional actions, as described throughout this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth, clearly demonstrate how you, John Hidahl, have violated all of the above lawful positions, the Constitutions, your oath of office, and acted against the public good by violating the public trust and committing sedition and insurrection. Pursuant to your unlawful and unconstitutional actions, you have invoked the self-executing Sections 3 & 4 of the 14th Amendment to the national Constitution, and thereby you have lawfully vacated your office and forfeited all benefits thereof, including salary and pension.

Please note that, as stated above and below, if you fail to specifically rebut, in kind, any of the charges, claims, and positions set forth in this Affidavit/Declaration, then you tacitly admit to them, and these admissions will be lawfully used against you. The following paragraphs and others throughout this Affidavit/Declaration describe some of your unlawful, unconstitutional actions, which have harmed me and others:

1. It is the duty of every Citizen to demand that public officials, such as you, specifically perform pursuant to the constitutional mandates contained within their oaths, and thereby uphold and protect the rights of the people, as opposed to upholding and promoting the profits of a rapacious, destructive association that perniciously violates the rights of the people as its apparent routine custom, practice, and policy.

During the November 16, 2020 Taxpayers Association meeting, I silently handed to Sheriff D'Agostini three Affidavits of Truth addressed to **Deputy Jaime Toney**, and **Senior Sheriff Technicians Angela Sterling** and **Steve McCallum** concerning violations of their Constitutional Oaths of Office. You participated in that meeting, and you also received copies of the three EDSO affidavits that I submitted into the public record during the December 2nd Board of Supervisors meeting. Notification of legal responsibility is the first essential of due process of law, and those unrebutted affidavits stand as truth and fact before any court in America. I apprised you that immediately afterwards, Taxpayers Association President Andy Nevis had broadly distributed a one-minute video of that incident to the Board of Supervisors and to other public officials, with the apparent intention of libel, slander, and defamation of my character.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, I distributed to each of the Supervisors and submitted into the public record during the BOS meeting an Affidavit of Truth addressed to Mr. Nevis relative to the aforementioned Taxpayers meeting in which you, Supervisor Lori Parlin and Tax Assessor Karl Weiland participated. As you are aware, an unrebutted affidavit stands as truth and fact before any court in America.

You, John Hidahl, were aware that Mr. Nevis announced during the December 14, 2020 Taxpayers Association Business meeting his intention to hold a "secret ballot meeting" of the directors of the Taxpayers Association on January 9<sup>th</sup> at an "undisclosed location" to determine disciplinary action against me relevant to the aforementioned November 16<sup>th</sup> incident when I *lawfully* exercised my right to

serve the Sheriff with the three EDSO affidavits. This was an apparent attempt by Mr. Nevis to pick up the gauntlet that former Senior Services attorney Al Hamilton laid down when he threatened to "destroy" my reputation during a Taxpayers Association meeting that was documented in Lori Parlin's affidavit. The following excerpt from Ms. Parlin's notarized sworn affidavit was included in one of my two formal complaints made to the CA State BAR and also submitted into the public record during multiple BOS meetings:

*Mr. Hamilton proceeded to tell Ms. Lane that she could not record the meetings without announcing to the entire room that she was recording the meeting. Ms. Lane replied that the law was very clear that no such announcement is necessary when public officials are speaking. At some point during the arguing Mr. Hamilton said that **he would call the Sheriff and have Ms. Lane removed from the building for causing a disturbance. Finally, Mr. Hamilton threatened Ms. Lane by saying that he would see to it that her reputation was destroyed in the county. I was shocked to hear him make such a threat, especially his use of "I" and "destroy" in his language. I then asked what exactly he meant by those words because it also sounded like a threat to me.***

It is a matter of public record that directors of the Taxpayers Association have threatened me and/or habitually discriminated against me, including, but not limited to: Sr. Services Attorney Al Hamilton, President Andy Nevis, V.P. Chris Payne, Secretary Todd White, former Supervisor Jack Sweeney, and former Association Presidents Bill George and Bill Carey. I have publicly addressed these issues during Taxpayers meetings in which you have participated, yet you have perpetually turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to the factual evidence which I submitted into the public record.

You are cognizant of the fact that former Supervisor Jack Sweeney threatened me with "repercussions" because I exposed his daughter-in-law, Trish Sweeney, for her apparent conflict of interest working for Assemblyman Frank Bigelow who was meanwhile moonlighting for the EDC Parks & Recreation Department. The documented threats against me by Al Hamilton, Jack Sweeney, and Andy Nevis were entered into the public record during BOS meetings. Additionally, all EDC Supervisors recently received copies of sworn Affidavits containing truth, fact, valid evidence, and law that were addressed to Andy Nevis and his supervisor, Charles Delgado, at the CA Water Resources Control Board. Among others, you also received copies of affidavits addressed to Sheriff D'Agostini, and Supervisors Brian Veerkamp and Shiva Frentzen for violating their Constitutional oaths of office.

If a public officer, such as you, fails to act and correct the matter, then they condone, aid, and abet criminal actions, and further, collude and conspire to deprive me and other Citizens of their Rights guaranteed in the Constitutions, as a custom, practice, and usual business operation of their office and the



jurisdiction for which they work. This constitutes treason by the entire jurisdiction against me, and based upon the actions taken and what exists on the public record, it is impossible for any public officer to defend himself against treason committed. *See: 18 USC § 241 - Conspiracy Against Rights, and 18 USC § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law.*

2. You, John Hidahl, acting as BOS chairman, refused on numerous occasions to respond publicly to verbal inquiries as lawfully required by the Brown Act. You do not have the discretion to determine who you will or will not respond to. For example, during the December 15, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting, I specifically addressed inaccuracies in the December 8, 2020 BOS minutes, but you refused to respond or provide direction to staff. Consequently, the erroneous minutes were unanimously approved by the BOS, which constitutes fraud. Then during Open Forum, you refused to publicly respond as to why the photos I submitted with my December 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Forum comments were unlawfully altered relevant to the November 16th Taxpayers Association incident when Sheriff D'Agostini was the guest speaker.

Another example was on December 8th during Open Forum when you responded to Ron and Carol's public inquiries as well as directing staff to respond to Chris Payne's inquiry, but you discriminated against me by refusing to respond when I inquired as to why the December 2, 2020 BOS meeting video still had not yet been posted to the government calendar for the public to view. There were also apparent problems with the Clerk to the Board receiving the Affidavit of Truth addressed to Andy Nevis and other relevant public comments that I submitted on *four separate occasions* to Ms. Dawson to post to the public record. . If you did not know the answer to my specific inquiries, then you were lawfully obliged to direct staff to appropriately respond to my inquiries for redress of grievances.

Not only were your actions in violation of the Brown Act, your lack of transparency and accountability demonstrated that you had no intention of honoring your sacred oath to support and defend the Constitution(s) and the inherent rights of the public, in the instant case, me. Your knowledge of apparent collusion and failure to lawfully respond to constituent concerns, or take corrective measures, permits the continuation of El Dorado County corruption.

By not responding and/or not rebutting, such as you have demonstrated, the oath taker denies the Citizen remedy, thus, denies the Citizen constitutional due process of law, as stated within the Bill of Rights. There is no legitimate argument to support the claim that oath takers, such as you, are not required to respond to correspondence or other public inquiries, which, in this case, act as petitions for redress of grievances, stating complaints, charges, and claims made against them by Citizens injured by their actions. All American Citizens can expect, and have the Right and duty to demand, that government officers uphold their oaths to the Constitution(s) and abide by all constitutionally-imposed

mandates of their oaths. This is an un-enumerated Right guaranteed in the Ninth Amendment, which I hereby claim and exercise.

Additionally, the First Amendment guarantees the Right of free speech and the Right to petition government for redress of grievances, which, the oath taker, pursuant to his oath, is mandated to uphold. You failed this requirement, thus, you violated two provisions of the First Amendment, the Public Trust and perjured your oath. See: *United States v. Dial*, 757 R2d 163, 168 (7th Cir 1985) includes the **deliberate concealment of material information** in a setting of fiduciary obligation. Any enterprise undertaken by the public official who tends to **weaken public confidence and undermine the sense of security for individual rights** is against public policy. See also: USC Title 18, § 2071- **Concealment, removal, or mutilation generally**. See also: *Morrison v. Coddington*, 662 P.2d. 155, 135 Ariz. 480 (1983) -**Fraud and deceit may arise from silence where there is a duty to speak the truth, as well as from speaking an untruth**. [Emphasis added] See also *U.S. v. Tweel* above.

3. During the aforementioned December 8<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting, you publicly responded to Ron and Carol, as well as responding to Kris Payne concerning the lack of representation in Brian Veerkamp's district, but you discriminated against me when you refused to respond to my public inquiry by stating, "This is not a back-and-forth." As mentioned, the First Amendment guarantees the Right of free speech and the Right to petition government for redress of grievances. Pursuant to your oath of office, you have a duty to be *accessible* and *responsive*, in kind, to the public. To wit, the Brown Act states:

*"The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people do not yield their sovereignty to the bodies that serve them. The people insist on remaining informed to retain control over the legislative bodies they have created."*

*§54954.3 Public's right to testify at meetings. (c) The legislative body of a local agency shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body. Care must be given to avoid violating the speech rights of speakers by suppressing opinions relevant to the business of the body. As such, members of the public have broad constitutional rights to comment on any subject relating to the business of the governmental body.*

*Where a member of the public raises an issue which has not yet come before the legislative body, the item may be briefly discussed but no action may be taken at that meeting. The purpose of the discussion is to permit a member of the public to raise an issue or problem with the legislative body or to permit the legislative body to provide information*

***to the public, provide direction to its staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting (§ 54954.2(a).) [Emphasis added]***

You are aware that **Compass2Truth** is a whistleblower organization which I founded in 2009. Because of the breadth of federal anticorruption law, the **Institute for Local Government Public Service Ethics** strictly warns to avoid any temptation to walk closely to the line that divides legal from illegal conduct under state law, as well as retaliating against those who whistle-blow. When I made public inquiries concerning problems within the legislative body, your silence indicated you had something to hide, thus I was deprived of First Amendment Rights and due process for the purpose of redress of grievances. See: *Cooper v. Aaron*, 358 U.S. 1, 78 S.Ct. 1401 (1958). "No state legislator or executive or judicial officer can war against the Constitution without violating his undertaking to support it. The constitutional theory is that we the people are the sovereigns, the state and federal officials only our agents." See also: *Miranda v. Arizona*, 384 U.S. 436, (1966) "Where rights secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rule making or legislation, which would abrogate them."

Since you failed the above requirements, then you have violated two provisions of the First Amendment, the Public Trust, and perjured your Constitutional oath. In this way, the public, including me, were deprived of their constitutionally guaranteed rights secured in the First Amendment, and the corrupt status quo is therefore protected and maintained.

4. My claims, statements and averments also pertain to your actions taken regarding your failure to provide honest public services, pursuant to your oaths. All public officers, including you, within whatever branch and whatever level of government, and whatever be their private vocations, are trustees of the people, and accordingly labor under every disability and prohibition imposed by law upon trustees relative to discharge of their trusts.

*"The Oath of Office is a quid pro quo contract in which clerks, officials, or officers of the government pledge to perform (Support and uphold the United States and State Constitutions) in return for substance (wages, perks, benefits). Proponents are subjected to the penalties and remedies for Breach of Contract, **conspiracy** under Title 28 U.S.C., Title 18 Sections 241, and 242, **treason** under the Constitution at Article 3, Section 3, and intrinsic **fraud**..."*

All actions by public employees conducted in the performance of their official duties or as private citizens, either support and defend the national and state Constitutions, or oppose and violate them. All public employees must demonstrate the highest standards of morality and ethics consistent with the requirements of their positions and consistent with the law. You are expected to uphold these principles, being **ever conscious that public office is a public trust**. Any enterprise undertaken by any public employee, such as you, which tends to weaken public confidence and undermines the sense of security for

individual rights, is against public policy. Fraud, in its elementary common-law sense of **deceit**, is the simplest and clearest definition of that word.

In response to my December 10, 2020 12:07 PM email in regard to the aforementioned Taxpayers Association incident involving Andy Nevis, Sheriff D'Agostini and a retired member of EDSO staff, on Thursday, Dec 10, 2020 at 1:04 PM John Hidahl <[john.hidahl@edso.gov.us](mailto:john.hidahl@edso.gov.us)> wrote:

Hi Kim, For clarity, I feel the need to go on record that I did not "witness" the activity defined by Ms. Lane, as my attendance at the Taxpayer's meetings have been by phone dial-in only. I was not connected to the Zoom video, and consequently could only hear the commotion associated with the event.

Mr. Hidahl, although you participated via *dial-in* during the Taxpayers meeting, you still **acknowledged the disturbance created by Chris Payne and John D'Agostini's** refusal to accept the three affidavits that I **silently** handed to the Sheriff. You were also aware that Andy Nevis broadly distributed a 1-minute video clip of the incident to El Dorado County public officials, including Sheriff D'Agostini and District Attorney Vern Pierson, then he also posted it on Facebook which generated considerable controversy and hate mail against me. Furthermore, it is a matter of public record that you have been apprised that Andy Nevis, Todd White, Chris Payne, Sheriff D'Agostini, Don Ashton, Al Hamilton, and other public officials have colluded in overt threats and bully tactics meant to intimidate me into silence.

By colluding with others to deprive me of the ability to petition government for redress of grievances and due process, you committed a flagrant violation of your Oaths, the Constitutions, my secured inherent First Amendment rights, and due process of law guaranteed therein. Your unconstitutional actions harmed me by obstructing, limiting, and denying me the ability to exercise my rights of due process secured in the Bill of Rights and elsewhere in the national and state Constitutions. Furthermore, you acted unlawfully in sedition and insurrection against the Constitutions, both national and state, and in treason against the People, in the instant case, me. *See: 18 USC § 241 - Conspiracy Against Rights, and 18 USC § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law.*

Anytime public officers, pursuant to their oaths, violate Rights guaranteed to Citizens in the Constitutions, they act outside their limited delegated authority, thus perjure their oaths, and by their own actions, invoke the self-executing Sections 3 and 4 of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment; thereby they vacate their offices and forfeit all benefits. When you stepped outside of the limited scope of your delegated duties and authority, you lost any "perceived immunity" of your office and you can be sued for your wrongdoing against me, personally, privately, individually and in your professional capacity, as can all those in your jurisdiction,

including anyone having oversight responsibility for you, including any judges or prosecuting attorneys and public officers for that jurisdiction, if, once they are notified of your wrongdoing, they fail to take lawful actions to correct it, pursuant to their oaths and their duties. See *Gallegos v. Haggerty, N.D. of New York*, 689 F. Supp. 93 (1988), which held: *"Personal involvement in deprivation of constitutional rights is prerequisite to award of damages, but defendant may be personally involved in constitutional deprivation by direct participation, failure to remedy wrongs after learning about it, creation of a policy or custom under which unconstitutional practices occur or gross negligence in managing subordinates who cause violation."*

5. Another occasion when you deliberately avoided public transparency and accountability was during the October 12, 2020 Taxpayers Association Candidate Forum. Because RINO candidate Ron Briggs failed to show up, you had an entire hour solely to yourself to answer questions submitted by the public. Andy Nevis then made a point to turn around in his seat and look directly at me when he deliberately circumvented the purpose and intent of the written question that you know I ask during every candidate forum :

*"This question has some ambiguities, so just for transparency, I'll read the question as it was submitted and then I'll invite you to, uh, maybe take it into a little more broader form of theater, so it will be more insightful discussion. So I'll read the question: **All elected officials are required to sign an oath of office to protect and support the state and national constitutions. If you are elected, will you sign a Constitutional Affidavit that essentially says that if it is PROVEN that you have violated your oath of office, then you will immediately resign and/or allow the people to remove you from office without your protest or objection?** What I'm going to invite you to do is reflect on, since you have already been supervisor, reflect on taking the oath of office. What does that oath mean to you, and how does it, you know, guide your everyday operations as a supervisor?"*

There was nothing ambiguous about my precisely worded question, nor are you above the law. Your deliberate circumvention of my specific question demonstrated apparent collusion with Mr. Nevis to deprive Citizens their right to know concerning your lack of character and commitment to abide by your Constitutional oath(s) of office. See: *Butz v. Economou*, 98 S. Ct. 2894 (1978); *United States v. Lee*, 106 U.S. at 220, 1 S. Ct. at 261 (1882) *"No man [or woman] in this country is so high that he is above the law. No officer of the law may set that law at defiance with impunity. All the officers of the government from the highest to the lowest, are creatures of the law, and are bound to obey it."*

As previously stated, you are cognizant that Andy Nevis picked up the gauntlet that Sr. Services attorney Al Hamilton laid down during a Taxpayers Association meeting when he defiantly threatened to "destroy" my reputation. The factual

evidence of Mr. Nevis' liberal ideology and his on-going discrimination, defamation, and deprivation of my rights is contained within the Affidavit of Truth you received when I entered it into the public record during the December 8, 2020 BOS meeting.

Then, during the December 14, 2020 Taxpayers Association business meeting in which you participated, Andy Nevis again announced that he will be conducting a "secret ballot meeting" with directors of the Taxpayers Association on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at an "undisclosed location". Supervisor Lori Parlin, and Tax Assessor Karl Weiland who is a director of the Taxpayers Association, also participated in the business meeting and are aware the purpose of the secret tribunal was to take disciplinary action against me, a third generation evangelical senior citizen and Constitutional activist. It should be evident by now that the Taxpayers Association is a fraudulent "Good Old Boys Club" that has no intention of ensuring that the "blessings of freedom are forever perpetuated" as stated within the Association Bylaws. Instead they continue to emulate government bully tactics against anyone, such as me, who dares expose their unconstitutional actions to the light of Truth.

Your collusion with the Taxpayers Association and with county staff to promote special interest groups **to the exclusion of conservative Citizens**, such as me, who don't share your liberal political ideologies, demonstrates your bias, conflict of interest, and disrespect for the people whom you theoretically serve. You again crossed the line when you acted as an agent for Andy Nevis by reading his letter into the public record during the December 15, 2020 BOS Agenda Item #38 honoring Supervisors Brian Veerkamp and Shiva Frentzen for their years of service when you were aware that both Supervisors have regularly and blatantly violated their oaths of office. Their blatant bully tactics against Citizens whom they profess to serve, and your emulation of their unlawful conduct, maintains the corrupt status quo, thereby harming me and other EDC Citizens. The facts are substantiated in the unrebutted affidavits addressed to Supervisors Veerkamp and Frentzen which were entered into the public record, and as you are aware, an unrebutted affidavit stands as truth in any court of law in America.

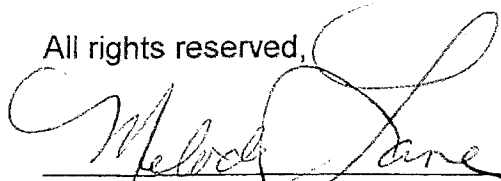
Public officials, such as you, either uphold your oath and the rights and best interests of the people, or violate your oath and your duties to the people. Anytime you perjure your oath, defy the authority of the Constitutions and step outside of the lawful scope of your duties and authority, you are personally liable. Whenever public officers, such as you, pursuant to their oaths, violate Rights guaranteed to Citizens in the Constitutions, they act outside their limited delegated authority, thus, perjure their oaths, and by their own actions, invoke the self-executing Sections 3 and 4 of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment; thereby they vacate their offices and forfeit all benefits thereof, including salaries and pensions, as you did, which is now a matter of public record. When public officers, such as you, harm the Citizens by their errant actions, and then refuse to respond to or rebut petitions from Citizens, then those public officers, such as you, are

domestic enemies, acting in sedition and insurrection to the declared Law of the land and **must be opposed, exposed and lawfully removed from office** as per Sections 3 & 4 of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. See: *Olmstad v. United States, (1928) 277 U.S. 438 "Crime is contagious. If the Government becomes a lawbreaker, it breeds contempt for law; it invites every man to become a law unto himself; it invites anarchy."*

Lawful notification has been provided to you stating that if you do not rebut the statements, charges, and averments made in this Affidavit/Declaration, then you tacitly agree with and admit to them. Pursuant to that lawful notification, if you disagree with anything stated under oath in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth, then rebut to me that with which you disagree, with particularity, within fifteen (15) days of receipt thereof, by means of your own written, notarized affidavit of truth, based on specific, true, relevant fact and valid law to support your disagreement, attesting to your rebuttal and supportive positions, as valid and lawful, under the pains and penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and this state of California. An un rebutted affidavit stands as truth and fact before any court. Your failure to respond, as stipulated, is your tacit agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is true, correct, legal, lawful, and is your irrevocable admission attesting to this, fully binding upon you in any court of law in America, without your protest, objection, and that of those who represent you.

Affiant further sayeth naught.

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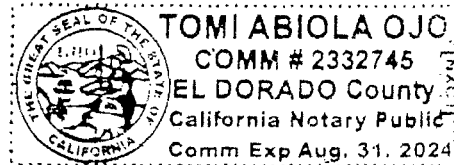
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