

Our nation is in the midst of a Constitutional crisis. 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. On August 17, 2018 Don Ashton distributed an email indicating that **effective immediately**, the County is restricting my ability to email County staff, but he didn't indicate who those individuals are. On August 21<sup>st</sup> I replied via email to your overt abuse of power and obstructionism, but you failed to address any of my concerns.

There can be no lawful limitation on the rights of the people and the First Amendment makes this very clear. Your treasonous actions prove fraud and obstructionism, and were clearly in violation of your Constitutional oaths of office and my First Amendment rights. (*Refer to U.S. versus Tweel and Marbury versus Madison.*)

It is the civic duty of ALL citizens to hold their public officials accountable to the people whom they profess to serve. For example, the March 18, 2019 Special RMAC meeting held at the Coloma Grange Hall was publicly posted by staff within your department as a Brown Act meeting. That meeting was a tactical "bait and switch" by Supervisor Lori Parlin that enabled the River Mafia Mob to conduct the RMAC meeting outside of the Brown Act without any transparency or accountability.

Then on March 25th you were the guest speaker for the Taxpayers Association meeting when Supervisors Lori Parlin and John Hidahl, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Kris Payne were present for a total of 30 witnesses in the room. Relevant to the aforementioned RMAC incident, I specifically asked how you reconciled the EDC core values of **integrity and accountability** with your ***assaults upon my First Amendment rights***. Rather than responding, you created a distraction and deferred to President Bill George. It was obvious you didn't want to respond, but when several people pressed for your reply, ***you arrogantly touted you had restricted my ability to communicate with county staff, and that Sheriff D'Agostini had also blocked my ability to communicate electronically with any EDSO staff. However, you never answered my direct question!***

It was patently clear to anyone with common sense and even limited powers of observation that your deceptive diversions were another attempt to publicly defame me for having the temerity to expose EDC corruption! Your email to me was nothing but an audacious attempt at cover-up and fraud, committed on the public record by you and the other domestic enemy traitors operating the unconstitutional machinery of EDC governance to the detriment of the people you theoretically serve.

Under the Political Reform Act, federal anticorruption law broadly guarantees the public “honest services” from public officials. When a public officer, such as you, fails to act and correct the matter reported to him, then he condones, aids, and abets criminal actions, and further, colludes and conspires to deprive me and other Citizens of their inherent rights guaranteed in the Constitutions. Depriving the public of honest services is a federal crime, specifically USGC Title 18, Sections 241 & 242. The fact is you are not above the law; you acted outside of the scope of your authority, perjured your oaths of office, and in so doing you deprived me of First Amendment rights under color of law in a treasonous display of disrespect for your oaths and *all* EDC Citizens.

It doesn't take rocket science to discern what's really going on here. It was another *socialist lie* demonstrating your apparent manipulation and collusion to cover up unethical actions and deliberate maintenance of the corrupt EDC status quo.

***Freedom cannot co-exist in the toxic soup of corruption.*** Cronyism, corruption, the lack of integrity, honor and honesty are the killers of a Constitutional Republic and any semblance of true freedom and justice. If liberty is to survive corruption must be eliminated, and it needs to start with the CAO.

If you have any questions or comments, please make them now while I'm at the podium.

Your silence is your acquiescence that all the charges made against you are true and binding in any court without your objection or that of those who may represent you.

Madam Clerk: Please enter this evidence into the public record:

- 1) This transcript
- 2) ML Affidavit Don Ashton

# AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION OF TRUTH

To: Mr. Don Ashton  
El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

I, **Melody Lane**, the undersigned, hereinafter: Affiant/Declarant, make this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth of my own free will, and I hereby affirm, declare and solemnly swear, under oath, before a certified California Notary Public, that I am of legal age and of sound mind and hereby attest that all the information contained in this Affidavit/Declaration is true, correct and admissible as evidence.

This Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is lawful notification to you, CAO Don Ashton, and is hereby made and sent to you pursuant to the Federal Constitution, specifically, the Bill of Rights, in particular, Amendments I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, IX and X, and The Declaration of Rights of the California Constitution, in particular, Article 1, Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 21, 23, and Article 3 Section 1, and requires your written rebuttal to me, specific to each and every point of the subject matter stated herein, within 30 days, via your own sworn and notarized affidavit, using true fact(s), valid law and evidence to support your rebuttal.

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. See: *Connally v. General Construction Co.*, 269 U.S. 385, 391. Notification of legal responsibility is “the first essential of due process of law.” Also, see: *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.*”

Since America and California are both Constitutional Republics and not democracies, they are required to operate under the Rule of Law, not the rule of man. The difference between a democracy and a republic is that of night and day. The famous description of democracy is “two wolves and a sheep voting on what is for dinner.” What that really means is that, in a democracy, individuals have no rights that are secured against the whims of the majority, and two wolves out of three animals is a majority. The Rule of Law in our Constitutional Republic secures those individual rights and protects them from the “mob rule” of the majority. You and I live in the only nation in history that:

- Was established by people who were predominantly Christians
- Is backed by 20 centuries of Christian thought and the principles of Biblical Natural Law
- Is dedicated to the religious and personal liberty of all individuals, with equal justice under the law

The Supreme Law and superseding authority in this nation is the national Constitution, as declared in its Article VI. In Article IV, Section 4 of the same Constitution, every state is guaranteed a republican form of government. ALL “laws”, rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, and policies which conflict with, contradict, oppose, or otherwise violate the national and state Constitutions are null and void, ab initio. (Refer to *Marbury v. Madison*: “*The Constitution of these United States is the supreme law of the land. Any law that is repugnant to the Constitution is null and void of law.*”) That Constitution is one of the founding documents of this nation and enshrines its underlying religious and personal freedoms based on the 20 centuries of Christian thought and the principles of Biblical Natural Law. You have no Constitutional or any other valid authority to defy either Constitution, to which you owe your LIMITED authority, delegated to you by and through the People, and to which you swore your oaths.

Freedom cannot co-exist in the toxic soup of corruption. Corruption, cronyism, the lack of integrity, honor and honesty are the killers of a Constitutional Republic and any semblance of true freedom and justice. If liberty is to survive, corruption must be significantly diminished or eliminated.

**Affiant/Declarant hereby affirms that the following actions and events took place:**

On February 5, 2019 I sent you, Don Ashton, via USPS certified mail #7017-0660-0000-5528-1398, a letter which you received on February 7, 2019. That letter, attached hereto and marked **Exhibit A**, was sent to inform you of specific events and statements made by you, and also as an inquiry to ascertain whether you, CAO Don Ashton, support and uphold them or would rebut them.

Pursuant to the lawful notification contained in that letter, as I originally stated therein, and as cited and included by reference herein, you were required to respond to and rebut anything contained in the attached January 31st letter with which you disagreed, within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof.

You failed to respond to that letter and thereby failed to rebut anything stated therein. Therefore, pursuant to the referenced lawful notification, you tacitly admit to all of the statements, charges and claims contained therein, fully binding upon you in any court, without your protest, objection or that of those who represent you.

Some of the things to which you admit include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) 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. On August 17, 2018 you distributed an email indicating that ***effective immediately***, the County is restricting my ability to email County staff. On August 21, 2018 I replied via email to your overt abuse of power and obstructionism, but you failed to address any of my concerns. The First Amendment guarantees the freedom of the people to express their thoughts and to bring their grievances to their government(s) for proper redress. There can be no lawful limitation on the rights of the people and the First Amendment makes this very

clear. Your actions prove fraud and obstructionism, and were clearly in violation of your Constitutional oaths of office.

- 2) One of the purposes of the oaths is that they are given in exchange for the Public Trust. You have no constitutional authority whatsoever, or any other form of valid, lawful authority, to oppose, contradict, deny and violate the very documents to which you have sworn your oath, but this is exactly what you have done. For you to even attempt to obstruct my First Amendment rights indicates that you oppose the Constitutions, act in perjury of your oath, and fear what I write. You acted outside the lawful scope of your limited duties and authority; therefore, you acted in your personal capacity, not as a valid government official pursuant to your Constitutional authority. Constitutionally-compliant due process of law clearly requires that ALL Constitutionally-secured rights and ALL aspects of due process of law be upheld. By your own actions, pursuant to your oath, you have violated these First Amendment guarantees, betrayed the Public Trust, and perjured your oaths of office.
- 3) Unconstitutional actions demonstrates not only hypocrisy and lack of transparency, but they appear to be malicious, and they are totally contrary to the EDC Core Values, in particular **integrity and accountability**: *“Doing what is right legally and morally at all times regardless of whether or not someone is watching...Responsible for our decisions and behavior. Creating a safe environment where we are answerable to our citizens, co-workers, superiors, direct reports, and other stakeholders.”* By failing to rebut, which you have done on numerous occasions, you, the oath taker, denies me, the Citizen, remedy, thus denying me constitutional due process of law as set forth within the Bill of Rights.
- 4) The requirements of *Tweel*, cited above are incumbent upon you in both your personal and professional capacities, pursuant to your oath. Fraud is a crime, and when fraud is committed by public officers, pursuant to their oaths, then that is a Constitutional crime. Your office does not exist to protect and defend government employees who violate their oaths, the secured rights guaranteed to the people, and due process of law. All of those violations constitute criminal actions, which is exactly what I have reported to you. The oaths taken by public servants are not mere formalities but sacred bonds given in exchange for the Public Trust. The American government, whether local, state, or federal, is required to deal lawfully with me as a Citizen, and that includes you and all staff who report directly to you. But as plainly stated in my previous correspondence, you acted outside the lawful scope of your limited duties and authority; therefore, you acted in your personal capacity, not as a valid government officer pursuant to your Constitutional authority. Deprivation of Citizens Constitutionally-secured rights, if not wanton, is certainly "reckless or malicious." You violated all of these Constitutional provisions and therefore perjured your oath, acted without Constitutional authority, committed fraud and acted criminally, recklessly, and maliciously. You had no Constitutional authority to so act, yet the fact is that you did. By failing to take lawful actions to correct personnel who report directly to you, pursuant to your Constitutional oath and your

duties, you therefore condone, aid and abet their criminal actions. Further, you and your staff colluded and conspired to deprive me and other Citizens of their inherent Rights guaranteed in the national Constitution, as a custom, practice and usual business operation of the 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, such as you, to defend himself against treason committed. I claim and will protect my Constitutionally-guaranteed Rights which you have unlawfully, and without Constitutional authority, denied.

- 5) In your email dated August 17, 2018 you said that I am now restricted from writing emails to certain EDC staff. However, you did not specify who these staff members are and, further, you have no lawful constitutional authority to restrict, limit or forbid my rights of free speech and expression, my communications to government for redress of grievances, or for any other purpose in any way whatsoever. Recently it came to my attention that Vickie Sanders and other Parks and Recreation commissioners are some of the government employees with whom you've restricted my ability to communicate with, particularly as it concerns RMAC and the River Mafia Mob. It is the duty of every Citizen to demand that government employees, 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, such as the Chief Administrative Officer of El Dorado County, actions that perniciously violate the rights of the people as its apparent routine custom, practice and policy. The intent of your email was an apparent attempt to chastise me for having the temerity to air out the dirty laundry and ongoing fraud and cronyism that typifies the operations of EDC government. In so doing, I was harmed by your deprivation of my First Amendment right to access any public servant employed by El Dorado County.
- 6) Under the Political Reform Act, federal anticorruption law broadly guarantees the public "honest services" from public officials. Depriving the public of honest services is a federal crime. When a public officer, such as you, fails to act and correct the matter reported to him, then he condones, aids, and abets criminal actions, and further, colludes and conspires to deprive me and other Citizens of their inherent rights guaranteed in the Constitutions, as a custom, practice and usual business operation of his office and the jurisdiction for which he works. 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 242 - Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law. See also: U.S. v. Guest, Ga. 1966, 86 S.Ct. 1170, 383 U.S. 745, 16 L.Ed 239.* By your unlawful actions, you acted in sedition and insurrection against the Constitutions, both national and state, and in treason against the People, and in the instant case, me.

- 7) 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, serve as petitions for redress of grievances, stating complaints, charges and claims made against them by Citizens injured by their actions. **See: U.S. v. Tweel, cited above.** It is well established that an un rebutted affidavit stands as fact and truth before the court. I expect and demand that you serve the people rather than the criminals in government who commit crimes against the people. All American Citizens can expect, and have the Right and duty to demand, that you and other 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.
- 8) When public officers take oaths, yet are ignorant of the constitutional positions to which they are bound by their oaths, and then fail to abide by them in the performance of their official duties, this suggests that they may have had no intention of ever honoring their oaths, and their signatures upon the oath documents constitute fraud. Fraud vitiates any action. Any enterprise undertaken by any public official, such as you have done, tends to weaken public confidence and undermines the sense of security for individual rights, and is against public policy. Fraud, in its elementary common-law sense of **deceit**, is the simplest and clearest definition of that word:

*“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** of Title 18 U.S.C., Sections 241, 242 **Treason** under the Constitution at Article 3, Section 3., and Intrinsic **Fraud** [Auerbach v Samuels, 10 Utah 2nd. 152, 349 P. 2nd. 1112, 1114. Alleghany Corp v Kirby Keeton Packing Co. v State., 437 S.W. 20, 28].*

You failed to provide honest public services pursuant to your oaths, and in so doing, you perjured your oath by violating my Constitutionally-guaranteed Rights, in particular those secured in the Bill of Rights, including but not limited to my First Amendment Rights.

- 9) You took an oath to the Constitutions, not to any statutes, regulations, agency codes, policies, etc., as listed previously, including "good old boy network" practices, all of which are inferior to the Constitutions, not superior as you seem to think. By your so doing, I was again harmed by your actions and deprived of due process. Anytime public officers, pursuant to their oaths, violate inherent Rights guaranteed to Citizens in the Constitutions, they act outside their limited delegated authority; thus, they perjure their oaths, and, by their own actions, deny due process of law, invoke the self-executing Sections 3 and 4 of the 14th Amendment and thereby vacate their offices and forfeit all benefits thereof, including salaries and pensions.

**Additional fraud and collusion perpetrated by the Chief Administrative Officer:**

- 10) On several occasions I have publicly brought to your attention evidence of corruption, falsification of records, retaliation, and harassment by staff working under your direct supervision and control. Although I've communicated these incidents to you via email correspondence, you've failed to respond and/or rebut evidence of your participation and perpetration of fraud upon El Dorado County Citizens.

For example, the March 18, 2019 Special River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) meeting held at the Coloma Grange Hall was publicly posted by an individual employed within your department as a Brown Act meeting. As you know Parks and Recreation Manager Vickie Sanders had already received on March 15<sup>th</sup> notification of legal responsibility for her collusion with county staff to circumvent the law and specific violations of her oaths of office. You and the Board of Supervisors also received copies of that letter. I had requested that notification to Ms. Sanders be posted to the March 18, 2019 RMAC Special Meeting agenda to be included for public discussion. As you were also made aware, I personally audio recorded the March 18<sup>th</sup> RMAC meeting and accordingly reported during the March 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting the tactical "bait and switch" by Supervisor Lori Parlin that enabled the River Mafia Mob to conduct the RMAC meeting outside of the Brown Act without any transparency or accountability. **(See Exhibit B)**

Then on March 22, 2019 a notification emanated from your department regarding the cancelation of the March 18, 2019 Special RMAC Meeting due to "lack of a quorum", when in fact it was another RMAC meeting that took place outside of the law with your full knowledge and consent. This statement was particularly telling:

*After Howard Penn announced his sponsorship of the COMMUNITY meeting, then Lori took the floor and announced that not enough RMAC members showed up for a quorum to have a Brown Act meeting. **Then she asked, "Does everybody know what a quorum is?"** No quorum meant everybody could "speak freely" since it was now a "community" meeting. There wasn't any county staff or even an audio recorder in the room. **It was apparent by Lori's handouts before the meeting started that her bait and switch was deliberately set up so the River Mafia Mob could conduct themselves outside of the restrictions of the Brown Act without any transparency or accountability.**" (See Exhibit B)*

Again, I was harmed by your deliberate obstructionism and failure to provide honest public services.

- 11) You were the guest speaker for the March 25, 2019 Taxpayers Association meeting when Supervisors Lori Parlin and John Hidahl, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Kris Payne were present for a total of 30 witnesses in the room. Relevant to the aforementioned RMAC incident, I specifically asked how you reconciled the EDC core values of **integrity and accountability** with your **assaults upon my First Amendment rights**. Rather than responding, you created a distraction and deferred to President Bill George. It was obvious to everyone you didn't want to respond to me, but when several individuals pressed for your reply, you



arrogantly touted you had restricted my ability to communicate with county staff, and that Sheriff D'Agostini had also blocked my ability to communicate electronically with any EDSO staff. However, you never answered my direct question! It was patently clear to anyone with a modicum of common sense and even limited powers of observation that your fallacious diversions were another attempt to demean me for having the temerity to expose EDC corruption. Your email communication to me was nothing but an audacious attempt at cover-up and fraud, committed on the public record by you and the other domestic enemy traitors operating the unconstitutional machinery of EDC governance to the detriment of the people you theoretically serve. The fact is you are not above the law; you acted outside of the scope of your authority, perjured your oaths of office, and in so doing you deprived me of First Amendment rights in an audacious display of disrespect for your oaths and EDC Citizens.

- 12) Despite my presentation of the facts and evidence of fraud during the 3/19/19 BOS meeting, the below fallacious notification concerning the revised minutes of the CANCELLED 3/18/19 Special RMAC meeting was distributed via Legistar on March 26, 2019 at 3:55 PM:

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the River Management Advisory Committee was officially canceled due to a lack of a quorum of members in attendance.

As there were many community members present, Lori Parlin, District 4 Supervisor, facilitated a community meeting on the current status of the River Management Advisory Committee and explored alternative styles of community advisory groups. Supervisor Parlin used the information gathered during the community meeting to develop a follow-up survey that will help guide the next steps in the process.

To access the survey, cut and paste the link address below into an internet browser. The survey will be active through April 5, 2019.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZFTJVV>

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to discern that a *cancelled* meeting can't lawfully have minutes! That posting by your staff was another *blatant lie* demonstrating your apparent manipulation and collusion to cover up Supervisor Lori Parlin's unethical actions and deliberate maintenance of the corrupt EDC status quo. In case you need another reminder, you are a *public servant*. The preamble to the California 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."

There was *no* call to order, there was *no* roll call, and except for my personal audio recording of the meeting, there was *no* government equipment in the room to capture the comments of

54 attendees, the majority who are members of the River Mafia Mob. Furthermore, a considerable portion of the meeting focused on the Fire Safe Council and increased fire insurance rates which had been posted on the CLNews the day of the Special RMAC meeting by a member of your staff, Noah Triplett, which I entered into the public record. In other words, your deceptive actions deprived Citizens of their right to know the *truth* about continuing fraudulent and “ultra vires” RMAC meetings. Deprivation of those rights is an abuse of the public’s trust.

- 13) The Parks and Recreation Department is a division of the office of the CAO under your direct control. The following excerpts from Larry Weitzman’s columns published in the Mountain Democrat expose the pattern of fraud and dysfunction emanating from the department of the Chief Administrative Officer:

At a very recent River Management Advisory Committee meeting in the Marshall Gold Discovery Park Museum to discuss the updated County River Management Plan, the rafters want to tell the county how to run the river concessions. Isn’t that the tail wagging the dog? **There was no county representative present at a very one-sided meeting that bordered on mob rule. While an official county advisory committee, their actions may have been beyond the law and their authority. It’s called an “ultra vires act.”**

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The [RMAC] committee meets about 11 times a year, which creates a huge problem for taxpayers. But first I must describe the meeting I attended which lasted nearly two and a half hours. My time watching Looney Tunes was better spent, it was so unproductive (maybe it was a live action Looney Tunes). **Not only did not one panel member understand their charge, they didn’t even understand their own agenda which consisted of three items. The first one was the approval of the prior meeting’s erroneous minutes and the approval of the agenda for that night.**

I also attended the prior meeting at the Marshall Gold Discovery Park Museum, which seemed to operate ultra vires. They were mostly concerned about the county’s recommendation that RMAC be disbanded.

**After listening to Schwartz’s description of the nonfunctioning RMAC, many times not fielding a quorum, not understanding their duty or “job,” not understanding their purpose, and certainly not understanding the Brown Act or how to conduct a meeting, it didn’t take a rocket scientist to see the writing on the wall.**

After two and a half hours, the meeting was done and nothing was accomplished but to set another meeting and perhaps another special meeting before the regularly scheduled meeting. **The only thing I learned from the RMAC meeting was government dysfunction at its worst.**

Attending this meeting were two very highly paid EDC employees. In fact, their total annual cost to EDC including salary and all benefits as reported by Transparent California exceeds \$400,000. That’s an hourly cost of more than \$200 an hour combined...**What I am pointing out is the fact that each of these meetings cost the taxpayer a lot of money.**

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“...at the Aug. 10 Planning Commission meeting when discussing item No. 5 regarding the new updated River Management Plan (RMP), I thought Schwartz had morphed into Nancy Pelosi, when she said, “We need to pass the RMP before we do a financial

**analysis of its impact.” Pelosi said an almost identical statement when she said, “We need to pass Obamacare to see what’s in it.”**

Are you kidding me? What was the name of that turnip truck I just fell off? Of course, in spite of the objections of certain members of the public who even presented information as to the preliminary sheriff's costs relative to the river totaling about \$1 million, there was no analysis or method within the plan of how to recover these taxpayers' costs. Yet, the entire Planning Commission approved the RMP recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the RMP “as is.”

**Understand that RMP appears to have been crafted by mostly the commercial rafting industry here in EDC as there are no provisions for cost recovery to the county for costs their industry creates. Sounds like the tail may be wagging the dog.**

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All the aforementioned unlawful and unethical acts have been communicated to you via my email correspondence, but you've failed to respond to the evidence of your collusion and participation in the perpetration of these assaults upon the First Amendment rights of all El Dorado County Citizens. In so doing, you've denied my petitions for redress of grievances, and your failure to respond to the aforementioned charges is admission of your failure to provide honest public services.

Any act passed by any legislature or any other governing body and any action committed by any public officer either supports and upholds the Constitutions, or opposes and violates them. No public officer has the constitutional authority—or any other form of valid authority—to oppose the very documents to which he has sworn or affirmed his oath. IT IS THIS SIMPLE. In my referenced previous letter sent to you and in this affidavit, I have conclusively proven that you have violated these constitutional requirements by your unconstitutional actions, as stated herein, and in the previous letter. The Constitution does not restrict or limit rights guaranteed in that Constitution nor any aspect of due process of law. However, you, pursuant to your oath, as described herein and in the referenced previous letter sent to you, have violated, restricted and denied my inherent constitutionally guaranteed rights and due process of law by your own actions as described above. Thus, as stated above, you have invoked the self-executing Sections 3 and 4 of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, vacated your office and forfeited all benefits thereof, including salaries and pensions. You have no lawful authority to continue in office, and those other public officers who may collude with, conspire, protect, aid and abet your actions are complicit in your criminal actions and thereby also invoke the referenced self-executing Sections 3 and 4 of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. A constitutional republic, as is California, requires constitutional remedies for constitutional crimes, and you and the ruling “authorities” in this county are duty bound to provide those constitutional remedies for the unconstitutional actions committed against me by you and referenced others, as described herein.

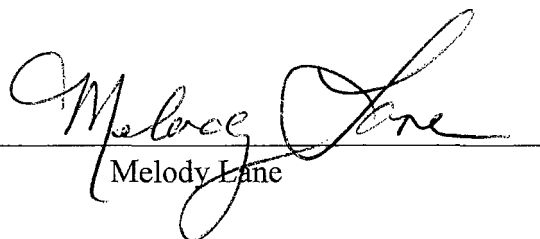
Lawful notification has been provided to you stating that if you do not truthfully and factually rebut all of the statements, charges and averments made in this Affidavit/Declaration, then, you agree with and admit to them. Pursuant to that lawful notification, if you disagree with anything stated under oath in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth, then rebut that with which you disagree, with particularity, within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof, by means of your own written, sworn, notarized affidavit of

truth, based on true specific, 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 national and state Constitutions, the laws of the United States of America and this state of California. An un rebutted affidavit stands as truth before any court of law in the United States of America.

Your failure to respond, as stipulated, is your agreement with and irrevocable admission to the fact that everything in this Affidavit/Declaration of Truth is true, correct, legal, lawful, fully binding upon you, Don Ashton, in any court of law in America, without your protest, objection and that of those who represent you.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

All Rights Reserved,

By:   
Melody Lane

Date: 3/27/19

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**(See attached California Notarization)**

Attachments:

- Exhibit A – January 31, 2019 letter to Don Ashton Certified USPS #7017-0660-0000-5528-1398
- Exhibit B – 3/19/19 BOS Open Forum – Parlin/RMAC fraud
- Exhibit C -- March 22, 2019 RMAC cancellation notification - Lack of quorum/bait & switch

CC: Dist. #1 Supervisor John Hidahl  
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Dist. # 3 Supervisor Brian Veerkamp  
District #4 Supervisor Lori Parlin  
Dist. # 5 Supervisor Sue Novasel  
EDC District Attorney Vern Pierson  
MGDP Superintendent Barry Smith  
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CA State Parks & Recreation Director Lisa Mangat  
Media and other interested parties

# CALIFORNIA JURAT

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COUNTY OF El Dorado }

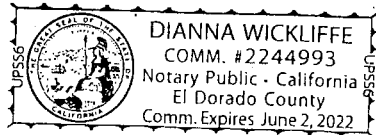
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 27 day of March 2019  
Date Month Year

by Melody Lynn Lane

Name of Signers

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Signature: [Signature]  
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Placerville, CA 95667

Mr. Ashton,

This letter is lawful notification to you, 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 California Constitution, in particular, Article 1, Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 21, 23, and Article 3 Section 1. This letter requires your written rebuttal to me, specific to each claim, statement and averment made herein, within 30 days of the date of this letter, using fact, valid law and evidence to support your rebuttal.

You are hereby noticed that your failure to respond within 30 days as stipulated, and rebut with particularity everything in this letter with which you disagree is your lawful, legal and binding agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this letter is true, correct, legal, lawful and binding upon you, in any court, anywhere in America, without your protest or objection or 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." Also, see: *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.*"

What I say in this letter is based in the supreme, superseding authority of the Constitution for the United States of America, circa 1787, as amended in 1791, with the Bill of Rights, and the California Constitution, to which all public officers, such as you, have sworn or affirmed oaths, under which they are bound by Law. It is impossible for an oath taker to *lawfully* defy and oppose the authority of the documents to which he or she swore or affirmed his or her oath. When I use the term "public officer(s)", this term includes you. My claims, statements and averments pertain to actions taken by you regarding administrative matters and those under your direct supervision.

**EXHIBIT A**

Since America and California are both Constitutional Republics, not democracies, they are required to operate under the Rule of Law, and not the rule of man. The Supreme Law and superseding authority in this nation is the national Constitution, as declared in Article VI of that document. In Article IV, Section 4 of that Constitution, every state is guaranteed a republican form of government. Any "laws", rules, regulations, codes and policies which conflict with, contradict, oppose and violate the national and state Constitutions are null and void, *ab initio*. (Refer also to Marbury v. Madison - "*The Constitution of these United States is the supreme law of the land. Any law that is repugnant to the Constitution is null and void of law.*")

We live in the United States of America, a country where the highest of public officials are held answerable to the law, even when they find it to be inconvenient to their own personal objectives, policy or practice. It is a fact that your oath requires you to support the national and state Constitutions and the rights of the people secured therein.

It is the civic duty of ALL citizens to hold any public official accountable for any act that doesn't support and defend the Constitution. Each of my factual communications containing factual evidence serves to put those county representatives on notice of government malfeasance. Whenever a government official, in this case, you, has knowledge of wrongdoing, yet fails to take remedial action, then that official, becomes complicit and liable. The First Amendment guarantees the Right of free speech and the Right to petition government for redress of grievances, which the oath taker is mandated to uphold. If he fails this requirement, then he has violated two provisions of the First Amendment, the Public Trust and perjured his oath.

I was harmed by your actions on August 17, 2018 when you disseminated an email restricting my email access and impeding my ability to effectively communicate with county representatives or participate in the deliberation of public policy. In so doing you deprived me the freedom of speech and essentially nullified my voice as well as the people whom I represent. **(See Exhibit A)**

I have spent a great deal of time in considering your language in response to my communications to EDC government, but you have failed to address in kind any of my concerns. This indicates open fraud deliberately committed by EDC government. There is nothing "effective and efficient" regarding communications from EDC to me, because EDC does not directly respond in kind to my claims and charges made in my communications to public officers in EDC. If there was anything effective and efficient in communications from EDC to me, then EDC would try to resolve the issue by responding in kind, which would be effective and efficient. Therefore, you have deliberately lied regarding this matter.

Your email refers to "indiscriminate use by the general public", which falsely implies that my communications to EDC are random, lacking careful judgment, because this is what "indiscriminate" means. Your implication is false, insulting and absurd, since my communications are based in truth, fact, valid law, evidence and constitutional

positions, all of which render my communications to EDC valid, constitutionally protected and worthy of due consideration from all those to whom they are sent.

Your assertion that the EDC email system is "non-public" is absurd, since anything that is of EDC is by its very nature of the public. EDC has no lawful authority to exclude the public from that which is public and anyone in EDC who does so acts in perjury of oath and in utter contempt of the Citizens of EDC for whom all of you purportedly work and by whose tax dollars you are all paid.

Your assertion that EDC has the right to place restrictions on what is said even in a public forum is incorrect, pursuant to the First Amendment, which you cite. However, it is obvious that you have no real comprehension of the actual meaning of this Amendment, of the inherent, unalienable, unlimited rights of the Citizens it recognizes and upholds, nor of the mandates it imposes upon all forms of government, including EDC and all EDC officers and employees. The First Amendment says what it means and means what it says. It guarantees the freedom of the people to say and express their thoughts and to bring their grievances to their government(s) for proper redress. There can be no lawful limitation on the rights of the people and the First Amendment makes this very clear and demonstrates the error of your assumptions and assertions.

You said that I am now restricted from writing emails to certain EDC staff. However, you did not specify who these staff members are and, further, you have no lawful constitutional authority to restrict, limit or forbid my rights of free speech and expression, my communications to government for redress of grievances or for any other purpose, in any way whatsoever. For you to even attempt to do so clearly indicates that you oppose the Constitutions, act in perjury of your oath and fear what I write. Further, as stated, you are incorrect when you say that I send my viewpoints and opinions, because *I write the truth and the facts*. Don, you have never rebutted any of my claims and charges with a lawfully supported a rebuttal.

Your reference to "unnecessary drains upon the public resources", implying that the emails I sent to EDC personnel is a cause of these "unnecessary drains..." because the personnel have to open and read them is ridiculous to the point of abject comedy! It is patently clear to anyone with a modicum of common sense and even limited powers of observation that your false implication is merely a ***transparent attempt to chastise me for having the temerity to air out the dirty laundry and the ongoing fraud and cronyism that typifies the operations of EDC government.***

Therefore, your condescending, nonsensical, absurd, distracting, idiotic communication to me is nothing but an attempt at cover up, a fraud, committed on the public record by you and the other domestic enemy traitors operating the unconstitutional machinery of governance in EDC to the detriment of the people you all theoretically serve.

Another example of your obstructionism took place the evening of 1/14/19 when I attended the illegitimate RMAC meeting. It was as chaotic as an insane asylum. The



four representatives—Bill Crenshaw, Rob Smay, Nate Rangel and Adam Anderson—were clueless as to their function, much less the law and finer points of the River Management Plan. Those individuals represent the River Mafia Mob and their own personal interests. They are notoriously known for mafia-like tactics, including threats and assaults, which have been reported to EDSO and are a matter of public record. As Larry Weitzman remarked in one of his Mountain Democrat columns, they were acting “ultra vires”, or outside of the law, which has been their typical modus operandi literally for decades.

Even Vickie Sanders appeared confused during the RMAC meeting. Despite multiple phone calls, it was apparent she had no idea what I was referring to during public comments. She also failed to take action to prevent Adam Anderson’s inappropriate conduct during the meeting. No wonder because Vickie never received my email request the week before to ensure certain documents were publicly posted via the Gov Delivery system to the specific agenda items. It begs the question, how many other emails to public officials were unlawfully intercepted since you distributed the 8/17/18 email restricting my email access?

After multiple phone calls the previous afternoon, at 2:23 PM I’d received the following email from Clerk to the Board, Jim Mitrisin: *In this instance, it is my responsibility to ensure your emails are forwarded to the proper staff members for posting, which I have since completed. I expect staff will be able to post your materials in short order. I apologize for the delay.*

I replied to Jim: *The materials I distributed last week were already addressed to the proper staff to ensure lawful transparency and accountability. Vickie Sanders insisted she never received my email concerning Item #2, nor has she received direction from the BOS to remove State Parks from the RMAC agendas/minutes. RMAC still blatantly continues to operate outside of the law with the full knowledge and blessing of county staff.*

After the 1/14/19 RMAC meeting adjourned I conversed with Vickie Sanders. She informed me that you, Don Ashton, ordered removed from the government ALL email addresses of the Parks & Rec Commissioners, River Management Advisory Committee as well as other county staff and committees. Those individuals are NOT volunteers. All the aforementioned representatives are bound by their Principle Agent Oaths of Office and the same laws as all other county staff. That would explain why they’ve ALL been unresponsive which makes them culpable and liable for colluding to deprive the public of honest services. (Refer to USGC Title 18, Sections 241 & 242.)

Additionally you have been regularly apprised that staff under your supervision and control routinely submits falsified information to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) concerning the River Management Plan, Code/Law Enforcement, Planning and Parks/Recreation. You have failed to take remedial action despite frequent public testimony and evidence submitted into the public record concerning fraudulent information submitted by the aforementioned staff. Subsequently such actions and

omissions by you and staff directly under your supervision have caused the Planning Commissioners and BOS to fraudulently approve staff's predetermined recommendations, thus demonstrating the pattern of deliberate indifference to the liberty, will, consent and inherent rights of Citizens. To wit, my email dated 1/23/19 @ 5:32 PM Subject title: **1/14/19 RMAC Meeting Minutes Corrections** exemplifies the bureaucratic shenanigans emanating from the Chief Administrative Office and with the blessing of the Board of Supervisors. **(See Exhibit B)**

Good governance entails transparency and accountability to the Citizens of El Dorado County. Any enterprise, undertaken by any public official, such as you and other Board of Supervisor members, 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 [483 U.S. 372] in the statute. See *United States v. Dial*, 757 R2d 163, 168 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir 1985) *includes the deliberate concealment of material information in a setting of fiduciary obligation. See also USC Title 18, § 2071 – Concealment, removal, or mutilation generally.*

My claims, statements and averments also pertain to your actions taken regarding your failure to provide honest public services, pursuant to your oaths. ***Depriving the public of honest services is a federal crime.*** All public officers 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 the making of personal financial gain from a discharge of their trusts. That is, a public officer occupies a fiduciary relationship to the political entity on whose behalf he or she serves and owes a fiduciary duty to the public. The fiduciary responsibilities of a public officer cannot be less than those of a private individual. You have failed your fiduciary responsibilities and duty as Chief Administrative Officer.

It is the duty of every Citizen to demand that government employees, such as you, specifically perform pursuant to the constitutional mandates contained within their oaths, 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.

Whenever constitutional violations are committed by public officers, there are constitutional remedies available to the people. Such remedies make those who violate their oaths, such as you, accountable and liable for their unconstitutional actions conducted in perjury of their oaths. When public officers take oaths, yet are ignorant of the constitutional positions to which they are bound by their oaths, and then fail to abide by them in the performance of their official duties, this suggests that they may have had no intention of ever honoring their oaths, and their signatures upon the oath documents constitute fraud. Fraud vitiates any action.

By your actions and in some cases, inaction, it is clear that you have violated on numerous occasions each and every one of the above provisions. You've been made aware of unlawful government practices within your department, yet you've failed to take any corrective measures against the individuals under your direction and control. In so, doing you've aided and abetted the perpetuation of government fraud, and are therefore culpable, complicit and liable.

When you and other public officers violate the Constitutions, at will, as an apparent custom, practice and policy of office, you and they subvert the authority, mandates and protection of the Constitutions, thereby act as domestic enemies to these Republics and their people. When large numbers of public officers so act, this reduces America, California, and the County of El Dorado to the status of frauds operating for the benefit of governments and their corporate allies, and not for the people they theoretically serve.

You have no constitutional or any other valid authority to defy the Constitution, to which you owe your LIMITED authority, delegated to you by and through the People, and to which you swore your oath. Yet, by your actions against me, committed repeatedly on the aforementioned dates and several other occasions, you've deprived me of my inherent rights. It is apparent the public's input has been reduced to irrelevancy, thereby demonstrating that public meetings are little more than predetermined outcomes designed to falsely give Citizens the impression of government transparency and accountability, while providing neither. This is blatant fraud perpetrated by you and other elected/appointed officers against the people they are required to serve and who pay their respective salaries.

Anytime you and other 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 vacate their offices and forfeit all benefits thereof, including salaries and pensions, as you did on several other occasions, which are now a matter of public record.

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. If he fails this requirement, then, he has violated two provisions of the First Amendment, the Public Trust and perjured his oath. By not responding and/or not rebutting, the oath taker denies the Citizen remedy, thus, denies the Citizen constitutional due process of law, as stated within the Bill of Rights. By your own actions, pursuant to your oath, you have violated these First Amendment guarantees. An American Citizen, such as I, can expect, and has 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.

Furthermore, there is no legitimate argument to support the claim that oath takers, such as you, are not required to respond to letters or meeting requests, which, in this case, act as petitions for redress of grievances, stating complaints, charges and claims made against them by their constituents or by Citizens injured by their actions. When public officers harm the Citizens by their errant actions, as you have done, and then refuse to respond to or rebut petitions from Citizens, as you have also done, then, those public officers, as are 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 stated previously, actions by a public officer either uphold the Constitutions and rights secured therein, or oppose them. By your stepping outside of your delegated 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 your supervisors and 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, thereto:

*"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." (Gallegos v. Haggerty, N.D. of New York, 689 F. Supp. 93 (1988)).*

If those superiors referenced above fail to act and correct the matter, then, they condone, aid and abet your 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 the Citizens of El Dorado County, in the instant case, 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. If government were to protect and defend your unconstitutional actions, then, that government becomes complicit in those actions, condones, aids and abets them. See: 18 USC § 241 - Conspiracy against rights and 18 USC § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law. See also: U.S. v. Guest, Ga. 1966, 86 S.Ct. 1170, 383 U.S. 745, 16 L.Ed 239.

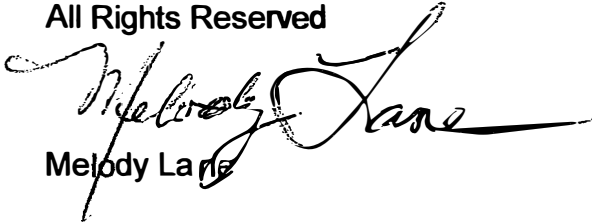
If you disagree with anything in this letter, then rebut that with which you disagree, in writing, with particularity, to me, within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, and support your disagreement with a notarized affidavit containing valid evidence, fact and law.

Your failure to respond, as stipulated, is your agreement with and admission to the fact that everything in this letter is true, correct, legal, lawful, and is your irrevocable

agreement attesting to this, fully binding upon you, Don Ashton, in any court in America, without your protest or objection or that of those who represent you.

Sincerely,

All Rights Reserved

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melody Lane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melody Lane

Attachments:

Exhibit A – 8/17/18 Ashton restricting email to county staff

Exhibit B - 1/28/19 ML email > Don Ashton/Vickie Sanders/BOS

Cc: Dist. #1 Supervisor John Hidahl  
Dist. # 2 Supervisor Shiva Frentzen  
Dist. # 3 Supervisor Brian Veerkamp  
Dist. #4 Supervisor Lori Parlin  
Dist. # 5 Supervisor Sue Novasel  
D.A. Vern Pierson  
Barry Smith, MGD Superintendent

**From:** Donald Ashton [mailto:don.ashton@edcgov.us]

**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 3:45 PM

**To:** Melody Lane

**Cc:** AD-Department-Heads-m; The BOSONE; The BOSTWO; The BOSTHREE; The BOSFOUR; The BOSFIVE

**Subject:** Email Access

Good afternoon Ms. Lane,

Over the last few months, you have sent numerous emails, sometimes including lengthy email chains and/or attachments along with your communication. These emails have included in their distribution numerous staff members in addition to Department Heads, my office, the offices of the Board of Supervisors and their assistants.

The County's email system is designed to make County operations more effective and efficient. In furtherance of that objective the County has a practice of limiting certain types of email traffic. The County has never by policy or practice opened its email system for indiscriminate use by the general public.

The County takes seriously its obligation to provide the constituents of the County with access to their local government, however, the County's email system is not a traditional public forum nor has the County designated it as such. As a nonpublic forum, the County can impose reasonable regulations on the use of its email system. In fact, even where a public forum is involved, the law allows reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions upon the use of that public forum. As has been noted "Freedom of expression does not mean that everyone with opinions or beliefs to express may do so at any time and place..." It has also been recognized that the government and the taxpayers it serves have a substantial interest in avoiding unnecessary drains upon the public resources. By sending these lengthy emails with extensive attachments to numerous County employees and officials, public resources are diverted from other important tasks when those employees and officials must open and review the email and attachments.

This is to let you know that effective immediately the County is restricting your ability to email County staff. In order to ensure you continue to have access to your local government, you will still be permitted to email all Board of Supervisors members, their assistants, County Department Heads as well as [edc.cob@edcgov.us](mailto:edc.cob@edcgov.us) and [planning@edcgov.us](mailto:planning@edcgov.us). You remain free to express any opinions, requests, or other comments in your emails as the County has no interest in restricting your ability express your viewpoint on matters of County governance.

We appreciate your interest in the operation of your local government and trust you understand that we share your desire to ensure that the County operates effectively and efficiently for all of the citizens of the County.

**WARNING:** This email and any attachments may contain private, confidential, and privileged material for the sole use of the intended recipient. Any unauthorized review, copying, or distribution of this email (or any attachments) by other than the intended recipient is strictly prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender immediately and permanently delete the original and any copies of this email and any attachments.

*Exhibit A*

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

**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 6:23 PM

**To:** 'Vickie Sanders'; 'Donald Ashton'

**Cc:** 'James S Mitrisin'; 'Smith, Barry@Parks'; 'De Wall, Jason@Parks'; 'Howard, Mike@Parks'; 'Lori Parlin'; 'Brian Veerkamp'; 'John Hidahl'; 'Shiva Frentzen'; 'Sue Novasel'

**Subject:** RE: 1/14/19 RMAC meeting minutes corrections

Vickie et al,

You are in error concerning the minutes, particularly Open Forum and the illicit manner in which the 1/14/19 RMAC meeting was conducted. The audio confirms what actually transpired.

As usual, RMAC was out of order. They rapidly moved from Consent Item #1 to Open Forum without permitting the public to address Consent. That's when I approached the podium for the first time and addressed you, Vickie Sanders, about Consent Item #1 which was also relevant to Agenda Item #3. RMAC was supposed to have been disbanded in 2017. Note I purposely wrote the two item numbers in the upper right corner of the documents that I handed to you. (attached)

NOBODY spoke during Open Forum, therefore the minutes are in error.

Any act by any public official either supports and defends the Constitution, or opposes and violates it. No one is above the law. Don Ashton has no lawful authority whatsoever to intercept, filter or censor correspondence with ANY county staff as he has done with you, RMAC, Parks & Recreation Commissioners, or anyone else for that matter. We discussed this after the meeting adjourned as confirmed by the attached documents and my audio.

Lori Parlin has been suspiciously unresponsive to District #4 constituent concerns. It begs the question, how many other emails to public officials are being UNLAWFULLY intercepted by Don Ashton???

*Melody Lane*

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"It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men." ~ Samuel Adams ~

**From:** Vickie Sanders [mailto:vickie.sanders@edcgov.us]

**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 3:13 PM

**To:** Melody Lane

**Cc:** Donald Ashton; James S Mitrisin; Smith, Barry@Parks; De Wall, Jason@Parks; Howard, Mike@Parks; Lori Parlin; Brian Veerkamp; John Hidahl; Shiva Frentzen; Sue Novasel

**Subject:** Re: 1/14/19 RMAC meeting minutes corrections

Melody,

I have responded to your questions below and I have attached a copy of the email that was sent to RMAC members at your request.

Thank you,

Vickie Sanders

Parks Manager

County of El Dorado

Chief Administrative Office

530-621-7538

FAX: 530-642-0301

On Wed, Jan 23, 2019 at 5:32 PM Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us> wrote:

FYI.

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

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

**EXHIBIT B**

Date: Wed, Jan 23, 2019 at 5:31 PM

Subject: 1/14/19 RMAC meeting minutes corrections

To: Vickie Sanders <[vickie.sanders@edcgov.us](mailto:vickie.sanders@edcgov.us)>, Donald Ashton <[don.ashton@edcgov.us](mailto:don.ashton@edcgov.us)>, Jim Mitrisin <[jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us](mailto:jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us)>

CC: <[barry.smith@parks.ca.gov](mailto:barry.smith@parks.ca.gov)>, Jason DeWall <[jason.dewall@parks.ca.gov](mailto:jason.dewall@parks.ca.gov)>, Mike Howard <[Mike.Howard@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Mike.Howard@parks.ca.gov)>, <[lori.parlin@edcgov.us](mailto:lori.parlin@edcgov.us)>, <[brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us](mailto:brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us)>, <[john.hidahl@edcgov.us](mailto:john.hidahl@edcgov.us)>, <[shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us](mailto:shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us)>, <[sue.novasel@edcgov.us](mailto:sue.novasel@edcgov.us)>

Please correct the 1/14/19 RMAC minutes to properly reflect the following and confirm via email when they are corrected:

- The attached documents were presented to Vickie Sanders relevant to Item #1 and #3 of the 1/14/19 RMAC agenda and are marked as such, but they were improperly posted under Open Forum. Nobody made any comments during Open Forum. **Melody you made comments doing open forum and handed me documents. I wrote the item numbers or open forum on the documents as you handed me them for each item to keep it in order.**
- Greg Jorgensen and Ythsta Resovich identified themselves as members of the River Mafia Mob during Item #4 – Quiet Zone public comments. **We only document the initial of the first name and their last name.**
- Nothing whatsoever is mentioned about Rob Smay, Adam Anderson, Bill Crenshaw and Nate Rangel who were entirely out of order, interrupting speakers and talking out of turn during the entirety of the meeting. It was total chaos, yet Vickie Sanders did absolutely **nothing** to control them or ensure the Brown Act was adhered to. **Minutes reflect action taken.**
- Furthermore, the minutes should reflect that Adam Anderson used this illegitimate RMAC meeting to invade my personal space and harass me in a threatening tone while I was seated at the rear of the room shouting, *“That’s slander!...I feel sorry for you! I feel sorry for you.”* The fact is he has proven to be a habitual liar who resorts to “legal manipulations” and bully tactics. (The entire interaction was captured on my audio.)
- Furthermore Committee Member Comments erroneously state: *“Member Anderson everyone for attending which is a part of representative government and participation”* (incomplete sentence) when in fact Anderson used the opportunity to defend his bully tactics and conflict of interests. Nothing at all is mentioned about the consultant report that he personally authorized and sprung onto the group.

*Melody Lane*

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*“Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny.” ~ Thomas Jefferson ~*

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Don Ashton, MPA

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My purpose today is to address the unethical bait and switch of last night's RMAC meeting held at the Coloma Grange Hall. On Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:55 AM Lori Parlin's appointee to the Parks & Rec Commission, Julia McIver, distributed on CLNews a message which states in part, "*Noah and Nate have posted here, and it's worth reiterating a headsup. While it's billed as an RMAC meeting so all the RMAC members could legally attend, the meeting promises to be more comprehensive of Lotus Coloma Valley concerns... While the future of RMAC needs to be determined, CLNews has seen recent posts on other issues, including residents losing our homeowners and fire insurance, the Lotus Fire Station, the art project at the intersection of Lotus and 49, the mobility plan, etc.*"

But then on Monday at 10:12 AM Noah Triplett distributed the following message via the CLNews: "*Tonight's RMAC meeting is a public meeting. It is a Brown Act posted meeting. If you have not done so already I would recommend signing up for notifications from the County through the govdelivery system.*" CLNews is run by River Mafia Mob, ultra liberals who have a penchant for censoring conservatives. They do NOT represent the voice of the community.

After Howard Penn announced his sponsorship of the COMMUNITY meeting, then Lori took the floor and announced that not enough RMAC members showed up for a quorum to have a Brown Act meeting. Then she asked, "Does everybody know what a quorum is?" No quorum meant everybody could "speak freely" since it was now a "community" meeting. There wasn't any county staff or even an audio recorder in the room. It was apparent by Lori's handouts before the meeting started that her bait & switch was deliberately set up so the River Mafia Mob could conduct themselves outside the restrictions of the Brown Act without any transparency or accountability.

Lori also announced that RMAC was officially disbanded, however they still have meeting dates posted for the remainder of the year on the government calendar. The BOS and county counsel is permitting them to operate outside of the law with their knowledge and blessing, a topic that was discussed during yesterday's Taxpayers meeting.

Nate Rangel and Bob Smay were the only RMAC members present and they were allowed to talk as long and as often as they wanted. But when I finally took my turn to explain about how RMAC continues to operate outside of the law, Lori kept interrupting which served to encourage the crowd to heckle me. She did NOT like my statement that it was very disingenuous to pull the bait & switch tonight and other Bureaucratic Shenanigans. Lori demonstrated exactly the same *unethical legal manipulations described in the notice of legal responsibility addressed to Vickie Sanders* that was posted to the RMAC agenda and which you've all received. In so doing Lori is empowering the River Mafia Mob and pitting neighbor against neighbor thereby dividing rather than uniting our river community. Those are very dangerous politics, too reminiscent of Saul Alinsky's **Rules for Radicals**.

I'll end with a quote from Ayn Rand, "***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.***"

If you have any questions or comments, please make them at this time while I'm at the podium. Lori? (Hearing none) Oh the tangled web you weave when you practice to deceive!

**Madam Clerk:** Please enter these documents into the public record.

- 1) This transcript
- 2) 3/18/18 CLNews – 3/18/19 Grange Hall meeting/Noah Triplett & Julia McIver

**EXHIBIT B**

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

**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2019 4:08 PM

**To:** 'Donald Ashton'; Vickie Sanders (vickie.sanders@edcgov.us); lori.parlin@edcgov.us; sue.novasel@edcgov.us; brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us; shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us; john.hidahl@edcgov.us

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**Subject:** Fraudulent El Dorado County River Management Advisory Committee Meeting Agendas and Minutes Update

The below notification concerning the 3/18/19 RMAC meeting being cancelled for lack of a quorum is a ***blatant lie***. The RMAC meeting posted via the govdelivery system was a fraudulent bait and switch by Lori Parlin after I had distributed the attached notification of legal responsibility addressed to Parks & Rec Manager Vickie Sanders.

After Howard Penn announced his sponsorship of the COMMUNITY meeting, then Lori took the floor and announced that not enough RMAC members showed up for a quorum to have a Brown Act meeting. Then she asked, "Does everybody know what a quorum is?" No quorum meant everybody could "speak freely" since it was now a "community" meeting. There wasn't any county staff or even an audio recorder in the room. It was apparent by Lori's handouts before the meeting started that her bait & switch was deliberately set up so the River Mafia Mob could conduct themselves outside the restrictions of the Brown Act without any transparency or accountability.

I audio recorded the entirety of the 3/18/19 meeting, and the following day I presented the facts into the public record during the BOS Open Forum. (See attached documents).



*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

*"We are fast approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission; which is the stage of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule by brute force."—Ayn Rand*

**EXHIBIT C**

**From:** El Dorado County [mailto:eldoradocounty@service.govdelivery.com]

**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2019 12:21 PM

**Subject:** El Dorado County River Management Advisory Committee Meeting Agendas and Minutes Update



You are subscribed to updates for the El Dorado County River Management Advisory Committee (RMAC).

The Special RMAC meeting on March 18, 2019 was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

<https://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Good Morning, my name is Tamara Janies and I am the chair of EDMOC El Dorado Mobile Home Owners Coalition. We ask Mobile Home residents to tell us their stories. I would like to share one with you now....

On June 11th, 2018 my father-in-law passed away on Hospice lane. We then had to find appropriate care for my mother-in-law, and sell their mobile home located in Diamond Springs Mobile Home Park (a park recently purchased by a predatory LLC). Within the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 days of listing, the listing agent, had two full price offers at \$135,000, but both offers were withdrawn when they discovered that the rents would start at \$625, until Oct 1<sup>st</sup> then be raised to \$725 after Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and the trash, water and sewer would no longer be included in the space rent. My in-laws had been paying \$565 with water, trash and sewer included. End result, it took an additional six months to find a buyer, finally selling for \$7,500 less than the original offer. A huge loss for my mother-in-law, and over a 28% increase for the new buyer.

Believe it or not this is a success story, at least they were able to eventually sell their home. Many fall behind, unable to make their rent, they are economically evicted and liens are placed on their homes, eventually becoming the parks property.

We are in a fight for our survival and we desperately need the Board of Supervisors help. The shortage of affordable housing in El Dorado County and the state of California has reached epic proportions. The Counties Sec 8 housing voucher system, gives little to no relief as it can take up to 10 years to be approved, that is if you are lucky enough to be one of the 500 drawn in the lottery. There are over 60 Mobile Home parks in El Dorado County and the counties own policy, HO-3.4 states, "the conversion of mobile home parks to housing that is not affordable to very-low and low-income households shall be discouraged". These predatory LLC's are threatening to destroy this commitment by El Dorado County to its Mobile Home Residents, raising rates, taking back amenities once given for free and economically evicting El Dorado County's most vulnerable residents. Please consider Space Rent Stabilization for our County. Thank you



**Help us pass  
Space Rent Stabilization  
in 2020!**

**El Dorado Mobilehome Owners Coalition**

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