

August 18, 2015

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

Re: Public Records Act Request
Continued Harassment by Media

For over a year I have been the target of several articles written by Larry Weitzman and printed in the Mountain Democrat and the Lake Tahoe News. I recently retired; however while I was still a County employee, I endured the assaults and harassment that are based on political motivation.

On August 10, 2015, an article entitled The Balancing Act: Destroying Grand Jury Credibility written by Larry Weitzman was printed in the Mountain Democrat and the Lake Tahoe News. Mr. Weitzman has obviously obtained information from the County based on the quotes he cites in his article. I am well aware that the information used by Mr. Weitzman is public. My question is whether or not Mr. Weitzman obtained the information legally before including it in his article?

My purpose for being here today is to leave you with a Public Records Act Request and also, to say publically that I view this recent attack to be personal and an act of retaliation based on the fact that I have a pending lawsuit against the County which includes Mr. Harn. To quote Mr. Weitzman's article "In another attempted political and character assassination of the County Auditor, the Grand Jury attempts to blame...." And in this article Mr Weitzman attempts to shift blame on to me. I am not here to defend myself. I am here to say that Mr. Weitzman's article is "another attempted political and character assassination of me" personally and for political motivation.

I understand that the County cannot necessarily keep the media from printing whatever they choose; however, I believe the County has connections to the media and also the discretion to determine how they will provide information requested through a public records act request.

There are always two sides to every story, except in El Dorado County, where people are harassed by the media, specifically the Mountain Democrat and the Lake Tahoe News. In the interest of journalistic integrity, one would think that Mr. Weitzman would want to report all the facts, not just those provided by self-serving politicians. Mr. Weitzman continues to harass me, criticize me and slander my name, yet Mr. Weitzman has never even met me or talked to me about any of the stories he has written over the past year or so. Even with a new Editor at the Mountain Democrat, it appears that there is no oversight of what is printed in the paper and that this is the kind of information the newspaper condones.

In closing, I am leaving with you a Public Records Act request for information to include:

- A copy of all Public Records Act requests submitted by Mr. Larry Weitzman since February 2011 pertaining to me in anyway including by not limited to:
IT Director Recruitment
IT Cost Applied preparation
- Exact copies of all information, including, but not limited to, e-mails, letters or other correspondence provided to Mr. Weitzman including any redactions.
- Any and all information provided to Mr. Weitzman from any County employee or elected official regarding my employment in any capacity with the County from February 2011 to date.

If no Public Records Act requests have been made, please provide a letter from County Counsel as to why Mr. Weitzman has obtained e-mails and other information from the County by means other than a Public Records Act request and who provided the information. Include information for the IT Director Recruitment and issues pertaining to the IT Cost Applied process and preparation.

Please contact me when the information is available.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,



Kelly Webb
Former County Employee
Resident of Cameron Park

L. Parlin Open Forum BS 8/18/15

August 18, 2015

Re: Shingle Springs Band of Miwok audit request

Dear Supervisors,

I was here on March 24, 2015, and asked Auditor-Controller Joe Harn to audit the \$2,600,000 that the County gives to the Tribe every year. As I explained in March, this money is given for Qualifying Healthcare Contributions. In return for the \$2,600,000, the Tribe is to "submit to the County an annual written summary detailing the expenditures made with the funds from the Qualifying Healthcare Contribution." I shared with you a 2012 letter where the Tribe Chairman, Nick Fonseca, states that they spent the money on paying off the Clinic building, and a 2013 letter where the Tribe Chairman, Nick Fonseca, states that they spent the money on their general operating budget. Neither of those letters are what would be considered a detailed summary of expenditures.

It is now August 18, 2015. The detailed summaries are due every year on July 1. Has the County received a detailed summary this year for the \$2,600,000? If not, has the County sent the Tribe a check for this year? My understanding is that the Auditor Controller's job is to withhold payment until proper documentation is received. I would like to ask that the payment be withheld until we receive a detailed summary of expenditure.

Additionally, please see the attached infographic. It shows that the Tribal Health Facility, like any other doctor office, receives reimbursement for treating patients. And, tribe members receive free healthcare from the Federal government. Therefore, it is unclear why the County is giving the Tribe funds without accountability, when the Tribe is reimbursed for the services it provides. Since Auditor-Controller Joe Harn completely ignored my request for an audit, I am now asking you, the Board of Supervisors, to request an audit of these funds. The citizens of El Dorado County have a right to know if this \$2,600,000 is being spent to serve the uninsured in El Dorado County, as it was originally intended.

Please visit the El Dorado Council's website at ElDoradoCouncil.org for more documentation.

Thank you,

Lori Parlin

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\$2,600,000 annually to Tribal Health Facility

IS THIS A SOUND INVESTMENT?

In 2012, the County of El Dorado renegotiated its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok. The original 2006 MOU stated that the Tribe was to give the County \$5.2 million annually to build HOV lanes to mitigate the impacts of the Casino. The 2012 Amendment made it so that the County returns \$2,600,000 of the money back to the Tribe to run its Tribal Health Facility and the remaining \$2,600,000 could be spent on road projects within a designated area.

Why?

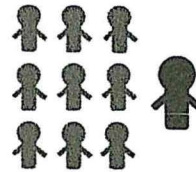
SOURCES OF REIMBURSEMENT TO TRIBE FOR PATIENT CARE



MediCal
MediCare
Private Insurance
IHS Coverage for Tribal Members
Government grants

CHARITABLE/UNCOMPENSATED PATIENT CARE

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE TRIBE IS UNCOMPENSATED FOR **1 OUT OF 10** EL DORADO COUNTY PATIENTS RECEIVING CARE AT THE TRIBAL HEALTH FACILITY



THE TRIBE IS UNCOMPENSATED FOR HOW MANY PATIENTS?



LAST DATA AVAILABLE FROM 2010
6,108 patients* seen at Tribe Facility
Possibly 10% Uncompensated = **610**

A BIG AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR A SMALL NUMBER OF PATIENTS

OVER
\$4,000
PER PATIENT

El Dorado County contributes over \$4,000 per uncovered patient annually to the Tribe
 $\$2,600,000 \div 610 \text{ patients} = \$4,262$



100%

OF TRIBE MEMBERS HAVE COVERAGE

Payment for American Indian health services, like those of many other groups, are covered by Veteran's Administration (VA) for those who have served in the military, Medicare and Medicaid for those that are eligible by age or income, and private insurance for those who have that available through their employment. In addition, Indian Health Service (IHS) is charged with meeting the U.S. Government's treaty obligation to American Indians and Alaskan Natives to provide healthcare.



Audit request

IGNORED

By Auditor-Controller Joe Harn

On March 24, 2015, a request was publicly submitted to Joe Harn, the El Dorado County Auditor-Controller, to perform an audit of the Tribe's expenditure of the annual \$2,600,000 payment to the Tribe. The Memorandum of Understanding for the \$2,600,000 states, "Commencing July 1, 2013, and each July 1 thereafter, the Tribe shall submit to the County an annual written summary detailing the expenditures made with the funds from the Qualifying Healthcare Contribution that the Tribe is to

By now you're aware that I may not be politically correct, but I am biblically correct. Proverbs 12: 22 states, "*Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who deal truthfully are His delight.*"

Dr. Ben Carson made a comment during a prayer breakfast that is applicable to what I'm about to share. He said, "*Lawyers are taught in law school to win by hook or by crook. We need stop that and start thinking how to solve problems.*"

Following are just a few examples of some core problems that need solving:

On July 21st at 4:12 PM the CAO's office and the BOS received a CPRA for Mike Ciccozzi which was due August 4th. Last Tuesday you were reminded of your lawful obligation under Government Code **6253(c)** to respond within 10 days. On Thursday August 13th at 4:03 PM I received a reply from Sr. HR Analyst Judie Engel claiming the CPRA was NOT received by the County until **August 12th** when in fact I'd received a reply from the Clerk of the Board that the CPRA had indeed been received and forwarded to the Human Resources Department on July 22nd and copied to each of the BOS.

Either Judie was:

- 1) Lying
- 2) She'd been given bad counsel, or
- 3) Just more of the same Bureaucratic Shenanigans that EDC has become famous for.

But wait...there's more...

Additionally the information supplied by HR failed to adequately address the CPRA. As I stated in my reply, it appears the BOS is operating beyond the scope of their authority and in violation of EDC Personnel Policies as well as their Constitutional Oaths of Office. I also believe Mr. Ciccozzi's appointment as the ACAO presents a serious conflict of interest.

Open government is good government, but the reality is decisions are typically made behind closed doors with predetermined outcomes for political purposes. CPRA issues were on the agenda for our meeting with County Counsel last November, but questions were avoided or met with silence.

- 1) What happened to the normal recruitment process?
- 2) Why was the media quiet about this arrangement?
- 3) Why has former CAO and HR Director Pamela Knorr become non-communicative?
- 4) Where is Mike Ciccozzi's offer letter of employment stating his current salary as the new ACAO?
- 5) Where's the transparency and accountability?

But wait...there's more...

The Grand Jury acts as the citizen oversight for EDC. On January 15, 2015 I hand delivered to the Grand Jury a 3" binder containing materials for a Grand Jury Investigation into the Sheriff's Office. On January 30th I received from Foreman Jim Kern an acknowledgement of the Citizen Action Request Form which was assigned to a committee for further investigation. I was assured it would be held in strictest confidence.

However when the 2015 GJ report came out there was nothing mentioned about any of the EDSO complaints submitted to the GJ. Therefore on July 10th I mailed a letter to the Grand Jury inquiring into the status of the complaint I'd submitted in January and requesting whether I needed to re-submit an UPDATE or an AMMENDED request for this year's Grand Jury.

July 30th I received a phone message from the new Grand Jury foreman Ken Cater requesting I call him. After leaving two messages for Ken to contact me, last Tuesday Ken left me a brief message that my 3" binder of "highly confidential information" was ready to be picked up from Karen Flowers in the CAO's office. No status, no advice, no explanation & no confidentiality.

The El Dorado Civil Grand Jury is intended to be an investigatory body created for the protection of society, the enforcement of the law, and a representative of the public. However it wasn't much of a surprise that yesterday's Mountain Democrat announced that Grand Jury Judge Dylan Sullivan has been pulled from further proceedings until further notice.

- 1) So what's really going on with the toothless Grand Jury...all bark and no bite against governmental abuse of authority?
- 2) Will we ever know the secret of the numerous Grand Jury member resignations?
- 3) Or is it just another political "hook or by crook" scandal to keep County staff lucratively employed?

But wait...there's more...

Yesterday's fire atop Mt. Murphy, the traffic problems, deplorable road conditions, lack of an emergency evacuation plan, a 4 AM incident requiring I call Dispatch for yet another intrusion, the evasion of public servants to adequately address solutions to escalating problems. Meanwhile the can is kicked down the road into the prohibitively expensive civil arena.

Don't you think it's about time EDC starts leading by Constitutional example rather than by secrecy and hook or by crook legal manipulations?

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

- 1) 7/21/15 CPRA @ 4:12 PM
- 2) 7/22/15 COB email @ 8:13 AM
- 3) 8/13/15 reply @ 5:30 PM to HR & BOS
- 4) 1/29/15 GJ Letter from Jim Kern
- 5) 11/12/14 Agenda – County Counsel

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Melody Lane

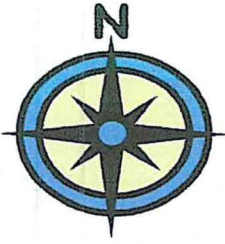
From: Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:12 PM
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us; bosfive@edcgov.us; bosone@edcgov.us; bosthree@edcgov.us; bostwo@edcgov.us; Michael Ranalli
Subject: CPRA Request for Information
Attachments: Cicozzi CPRA 7-21-15.pdf

Please see attached and respond accordingly within 10 days.

Melody Lane
Founder - Compass2Truth

~ By identifying the people's sovereign will not with its latest but its oldest expression, the Framers succeeded in identifying the people's authority with the Constitution, not with the statutory law made by their representatives. ~

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July 21, 2015

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

CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

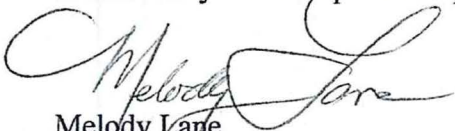
Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I ask to obtain copies of the following:

- Documentation substantiating Mike Ciccozzi's current title, salary, date of appointment, and signed offer letter delineating the terms & conditions of employment.
- Documentation substantiating the recruitment for the position of Assistant Chief Administrative Officer vacated by Kimberly Kerr, and the number of applications received.
- Signed Oath of Office for Mike Ciccozzi.

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

To avoid unnecessary costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed to melody.lane@reagan.com. It is requested that your determination be made within **10 days** as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, **Government Code 6253(c)**.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.


Melody Lane
Founder - Compass2Truth

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Melody Lane

From: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 8:13 AM
To: Melody Lane
Cc: The BOSFIVE; The BOSONE; The BOSTHREE; The BOSTWO; Michael Ranalli
Subject: Re: CPRA Request for Information

Received, thank you. This request has been forwarded to the Human Resources Department.

Thank you. Appropriate public comment provided for upcoming agenda items will be added to the corresponding file.

Office of the Clerk of the Board
El Dorado County
330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667
530-621-5390

On Tue, Jul 21, 2015 at 4:11 PM, Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Please see attached and respond accordingly within 10 days.

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From: Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:30 PM
To: 'Judie Engel'; Robyn Drivon (robyn.drivon@edcgov.us); Mike Ranalli
Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us; Pamela Knorr (pamela.knorr@edcgov.us); 'bosfive@edcgov.us'; 'bosone@edcgov.us'; 'bosthree@edcgov.us'; 'bostwo@edcgov.us'; Michael Ranalli
Subject: RE: 7-21-15 El Dorado County Public Records Act Request
Attachments: Cicozzi CPRA 7-21-15.pdf

Although I appreciate the late response to the attached CPRA, the citizens of EDC don't like being lied to.

Please note below proof that the attached CPRA was sent and received by the BOS and COB on 7/21/15 at 4:12 PM. Per CPRA Government Code 6253(c) it was due on 8/4/15.

It appears the BOS is operating beyond the scope of their authority and in violation EDC Personnel Policies as well as their Constitutional Oaths of Office. Why wasn't there a recruitment and where is Mike Cicozzi's offer letter of employment stating his current salary as the new ACAO? I believe Mr. Cicozzi's appointment also presents a serious conflict of interest.

Your written response to the above inquiry is anticipated.

Melody Lane

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Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for dinner. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote.

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From: Judie Engel [<mailto:judie.engel@edcgov.us>]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:03 PM
To: Melody Lane
Subject: 7-21-15 El Dorado County Public Records Act Request

Dear Ms. Lane:

Attached is a response to your 7-21-15 request for public records from El Dorado County, which was received by the County on 8-12-15. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Judie Engel, MSM
Sr. Human Resources Analyst
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Thank you.

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**GRAND JURY
El Dorado County**

P.O. Box 472
Placerville, California 95667
(530) 621-7477 Fax: (530) 295-0763
grand.jury@edcgov.us

January 29, 2015

Melody Lane
P. O. Box 598
Coloma, California 95613

RE: El Dorado County Sheriff's Office

Dear Ms. Lane:

On behalf of the El Dorado County Grand Jury, I acknowledge receiving your "Citizen Action Request Form", which will be kept in strictest confidence. It has been assigned to a committee for further investigation. If we decide to investigate this complaint, we may not provide you information on this case until the Grand Jury Final Report is published.

Your complaint has been assigned "Control Number GJ 2015-22". Please refer to this number if you send further communication(s) on this subject.

The Grand Jury acts as the citizen oversight for El Dorado County. Thank you for your interest and concern. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Kern", written over a faint circular stamp.

Jim Kern, Foreperson
El Dorado County Civil
Grand Jury

JK:cy

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Wednesday November 12, 2014 @ 10:00 AM

Robyn Drivon/Paula Franz

- I. CPRAs - FOIA
 - A. CAO - Ross Branch
 - B. Process - Coordination, logging, tracking
 - C. Spreadsheet Discrepancies
 - D. EDSO

- II. Brown Act – Bagley Keene Act Violations
 - A. BOS Agendas
 - B. Censoring/minimizing info.
 - C. Technical Difficulties

- III. Obstacles - Bureaucratic Shenanigans
 - A. Communication breakdown
 - B. Resolution 113-95 v. AB1234
 - C. Fees - Paper v. electronic copies or CD
 - D. Code/Law Enforcement inconsistencies
 - E. Diverted responses/lack of response

- IV. Solutions – Follow up
 - A. 10/21 CPRA presentation – publish CPRAs to government website?
 - B. Transparency/Accountability
 - C. Right-to-know v. media blackout

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