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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
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Re: July 16, 2019  
Board Agenda Item #31 / 19-1047

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

I strongly urge the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to NOT take the Charter Review Committee's recommendation of making all "non-constitutional department heads appointed" officers, as opposed to elected officers. The Auditor-Controller, Recorder-Clerk, Surveyor, and Treasurer-Tax Collector should remain elected officials.

It is important for these positions to remain elected officials for many reasons. First, and probably most importantly, the decision of who holds these offices needs to remain with the voters of El Dorado County; which will also provide for a more balanced County. In addition, a great majority of California's 58 counties elect, NOT APPOINT, these positions. Also, holding another election for the voters to decide if these positions should be elected or appointed will cost El Dorado County, and its taxpayers a lot of money; money that the County could better use for other services and programs. As you know, there isn't a lot of spare money to go around this County. Finally, in November 2018, the voters of El Dorado County spoke and voted for the Auditor-Controller, Recorder-Clerk, Surveyor and Treasurer-Tax Collector. Do you really want these fine people who are doing a great job now to have to fight for their jobs all over again?

In summary, please do NOT consider sending this question to the voters in November 2020 and do not change the El Dorado County Charter.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,



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July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Re: EDC BOS Item #31 07/16/19 (Elected Department Heads)

Dear Chairwoman Novasel & Honorable Supervisors:

Thank you for all you do for the community and your respective districts. Your service is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

The El Dorado County Republican Party is committed to keeping the County Charter intact. We are opposed to eliminating the non-constitutionally mandated offices of Auditor-Controller, Treasurer-Tax Collector, Recorder-Clerk, and Surveyor. It is our committee's belief that the public is better served by department heads that are directly elected by the people.

An example of this is my public records act request from May 2019. Following Rafael Martinez's presentation to the Taxpayers Association on 05/13/19, I sent an e-mail to Don Ashton requesting filled positions and salaries for the County Department of Transportation. Don did his job correctly and treated it as a public records act request. Jim Mintrsin did his job well and responded shortly thereafter and gave me as much information as he possibly could. He then forwarded my request to County DOT for more detailed information. The response I received was a photo copy of a budget overview from the CAO's recommended budget. I could have pressed for more detailed information, but I didn't feel it was the best use of my time. I received slightly outdated information from Transparent CA.

My point of this experience is that if County DOT continues to go around the community and tell residents the County Government needs more money for roads, then they better be prepared to define exactly what this money is going to be used for and should provide a high level of service. The El Dorado County Republican Party has always received prompt and detailed responses from any elected department head. We have never been avoided, snubbed, or pointed in the wrong direction by an elected department head.

Instead of non-constitutional department heads being eliminated, maybe more department heads should be directly elected by the people. County resident may see more efficiency in the use of their tax money and a high level of service.

Thank you for your time.

**Sincerely,**

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Board of Supervisors,

It is my personal opinion that it is best for our County to keep the positions that are elected, elected. Our neighboring Counties, Placer, Nevada and Amador seem to be in agreement and seemingly believe it is best for the voters of their respective Counties. However, on behalf of the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce we respectfully request a continuance of this item to allow us the time to go through our processes to take a formal position. We simply cannot act with only three or four days of notification.

Respectfully,

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