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Melody Lane, Founder – Compass2Truth

Open Forum BOS 9/13/2022

9/13/22 Mosquito Fire Evac MGD/Coloma Resort

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Tue, Sep 13, 2022 at 10:11 PM

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Please ensure the entirety of this message, including the attachment, is entered into the public record.

Public safety during the expanding Mosquito Fire crisis is of paramount importance to all EDC citizens. By not responding to my public safety inquiry today as required **by law**, Comrade Parlin again demonstrated her hypocrisy and disdain for constituents. Not only is such arrogance a gross abuse of the public trust, it unmistakably communicates that the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff, and other department heads, have no intention of abiding by the EDC Core Values, much less their oaths of office.

You are aware that when you have knowledge of wrong doing, but fail to take remedial action, then you become complicit and liable. Your unethical conduct further gives license to staff, including Planning Commissioners Kris Payne and Andy Nevis, to perpetually act outside the law and deprive citizens of equal rights. Read that as **bully tactics**.

As Ayn Rand said, *“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.”* And as Congressman McClintock passionately pointed out yesterday, *“A house divided against itself cannot stand.”*

Our county and nation is at a crossroads. It is high time the BOS starts demonstrating some authentic leadership and uphold the Constitution instead of promoting the socialist agendas of government bureaucrats.

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