

M. Lane Open Forum BOS 10/25/2022

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10/25/22 OF – Government abuse of power

244 years ago, our nation's founders declared "Resistance to tyranny is obedience to God." What we're dealing with today is a government that wants to suppress words about its corruption in order to keep its lies going. The only antidote is the truth and nothing but the truth. If government censors get their way, there will be no more First Amendment or Bill of Rights. This morning's BOS meeting was no exception when #18 was being argued amongst you.

By the government's own definition, America's founders would be considered domestic extremists for the heavily charged rhetoric they used to birth this nation. Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin would certainly be placed on a terrorist watch list for suggesting that Americans should not only take up arms but be prepared to shed blood in order to protect their liberties. Thomas Paine insisted, "*It is the duty of the patriot to protect his country from its government.*"

The right of free speech is the basis of all liberty, but the government doesn't care if you have a legitimate grievance. It doesn't care if your criticisms are well-founded. And it certainly doesn't care if you have a First Amendment right to speak truth to power. What the government cares about is whether what you're speaking or sharing has the potential to challenge its stranglehold on power.

No matter what one's political persuasion might be, every American has a First Amendment right to protest government programs or policies with which they disagree. That includes petitioning government for redress of grievances and expecting a response to Public Record Act requests for information such as [this one P004944-092622] and others discussed during yesterday's Taxpayers meeting.

Loyal American public officers uphold their oaths and take the concerns of their constituents seriously and thus **respond in kind to constituents' communications**. This morning I quoted a portion of the Brown Act Preamble: *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.*

In your capacity as legislators, you committed "*legislative violence*" upon a constituent by failure to properly and constitutionally use your legislative authority to resolve my complaints and charges, based on violations of the Constitution committed by members of the Board of Supervisors and other local public officials. Your unlawful walkouts demonstrate your collusion with the Taxpayers Association, and gross disdain for constituents, the Constitution, and due process of law.

Your blatant "word games" are costing taxpayers far too much in unnecessary lawsuits. That is not Good Governance--it is blatant despotism.



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To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Districts #1, 2, 3, 4 & 5  
EDC Clerk to the Board  
CAO Don Ashton

## CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

*P004944-092672*

The Taxpayers Association President, Andrew Nevis, repeatedly professes the same Association transparency and accountability as is expected of the Board of Supervisors. It should be glaringly apparent by now that the Association is incapable of abiding by their own Bylaws, policies and procedures, or state and federal laws, thus depriving members the blessings of freedom.

During the September 19, 2022 Taxpayers Business Meeting, Treasurer Carol Louis announced that she and Mr. Nevis met individually with Supervisors Lori Parlin, George Turnboo, Wendy Thomas and John Hidahl to discuss "five undisclosed topics." Mr. Nevis and Ms. Louis then met privately with CAO Don Ashton who Carol reported was "visibly agitated" because he was not included in the individual meetings with the Supervisors to discuss the **five undisclosed topics**. The CAO also demanded Carol Louis apologize regarding correspondence referencing Mr. Ashton's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter salary and pension increase. However, Carol Louis stated that she refused to apologize to Mr. Ashton for her correspondence as he demanded.

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

1. Copies of all \*correspondence, including attachments, between Planning Commissioner/Taxpayers Association President Andrew Nevis, Taxpayers Association Treasurer Carol Louis, and any other director of the Association relevant to the aforementioned meetings addressed to District Supervisors #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 from **August 1, 2022 to the present date of this CPRA.**
2. Copies of all \*correspondence, including attachments, between Planning Commissioner/Taxpayers Association President Andrew Nevis, Taxpayers Association Treasurer Carol Louis, and any other director of the Association relevant to the aforementioned meetings addressed to CAO Don Ashton from **August 1, 2022 through the present date of this CPRA.**
3. Please be sure to identify the "five undisclosed topics" discussed during the aforementioned meetings with the Supervisors and CAO.

(\* ) Such writings and communications to include any handwriting, typing, printing, photocopying, transmitting by facsimile or electronic mail, any form of communication or representation including letters, words, pictures, sounds or symbols, or combination thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored.

**The agency must justify the withholding of any record by demonstrating that the record is exempt or that the public interest in confidentiality outweighs the public interest in disclosure. (§6255) 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 specific legal authorities on whom you rely.**

To avoid unnecessary delays or costs of duplication, electronic copies are acceptable and may be emailed directly to [melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com) in pdf format. Access is always free. Fees for "inspection" or "processing" are prohibited. (§ 6253)

It is further requested that your determination be made within **10 days, or sooner**, as stipulated within the California Public Records Act, Government Code 6253(c). **\*Note these time periods may not be used solely to delay access to the records. (§ 6253(d)).** If the requested records do not exist, then please so state **immediately**.

**Lastly, please note the following from the Guide to the CA Public Records Act:** "The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. 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 insist they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

Please do not hesitate to contact me immediately if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Founder – Compass2Truth**

J. Connolly Open Forum BOS 10/25/2022

BOS COMMENTS

OCTOBER 25, 2022

GOOD AFTERNOON. TWO WEEKS AGO I ENCOURAGED YOU TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING YOUR OATH OF OFFICE, CONSIDERING THAT YOU'VE APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS WITH PRE-EXISTING TIES TO EXTREMIST GROUPS, THAT PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT THE JANUARY 6TH, 2021 ATTACK ON OUR NATION'S CAPITOL.

THREE INDIVIDUALS FROM THOSE GROUPS HAVE PLED GUILTY TO SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY AND ARE COOPERATING WITH INVESTIGATIONS AND TRIALS-ONE PERSON FROM THE PROUD BOYS, AND TWO FROM THE OATH KEEPERS.

FIVE OATH KEEPERS ARE AT TRIAL ON SEDITIOUS CONSPIRACY AND OTHER CHARGES. LAST WEEK, EVIDENCE SHOWED THAT LEADERS OF THE OATH KEEPERS AND PROUD BOYS WERE SHARING ENCRYPTED MESSAGES ABOUT THEIR PLANS PRIOR TO JANUARY 6TH, AND ON THAT DAY. THE EVIDENCE SHOWED THERE WAS A SEDITIONOUS NETWORK OF GROUPS WHOSE COMMON PURPOSE WAS TO USE FORCE AND VIOLENCE TO STOP CONGRESS FROM FULFILLING A CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED ACT.

THAT SEDITIOUS NETWORK MAY ALSO INCLUDE THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. FOUR DAYS AGO, A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED A SUBPOENA TO HIM BECAUSE THEY-QUOTE-HAVE ASSEMBLED OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE ... THAT YOU PERSONALLY ORCHESTRATED AND OVERSAW A MULTI-PART EFFORT TO OVERTURN THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND TO OBSTRUCT THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION OF POWER-UNQUOTE.

THE SUBPOENA ASKED FOR ALL DOCUMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS "RELATING OR REFERRING IN ANY WAY" TO THE OATH KEEPERS AND PROUD BOYS, SENT OR RECEIVED ON THE ENCRYPTED APP "SIGNAL," AMONG MANY MORE ITEMS.

YOU ALREADY KNOW IT IS A CALIFORNIA FELONY FOR YOU TO ADVOCATE FOR SEDITIOUS ACTS, OR "OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS," TO OVERTHROW THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. IF YOU WISH TO TEST YOUR ADVOCACY THROUGH EXTREMIST APPOINTMENTS IN COURT, AGAINST WITNESSES AND AN UNREFUTED PUBLIC RECORD, A CONVICTION IS PUNISHABLE BY UP TO THREE YEARS IN JAIL. UNDER FEDERAL LAW, THE PUNISHMENT INCLUDES IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO TWENTY YEARS.

YOU ARE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE SEDITIOUS FACTS—ALREADY PLED TO BY GROUPS LINKED TO YOUR APPOINTEES—AND ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW THAT INCLUDES YOUR OATH OF OFFICE OBLIGATIONS.

YOUR OATH IS THE ONLY CONDITION OF YOUR OFFICE—A LEGAL DUTY PRESCRIBED BY STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FROM THOSE WHO UNLAWFULLY SOUGHT TO REPLACE IT BY FORCE, AND OTHER UNLAWFUL MEANS, ON JANUARY 6TH, 2021.

IF YOU CANNOT SAY OR DO THAT—TO ACTUALLY DEMONSTRATE SOME CONSTITUTIONAL DEFENSE, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION OR EVASION—THEN IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO RESIGN.

IF YOU TRULY BELIEVE IN THE UNLAWFUL ACTS OF JANUARY 6TH, INCLUDING THE DEATHS OF FOUR POLICE OFFICERS WHO FULFILLED THEIR DUTY, HAVE THE PERSONAL INTEGRITY AND COURAGE TO SAY SO, AND THEN IMMEDIATELY RESIGN, BECAUSE THOSE BELIEFS ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE OFFICE YOU HOLD.

YOU'RE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR LOWERING THE BAR OF EL DORADO COUNTY INTO AN EXTREMIST GUTTER. IF YOU DON'T MIND, IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU COULD RAISE IT BACK UP AGAIN, HIGHER THAN EVER. THANK YOU.



**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

**WHEREAS**, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and other elected El Dorado County officials took an oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies; and

**WHEREAS**, our oath of office requires us to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, our oath of office is a legal obligation taken freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and

**WHEREAS**, we are bound to follow our oath of office under penalty of law, including fines, imprisonment, or disqualification from office; and

**WHEREAS**, the events of January 6, 2021, in and around the United States Capitol, were an unlawful attempt to obstruct Congress's constitutional duty of certifying electoral votes for the 2020 election; and

**WHEREAS**, the events of January 6, 2021 ended our nation's proud history of an uninterrupted peaceful transfer of power between elected Presidents, resulting in deaths, numerous injuries, and significant property damage to the U.S. Capitol; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors will not appoint, support, defend, or advocate for any persons or groups who stand for any unlawful act(s) to obstruct Congress on January 6, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:

[CLERK'S SIGNATURE]

[BOARD CHAIR SIGNATURE]