

When it comes to transparency and accountability of the BOS, County Counsel appears to decide “what is good for the people to know and what is **not** good for the people to know.”

Answers to questions as far back as August 20<sup>th</sup> regarding BOS minutes have been pending for months. Is the BOS going to model Pelosi relative to Obamacare where you have to pass it before you know what’s in it? We’re seeing too many irregularities. We have a right to question the efficiency and accountability of our public servants especially when they are being rewarded with promotions or raises for poor performance. For example:

The 10/8 BOS meeting details still states: ***“Please note: this meeting’s minutes have not been finalized yet. Actions taken on legislation and their results are not available.”*** Documents submitted into the public record in weeks prior have not been posted or corrected yet you appear to be anxious to pass everything in one fell swoop before the public even had a chance to view the video or examine the minutes for accuracy.

Another example is the 10/14 email I received from COB Jim Mitrison. Now it’s more than obvious that County Counsel wrote this for him, *“I for one have great admiration and respect for any county staff willing to step forward to learn this powerful tool and thereby provide the public with the enhanced service of dynamic agendas, minutes and in some cases an audio recording of the meetings.”*

How about this document submitted to the COB on 8/20/13 that states “From Melody Lane” entitled **Obama’s Quiet Anti-Suburban Revolution**? This document was **NOT** submitted by me, nor have I ever seen it before. ***Why does my name appear on it?*** Additionally why does the video of that meeting not allow the public to view the Open Forum when I addressed the BOS with a formal **NOTICE** citing breach of your Fiduciary Obligation and your Oath of Office? (It jumps to Item #17 – Prostate Cancer)

Regarding the 9/30 Special Land Use meeting, why was the **Compass2Truth** letter added after the fact plus it was obscured by being thrown in with other individuals documents instead of individually labeled like others?

The 10/1 approval of minutes included the 9/24 regular meeting of the BOS. However the COB seemed to have forgotten to post items 4, 5 & 6 which I submitted for the public record. Likewise the 9/10 Consent transcript with 6 attachments was NOT posted as requested for the public record.

**Chairman Briggs:** Don't forget, ***you work for us.*** When can we expect these on-going questions to be addressed by the Board with transparency and accountability?


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

- 1) 10/8/13 – BOS item #21 “Actions taken on legislation & results not available.”
- 2) 10/14/13 Legistar email from Jim Mitrison @ 1:07 PM
- 3) 8/20/13 – Obama’s Quiet Anti-Suburban Revolution “From Melody Lane”-**NOT!**
- 4) 10/1/13 – Consent item to approve 9/24/13 Regular Meeting Minutes sans 4,5,6
- 5) 9/10/13 – Approval of Consent transcript & 6 attachments NOT posted by COB
- 6) 10/22/13 Consent transcript

Consent Calendar #2 10/8/13 Item #21

Please note: this meeting's minutes have not been finalized yet. Actions taken on legislation and their results are not available.

Details

Name: [Board of Supervisors](#) Agenda status: Final  
Meeting date/time: 10/8/2013 8:00 AM Minutes status: Draft  
Meeting location: Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
Published agenda:  [Agenda](#) Published minutes:  [Minutes](#)  
Meeting video:  [Video](#)

Attachments:

Meeting Items (26)

**Video posted to BOS calendar 10/8/21 @ 10:52 AM**

**From:** Jim Mitrisin - El Dorado County [mailto:jim.mitrisin@edcgov.us]

**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2013 1:07 PM

**To:** Melody Lane; Vickie M Sanders

**Cc:** IT-Edcquestions-m; Ron Briggs; Terri Daly; Kimberly Kerr; Vern Pierson; Joe Harn; EDC COB; The BOSFIVE; The BOSONE; The BOSTHREE; The BOSTWO; Marcie E MacFarland; Kathryn L Tyler; Donna E Mullens; Noah Triplett; Megan Arevalo; Beverly M Savage

**Subject:** Re: Legistar - BOS Calendar of Meetings

Ms. Lane,

Legistar provides two methods for viewing agendas via the website. The default view once a user clicks on BOS Agendas from the main BOS page is the **List View** and the alternate view is the **Calendar View**. Attached to this email are screen shots from 10:00 this morning indicating the accurate content of those respective pages for the month of October.

There are upwards of 90 active Committees/Commissions and only a small number of those use Legistar for the administration of their agendas and minutes. The primary factor for this limited use is staffing. There are currently 11 Board Committees/Commissions using Legistar and we are in the development phases of adding the Planning Commission into the fold.

Committees/Commissions using Legistar have sufficient support staff trained in its use. They have been fulfilling the tasks of producing agendas and minutes only since the spring of this year at best and in the case of the RMAC, only for the past couple of meetings. The internal procedural work that goes into a Legistar derived agenda is nuanced and mastering the tool itself takes several months of dedicated, focused effort. I for one have great admiration and respect for any county staff willing to step forward to learn this powerful tool and thereby provide the public with the enhanced service of dynamic agendas, minutes and in some cases an audio recording of the meetings.

On the topic of the RMAC webpage, I will ask the appropriate staff to update their Advisory Committee page to indicate that agendas are now posted on the main agendas page. As an example of what I expect will be the case, the Parks Commission uses this simple language that seems to work well.

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**Parks and Recreation Commission Agendas and Minutes are now located at <http://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>**

The documents you handed Deputy Clerk Kathryn Tyler during the September 30, 2013 Special Meeting are posted on agenda Item 1 (File 12-0267) within attachment number 5 as it appears on the webpage and titled "Public Comment received 9-30 no.1.pdf." Our records indicate the attachment was added on October 4, 2013 at 10:01 A.M. It is common for attachments handed to the Clerk during a meeting to be added on a later date, typically we accomplish this by the time meeting Minutes are published.

I believe I have addressed your concerns as I understand them. Feel free to contact me directly.

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On Mon, Oct 14, 2013 at 9:26 AM, Melody Lane <[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)> wrote:

Please note that Legistar is void of ALL public meeting postings with the exception of the BOS... Parks & Recreation, Trails, Planning, Transportation, etc...have all been missing from the County calendar website for nearly a week. <https://eldorado.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

The RMAC website indicates the last agenda posted was for August.

Note as well that the attached public comment has not yet been posted to the 9/30/13 **Special Land Use** minutes since it was brought to the attention of the BOS last Tuesday 10/8 during Consent #2.

Is this due to the current Big Government shutdown, and when can we expect it to be corrected?

Thanks for a prompt reply.

*Melody Lane*

Founder – **Compass2Truth**

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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.*

13-1386 Public Comment  
Consent Calendar 2

From Melody Lane

Open Forum 8/20/13

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## Regionalism: Obama's Quiet Anti-Suburban Revolution

By Stanley Kurtz

The consensus response to President Obama's Knox College speech on the economy is that the administration has been reduced to pushing a menu of stale and timid policies that, in any case, won't be enacted. But what if the administration isn't actually out of ideas? What if Obama's boldest policy initiative is merely something he'd rather not discuss? And what if that initiative is being enacted right now?

A year ago, I published *Spreading the Wealth: How Obama Is Robbing the Suburbs to Pay for the Cities*. There I described the president's second-term plan to press a transformative "regionalist" agenda on the country. Early but unmistakable signs indicate that Obama's regionalist push is well underway. Yet the president doesn't discuss his regionalist moves and the press does not report them.

The most obvious new element of the president's regionalist policy initiative is the July 19 publication of a Department of Housing and Urban Development regulation broadening the obligation of recipients of federal aid to "affirmatively further fair housing." The apparent purpose of this rule change is to force suburban neighborhoods with no record of housing discrimination to build more public housing targeted to ethnic and racial minorities. Several administration critics noticed the change and challenged it, while the mainstream press has simply declined to cover the story.

Yet even critics have missed the real thrust of HUD's revolutionary rule change. That's understandable, since the Obama administration is at pains to downplay the regionalist philosophy behind its new directive. The truth is, HUD's new rule is about a great deal more than forcing racial and ethnic diversity on the suburbs. (Regionalism, by the way, is actually highly controversial among minority groups. There are many ways in which both middle-class minorities in suburbs, and less well-off minorities in cities, can be hurt by regionalist policies—another reason those plans are seldom discussed.)

The new HUD rule is really about changing the way Americans live. It is part of a broader

13-1075 Open Forum

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Consent Calendar 2

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On agenda: 10/1/2013

Final action:

Title: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors recommending the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

Attachments: 1. 31 A - Public Comment M. Lane.pdf, 2. 30 A - Request to Continue Minutes M. Lane.pdf, 3. 29 A - Public Comment M. Lane.pdf

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Title

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors recommending the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, September 24, 2013.

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9/10/13 @  
Consent  
items  
4, 5, 6*

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**Approval of the Consent Calendar No. 2**

Public Comment: M. Lane

EE 9/10/13 consent transcript - 6 attachments  
**NOT** posted as requested

A motion was made by Supervisor Mikulaco, seconded by Supervisor Santiago, to Approve Consent Calendar 2.

Yes: 4- Briggs, Santiago, Mikulaco and Veerkamp

The Board may make any necessary additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the agenda with one single vote. A Board member may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and possible action, and the item will be moved from Consent and heard as a separate item with Department Matters. Any member of the public may ask to address an item on the Consent Calendar prior to Board action.

13-1176

**OPEN FORUM**

Public Comment: L. Parlin, M. Lane, S. Taylor, Steve

**CAO UPDATE**

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced Pamela Knorr as the new Human Resources Director.

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