

We live in a society that has become very dark where politicians try to solve the problems with symbolic window dressing, but no matter their intentions, the problems remain. On Jan 15<sup>th</sup> I addressed an email to Todd White in which I wrote:

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Then yesterday after the Taxpayers Assn. meeting I again addressed an email to Todd White which you all received a copy of. It reads in part:

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This is no laughing matter. Taxpayers Association is little more than a political bully pulpit for discrimination, bigotry, and conflict of interests. Madam Clerk: Please enter into the public record this copy of Lori Parlin's affidavit of Al Hamilton's threat against me and a full copy of yesterday's email thread.

## Melody Lane

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**From:** Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2018 11:30 AM  
**To:** Todd White  
**Cc:** Bill Carey; Ray Kringel; Al Hamilton; john.hidahl@edcgov.us; Michael Ranalli; shiva.frentzen@edcgov.us; brian.veerkamp@edcgov.us; 'Donald Ashton'; Karl Weiland; kris.payne@edcgov.us  
**Subject:** FW: Taxpayers schedule of speakers & policies

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*Melody Lane*

**Founder – Compass2Truth**

Any act by any public officer either supports and upholds the Constitution, or opposes and violates it.

**From:** Al Hamilton [<mailto:alhamilton.us@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 15, 2018 4:08 PM  
**To:** Melody Lane  
**Subject:** Re: Taxpayers schedule of speakers & policies

Todd now you are the bad guy. hahaha

On Mon, Jan 15, 2018 at 3:29 PM, Melody Lane <[melody.lane@reagan.com](mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com)> wrote:

Todd,

**BELOW IS THE SWORN AFFADAVIT OF FACT BY LORI PARLIN,  
THE WRITTEN RECORD OF EVENTS CONCERNING THE  
TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF EL DORADO COUNTY MEETINGS  
ON NOVEMBER 7 AND 14, 2016**

I, Lori Parlin, the undersigned, do solemnly swear, declare and depose:

- 1) That I am over the age of 18 years and competent to state to the matters set forth herein;
- 2) That I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein
- 3) That all the facts stated herein are true, correct, and certain, admissible as evidence, and if called upon as witness, I will testify to their veracity.

On Monday, November 7, 2016, at the conclusion of the weekly Taxpayers meeting held at Denny's in Placerville, California, I was talking to Melody Lane while seated across the table from her. Out of the corner of my eye I noticed that Al Hamilton, the President of the Taxpayers Association, was approaching us from behind Ms. Lane. My first thought was that Mr. Hamilton was coming over to talk to me about the Association's refusal to give me an application for membership. Instead, Mr. Hamilton leaned forward, over Ms. Lane's shoulder, and gestured with his hand toward her purse. He then asked if her audio recorder was on, inside her purse. She replied no, it was off because the meeting was over and it was inside her purse. Mr. Hamilton proceeded to tell Ms. Lane that she could not record the meetings without announcing to the entire room that she was recording the meeting. Ms. Lane replied that the law was very clear that no such announcement is necessary when public officials are speaking. Ms. Lane then got up out of her chair to address Mr. Hamilton face to face. There was arguing between them about the audio recordings. At some point during the arguing Mr. Hamilton said that he would call the Sheriff and have Ms. Lane removed from the building for causing a disturbance. Finally, Mr. Hamilton threatened Ms. Lane by saying that he would see to it that her reputation was destroyed in the county. I was shocked to hear him make such a threat, especially his use of "I" and "destroy" in his language. Ms. Lane then asked if Mr. Hamilton was threatening her. He said, no, that was not a threat. I then asked what exactly he meant by those words because it also sounded like a threat to me. Mr. Hamilton then backpedaled from his original statement and said that Ms. Lane's own actions would ruin her reputation in the county. I don't remember exactly how the conversation ended because I was shaken up by Mr. Hamilton's threatening words and tone.

At the beginning of the weekly Taxpayers meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016, Mr. Hamilton made an announcement that Ms. Lane was audio recording the meeting. He went on to say that at the prior meeting he had simply stated that he would call the Sheriff if Ms. Lane causes a disturbance during meetings. At some point during the meeting, Mr. Hamilton jokingly asked the group if he should take a vote to decide whether Ms. Lane was causing a disturbance. Given his threats the week prior, Mr. Hamilton's suggestion to call the Sheriff to remove Ms. Lane from the room appeared to be an intimidation tactic.

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*I, Lori Parlin, the Undersigned Affiant, depose and certify being first duly sworn on oath according to law, deposes and says that I have written the forgoing with intent and understanding of purpose the 2 page Affidavit above and that the matters stated herein are true, correct, complete and just to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.*

*Lori Parlin*

*Lori Parlin*

*11-28-16*

*Date*

**Notary Public for California**

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California  
County of El Dorado

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of November, 2016, by LOLI A. PACHO

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.



(Seal)

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

The primary Object of the Taxpayers Association is ***“the maintenance of a forum within which to study the issues of government and the problems of those who are governed...through ongoing weekly discourse that will be open to members of the Association, the public, and those who govern...to reveal and understand the true costs of government and to encourage awareness of individual responsibility...and be involved in the process of governance to help insure that the  blessings of freedom shall be forever perpetuated.”***

This morning was the ***8<sup>th</sup> time*** I reminded you to include me in the monthly distribution of ALL communications, yet you disrespectfully ignored those requests and your obligations to members as Secretary of the Association. Whether you are acting under your own accord or at the encouragement of other directors, that does not bode well regarding your character and moral turpitude as a candidate for public office.

Please take note:

***El Dorado County Personnel Rules, Part 1 – Code of Ethics & Commitment to County Public Service 101 through 110:***

***County officers and employees serve for the benefit of the public. They shall uphold and adhere to the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of California, and the Charter of the County of El Dorado as well as County rules, regulations and policies, and shall carry out impartially the laws of the nation, state and County. In their official acts, they shall discharge faithfully their duties, recognizing that the public interest is paramount. All County officers and employees must demonstrate the highest standards of morality and ethics consistent with the requirements of their positions and consistent with the law. You are expected to uphold these principles being ever conscious that public office is a public trust.***

***EDC Policy #E-5 states in part, “Each employee of the County of El Dorado must refrain from conduct constituting unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation.”***

In addition to the monthly schedule of speakers, I request you ***immediately*** forward to me copies of the following written policies which the Bylaws states the organization is required to maintain:

- 1) Non-Discrimination Policy
- 2) Conflict of Interest Policy
- 3) Records Retention & Destruction Policy
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For the record, on November 20<sup>th</sup> I received a phone call from the Criminal Investigation Unit of the Franchise Tax Board acknowledging my request for investigation into the Taxpayers Association and related correspondence concerning the State BAR investigation concerning Al Hamilton’s threats, discrimination, harassment and retaliation. Note Lori Parlin’s notarized affidavit is included in the attached recorded document; Kris Payne was one of four witnesses to the Hamilton threat incident.

*Melody Lane*

Founder, Compass2Truth

***Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

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**From:** Melody Lane [<mailto:melody.lane@reagan.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 23, 2017 10:38 AM  
**To:** Todd White  
**Cc:** Ray Kringel ([rgkringel@gmail.com](mailto:rgkringel@gmail.com)); Bill Carey ([bcarey123@hotmail.com](mailto:bcarey123@hotmail.com))  
**Subject:** Taxpayers schedule of speakers

Todd,

I have been a member of Taxpayers Association since 2008. My check for 2018 Taxpayers membership was hand-delivered to Ray Kringel on 12/11/17 and cashed the very next day. Therefore please ensure that I receive the monthly schedule of speakers and all other membership communications.

It may have been an oversight on your part, however I've not yet received the January 2018 speaker schedule already received by other members.

*Melody Lane*

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As history teaches us, if the people have little or no knowledge of the basics of government and their rights, those who wield governmental power inevitably wield it excessively. After all, a citizenry can only hold its government accountable if it knows when the government oversteps its bounds.