



Public Comment #14

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**February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Appointment of Chris Cockrell**

1 message

Urs <urs@succeed.net>

Sat, Feb 6, 2021 at 12:47 PM

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Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments.

Please pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

The appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission is very disturbing. On December 5th, 2020, Chris Cockrell dressed up as a Santa and with a group identified as the "Hangtown Proud Boys" displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This video was widely circulated and can easily be accessed online. <https://fb.watch/3roF9w6GkO/> Since this time Mr. Cockrell has NOT denounced the Proud Boys NOR has he denied that he is a member of the organization. Mr. Cockrell's association with the Proud Boys should be swiftly and unanimously condemned by the board. The Proud Boys have been identified as one of the organizers in the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U. S. Capitol. Because of the violent, and extremist nature of the group the Proud Boys have been added to Canada's list of terrorist organizations. NO ONE affiliated with the Proud Boys should be considered for ANY appointment to ANY county seat. Or does the Board approve of the Proud Boy's actions at the Capitol and wants El Dorado County to be a sanctuary for white supremacist, violent racists and Trump and QAnon sycophants?

Also, the attempt to give supervisors the power to appoint whomever they want, without any discussion to county commissions is rather undemocratic and un-American. It smacks of the same attempt to replace a constitutional democracy with a lawless Trump style dictatorship on a local level. Is that the intent of the Board of Supervisors?

-- urs schuler



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## Against your support of Proud Boys

1 message

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**Finn Daily** <ifinndaily@gmail.com>

Sat, Feb 6, 2021 at 3:11 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please uphold American values.  
Please do not appoint a member of the Proud Boys to any position.  
We as a country need to relegate white supremacists to the last century.  
They belong with other Nazi groups.  
I am referring specifically to Chris Cockrell.  
Thank you,  
Finn Daily



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## Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item off consent and to the agenda for discussion

1 message

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Kelly Ahola <theriverboxes@gmail.com>

Sat, Feb 6, 2021 at 4:17 PM

To: Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, John Hidahl <bosone@edcgov.us>, Lori Parlin <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>, Wendy Thomas <bosthree@edcgov.us>, George Turnboo <bostwo@edcgov.us>

To Whom it May Concern:

I am strongly opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission. On December 5th, 2020, Chris Cockrell dressed up as a Santa and with a group identified as the "Hangtown Proud Boys" displayed a "white power" hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This video can easily be accessed online at <https://fb.watch/3roF9w6GkO/> Since this time Mr. Cockrell has NOT denounced the Proud Boys NOR has he denied that he is a member of the organization. There is ample evidence that Mr. Cockrell follows the Proud Boys both locally and nationally. The Proud Boys have been identified as one of the players in the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U. S. Capitol. Because of the violent, and extremist nature of the group the Proud Boys have been added to Canada's list of terrorist organizations.

Perhaps even more concerning is the Board of Supervisor's attempt to suppress public participation in governance. **After a strong public response in opposition to the nomination of Mr. Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting the Board is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees.** In essence, each supervisor appoints whomever they choose to county commission seats with no discussion. **This is anti-democratic in nature and does not reflect the will of the community.** As a resident of the Coloma Lotus valley in El Dorado County, I feel this is not accurate or fair and legitimate representation of the people that are supposed to be represented by their Supervisors.

Thank you for your consideration, and support for fairness and equanimity.

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**Jen Dawn** <newjendawn@gmail.com>

Sat, Feb 6, 2021 at 8:29 PM

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I am writing to strongly oppose appointing Chris Cockrell to a seat on the county's Veterans Affairs Commission. He is well known in our community to be a part of an extremist hate group, The Road Boys, which was recently declared a terrorist organization in Canada.

2. I am also strongly opposing any change to your policy whereas nominations to county seats would NO LONGER REQUIRE A VOTE and nominees are automatically appointed. This kind of policy with lack of accountability and top down politics is dangerous and should be avoided.

Thank you for considering.

Jennifer Dawn, LCSW  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
El Dorado County.



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## Pubic Comment, Request to pull an item to the agenda for discussion.

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**Sandino Hernandez** <sandinohernandez2020@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 8:30 AM

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This is a Public comment with regard to the February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments.

I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

This is a mater of great importance to many of us.

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## Public Comment for Feb 9, 2021 meeting

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**Marissa Boyd** <marissapboyd@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 8:56 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

This is my public comment for February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission. On December 5th, 2020, Chris Cockrell dressed up as a Santa and with a group identified as the "Hangtown Proud Boys" and displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This video was widely circulated and can easily be accessed online. This is a link for you: <https://fb.watch/3roF9w6GkO/>

Cockrell has not denied being a Proud Boy. The Proud Boys are a violent, racist, anti-semitic, and sexist gang (for an eye-opening video about the Proud Boys, please visit this link: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1311413755633381381>), they are known to harass and harm people who are not in their gang, but they specifically like to target people of color and people who present as women. The Proud Boys have been identified as one of the players in the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U. S. Capitol. Because of the violent, and extremist nature of the group the Proud Boys have been added to Canada's list of terrorist organizations.

No one affiliated with the Proud Boys should be considered for any appointments ever. They are terrorists, and putting terrorists in any position of power never leads anywhere good.

It's also very concerning to me that the Board of Supervisors is attempting to suppress public participation in governance. After a strong public response in opposition to the nomination of Mr. Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting the Board is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. So basically, each supervisor appoints whomever they choose to county commission seats without discussing it. This is a huge problem, as anyone who cares about democracy can see. If the Board of Supervisors is okay with appointing violent and extreme white supremacists, and not allowing the public to voice their opinions on that, then this needs to be addressed now.

Thank you for your time.



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Public comment, Feb. 9, 2021 meeting agenda item 14-21-0147, consent calendar District II appointments.**

1 message

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**Sue Ghilotti** <sueg@colfaxnet.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 9:58 AM

I request this Item 14 be pulled off consent & moved to the agenda for discussion. As a veteran, a vet of Vietnam(67-69), a combat veteran , one who is proud of training and my ability to perform under stress but not proud of my participation in the genocidal American war in Vietnam, which was not unlike most if not all wars "Our" country has engaged in since the last world war. What I am proud of is my work for Peace such as the founding president of Veterans for Peace chapter 122, (Placer/Nevada)

& the counter recruitment work I've done at schools & other groups. I'm a part-time resident of district IV & have been registered to vote in EDC & could be again as I plan to spend more time here in the future. I'm totally against any gov't official who is allied with any group or philosophy that appreciates hate or segregation. Dan Buckley 530-591-7322(C). Former El Dorado business owner for 40 yrs.



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## Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments.

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**Rob and/or Gloria** <robandglovernon@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 10:36 AM

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**Perhaps even more concerning is the Board of Supervisor's attempt to suppress public participation in governance.** After a strong public response in opposition to the nomination of Mr Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting the Board is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. In essence, each supervisor appoints whomever they choose to county commission seats with no discussion. **This is anti-democratic in nature and does not reflect the will of the community.** ! This is a SHAMEFUL AND DANGEROUS MOVE.

If YOU support these efforts to subvert DEMOCRACY and the will of the people, YOU should be REMOVED FROM OFFICE! NO WHITE SUPREMACISTS IN PUBLIC OFFICE!!!! PERIOD!!!! UPHOLD YOUR OATH!!!! UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION!!!

ROB AND GLORIA VERNON  
DISTRICT 4





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## Nominees

1 message

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**Clarissa Etter-Smith** <clarissaforpeace@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 12:15 PM

Good day,

Under no circumstances should nominees who will, in any way represent the interests of the public be automate approved without public advice and input. To do so, flies in the face of a civilized, democratic society.

Thank you, Clarissa and Steve Smith

Sent from my iPhone



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**"Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments**

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Joyce E <joyceeverett3827@comcast.net>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 12:50 PM

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"Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion"

Joyce Everett



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**Sarah Wendel** <sarah.lynne.wendel@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 1:06 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

To Whom It May Concern:

It has been brought to my attentions that after a strong community response in opposition to this nomination, for Chris Cockell, at the January 5, 2021 meeting The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (BOS) is currently discussing a change to their policy whereas nominations to county seats would no longer require a vote and all nominees would be automatically approved.

Is this how you think leadership works? Your job is to represent your constituents and we are your constituents. You cannot continue to ignore us by postponing the inevitable. Things must change. Do the right thing. Put yourself on the right side of history. Stand up for people who are begging and pleading for you to listen and help. Be a good citizen. Stop condoning hate in this county. If you support this nomination for a known Proud Boys affiliate you are putting everyone in this county in immediate danger. You have an opportunity here to do right by the people, so please have the clarity of mind to foresee the immediate danger that Chris Cockell could be to us all if you put him in a position of leadership. Please stop running away from this issue that has been brought to your attention numerous times by the very people you're supposed to serve. These problems will not magically disappear over time. It is your responsibility to act on this, not by changing the rules so you can hopefully avoid any responsibility or backlash, but to be a true leader by hearing people out and doing what benefits the most people in the long run, not the loudest people in the interim. If you continue to ignore us it will only exacerbate the issue. Enough is enough. We expect so much more from our leaders and we deserve so much better. Please have the strength and courage to stand up and say no, we cannot support this nomination due to past/present affiliations with registered hate groups. It's that simple. Plus, wouldn't it be nice to make the news for something good instead of the typical, disgraceful press, entangled with white supremacy.

So, today I'm telling The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (BOS) absolutely not. Chris Cockrell cannot get a seat on the county's Veterans Affairs Commission. George Turnboo should be nominating someone with integrity, who wants to bring people together instead of tearing them apart. It is impossible to be impartial to everyone when there is hate in your heart for anyone.

We beg of you to act exemplary here and now. Please, don't let us down.

Genuinely heartbroken,  
Sarah Wendel



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Public Comment, February 9, 2021 Meeting**

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**Celeste Bunnell** <celeste\_bunnell@internet49.com>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 1:16 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

RE Public Comment, February 9, 2021 Meeting

I strongly object to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

1. Proposing TO APPOINT THE PLACERVILLE PROUD BOY Chris Cockrell to a seat on the county's Veterans Affairs Commission (or any Proud Boy nomination for anything.)
2. Considering a change to policy where nominations to county seats would NO LONGER REQUIRE A VOTE and all nominees are automatically approved.

Please be advised that your body is not expected to make autocratic decisions, however expeditious.

Also, keeping a high standard for appointments is both common sense and essential.

In order to keep this input brief, I am hoping that it goes without saying why I may object to Proud Boy members taking a leadership role in my county's organizations.

If you do not understand the implications, here is a Wikipedia definition, etc.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proud\\_Boys](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proud_Boys)

The Proud Boys is a far-right, neo-fascist, and male-only white nationalist organization that promotes and engages in political violence in the United States and Canada.<sup>[2]</sup>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-who-are-proud-boys-far-right-group-terrorist-entity-canada-7176421/>

Canada has announced that it will be designating the US-based far-right group 'Proud Boys' as a terrorist entity in an attempt to crack down on "ideologically motivated violent extremism" in the country. With this, the all-male neo-fascist group will be added to a lengthy list of international terrorist organizations, that includes ISIS, Al Qaeda and al-Shabab.

Celeste Bunnell

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Placerville, CA 95667

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**agenda Item 14-21-0147**

1 message

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Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 1:57 PM

**TEMPLATE:**

Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

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## Public Comment February 9, 2021 BOS meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments

1 message

**Corrine Sako** <corrine@drcorrinemcintosh.com>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 3:37 PM

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Public Comment February 9, 2021 meeting  
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As a resident of Sacramento, I am outraged by the blatant display of white supremacy and the move to deny citizens' right to participate in public affairs by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. Please rectify these moves by opposing to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission, and please do not allow any other individual that is affiliated with a white supremacist terrorist organization to ever be considered by any appointment to any county seat.

Thank you,  
Dr. Corrine McIntosh Sako, PsyD, LMFT

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**Chris Cockrell appointment to the EDC Veterans Affairs Commission.**

1 message

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**Bruce Cunha** <cunhab52@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 5:04 PM

Supervisors.

I have know Chris Cockrell for a number of years in my position as a volunteer on the El Dorado Western Railroad.

I have had a variety of interactions and conversations with Chris over the years. I find Chris to be an open and honest person and feel he would be an excellent representative for the veterans of El Dorado County.

I support Chris`s appointment to the Veterans Affairs Council for El Dorado County.

LTC Bruce Cunha (Ret) U. S. Army.



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Re: Chris Cockrell**

1 message

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**David Zelinsky** <zelinsky.david@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 5:13 PM

I just got off the phone with Chris.

Poor man.

He was asked to be Santa Claus by Toys for Tots. Joyfully, he threw himself into the role, and was happy to ham it up with anyone who wanted a photo op with Santa. His daughter was proud of him, and said to her mom, "Look, mom. Dad's killing it."

He has no affiliation with Proud Boys. He did not understand the hand gesture. He was happy to be Santa with a group of enthusiastic donors.

My wife just tried to show me the difference between the OK sign, and the white supremacist sign.

"Ok, David, how do you do the Ok sign? Alright, you're in trouble."

Apparently, the way I do the Ok sign is wrong too.

Anyway, Chris has been reamed all over the place over this.

No good deed goes unpunished. And the corollary is, that is how you know it was a good deed.

Knowing Chris, and the family he married into, I believe him.

Hope that helps.

David Zelinsky  
530-919-8488



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**Public Comment item 21-0147**

1 message

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February 7, 2021

Dear EDC County Supervisors,

I would like request that item 21-0147 be pulled from the consent calendar on the agenda for Feb 9, 2021.

While I don't know Chris Cockrell personally, I began paying attention to him after learning he was nominated to the Veteran's Affairs Commission for District 2.

Some of what I have learned about Chris Cockrell:

- Mr. Cockrell faced backlash from the community after the picture of him dressed up as Santa standing with the Proud Boys on Dec 5.
- Mr. Cockrell told people he didn't know what the hand-symbol stood for and that he was on Main Street to help Toys for Tots.
- Mr. Cockrell chose not to state that he wasn't affiliated with the Proud Boys. Of course it would have been helpful had he simply stated his position on the group instead of avoiding the topic.
- Cockrell had an active account on Parler showing that he followed the Hangtown Proud Boys and that the Hangtown Proud Boys followed him.
- He deleted a large number of social media accounts on January 14, 2021.
- He doesn't have a gun license.
- He doesn't have a business license.
- He paid less than \$60 in taxes last year for his Sam's Town Cyclery property.

There are other things I learned about Mr. Cockrell, but the points I listed are ones that stand out to me right now.

I work for the county, and I pay my taxes. I follow the rules the county has in place, and I do my best to be a good citizen. Even though I don't sit on any commissions, I know it's important to try to work with people, even when we don't see eye-to-eye. I know that what I do has an impact on my community, and that my actions and words affect the individuals around me.

As a mom I strive to teach my children to take responsibility for their mistakes, to tell the truth, and to be responsible in the best way they can. I expect the same from students in my classroom. And I hope for the same in members of my community. Civic responsibility is the fabric that holds our communities and the structures that support them together.

If Mr. Cockrell wants to work on a commission for El Dorado County, I would expect him to have appropriate county licenses. I would expect him to follow the rules and guidelines that the county has in place that are intended to keep residents safe. I would also expect him to pay fair taxes in the county. Since property taxes make up a large part of local

government revenue, I would assume he would want to support El Dorado County since he is applying to sit on a county commission.

Although I can't imagine ever doing what Chris Cockrell did by posing in the December 5<sup>th</sup> picture, if I had done it, I would take responsibility for it in the best way I could, for the sake of my community. I just didn't see that in Chris. What I heard was him deny knowing anything about the hand gesture. I heard him frame himself as an innocent victim of false accusations. He deleted his social media accounts in January, which suggests he engaged in communication he doesn't want other people to see. He never owned up to his part in what happened, or even to his mistake, if that's what he believes it was. He behaved the way a child trying to get out of a sticky situation might have behaved.

No one should be placed into a position of leadership at the county level when he exhibits a lack of interest in his civic responsibilities. No one should be appointed to a county commission if he disregards gun and business licensing protocols and doesn't pay property taxes to the county that he is supposed to serve. No one should be placed into a position of leadership when he doesn't demonstrate maturity and responsibility. Based on what I have seen and read, Mr. Cockrell appears to be more interested in what benefits himself than he is in what benefits the community.

I hope that your dedication to the county and to our community guide you in making the best decision for everyone in regards to Chris Cockrell's nomination to the Veteran's Affairs Commission. I urge you to choose a better qualified candidate for the commission. Please pull the item from the consent calendar.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Melinda Velasco



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**DO NOT appoint Chris Cockrel to Veterans Affairs Board!!!!**

1 message

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**Jackie Musick** <jackiemusick@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 8:02 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Public comment, February 9, 2021. Meeting agenda item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District 11 appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

To whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors intends on appointing Chris Cockrell to a seat on the Placer County Veterans Affairs Board. Chris Cockrell is the man who was photographed flashing the "White Power" hand symbol while wearing a Sant suit at a Proud Boys event in Placerville, back in December.

This kind of behavior is NOT appropriate to anyone holding any form of public office. Appointing a known white supremacist to the Board of Veterans Affairs does a disservice to all of the county's veterans, but particularly for the Black, Asian, and LatinX veterans who served our country.

As a teacher of Placer County youth (Roseville City School District) I must insist that you do not appoint Chris Cockrell to the Placer County Veterans Affairs Board.

Thank you for your consideration,

John Musick



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Regarding Tuesday's Board Meeting, Consent Calender item 14**

1 message

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**Dawn Wolfson** <dewolfson@aol.com>  
Reply-To: Dawn Wolfson <dewolfson@aol.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 9:05 PM

To the Clerk of the Board,

Why is item 14, Chris Cockrell's application for Veteran's Commission, on the consent calendar? Wasn't the instruction from the last meeting for Supervisor Turnboo to read all the letter's regarding Mr. Cockrell's appointment and report back. Doesn't putting this on the consent calendar mean that the appointment is going to be voted on without discussion?

I can't speak to whether Mr. Cockrell is in any way associated with the Proud Boys, and maybe the white power hand signal that caused all the uproar was innocent, but I didn't hear him say anything last meeting acknowledging the community's concern that association with a hate group is unacceptable or that he was sorry anyone he might have offended with the hand signal.

I did notice that Mr. Cockrell has completely disappeared his social media accounts. Mr. Cockrell was extremely rude to me and other people in at least one Facebook group last year on more than one occasion and without provocation. My partner, a 10 year army veteran, read some of the comments at the time, and he doesn't want a person who attacks people who are asking innocent questions representing him on the veteran's board.

I have heard that there are other applicants in District two. Are they even being considered? Or is this a done deal?

As one of Mr. Turnboo's constituents, I'd sure like to hear more discussion on this.

Please forward this letter to the supervisors and include it in the Board packet for the 2/9/2021 meeting.

Thanks,

Dawn Wolfson  
Cameron Park



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**agenda item 14-21-0147 Public comment, Feb9,2020 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.**

1 message

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**Scott Vail** <vail.s@sbcglobal.net>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 9:10 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us

Supervisors,

I am very concerned about the BOS's attempt to suppress public participation in governance. I understand the BOS is discussing a change of policy eliminating the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. This would lead to a supervisor appointing whomever they choose to county commission seats with no discussion. This would be a slap in the face of democracy.

I strongly oppose the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veteran's Affair Commission. In December 2020, Mr. Cockrell dressed as Santa Claus posed with the Hangtown Proud Boys group on Main Street and displayed white power hand gestures. The Proud Boys have been identified as one of the violent ,extremist groups who participated in an assault on our nation's capital. No one affiliated with hate groups should be considered for any appointment to any county seat. The citizens of El Dorado County deserve better.

Sincerely,

Vicky Vail



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Public comment for February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147**

1 message

**Megan Threadgill** <megthreadgiller@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 9:13 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a longtime resident of Placerville and I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission. On December 5th, 2020, Chris Cockrell dressed up as a Santa and with a group identified as the "Hangtown Proud Boys" displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This video was widely circulated and can easily be accessed online:

<https://fb.watch/3roF9w6GkO/>

Since this time Mr. Cockrell has NOT denounced the Proud Boys NOR has he denied that he is a member of the organization. There is ample evidence that Mr. Cockrell follows the Proud Boys both locally and nationally. Mr. Cockrell's association with the Proud Boys should be swiftly and unanimously condemned by the board. The Proud Boys have been identified as one of the players in the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U. S. Capitol. Because of the violent, and extremist nature of the group the Proud Boys have been added to Canada's list of terrorist organizations. NO ONE affiliated with the Proud Boys should be considered for ANY appointment to ANY county seat.

The manner in which some local law enforcement and public figures have gone on camera pretending to know nothing about the significance of the Proud Boys other than just a local group of do-gooders is not fooling anyone. Perhaps even more concerning is the Board of Supervisor's attempt to suppress public participation in governance. After a strong public response in opposition to the nomination of Mr Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting the Board is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. In essence, each supervisor appoints whomever they choose to county commission seats with no discussion. This is anti-democratic in nature and does not reflect the will of the community. I urge you to do what you know is right.

Thank you,

Megan Buchanan Threadgill





EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Chris Cockrell appointment

1 message

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ninjanorm@gmail.com <ninjanorm@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 9:38 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello! Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

I heard of the defamatory and libelous statements that were sent in mass template email form about Chris Cockrell, that he is a bigoted individual. I have known Chris for about a year and have never seen or heard him do anything bigoted towards anybody, period. The allegations made about him are ignorant at best and malicious at worst.

As a caring veteran I believe Chris would make an excellent appointment to the position.

I also find that those who would send such libelous and poorly researched information to our county's officials should not be trusted in the future.

Thank you for your time, a concerned city and county resident/business owner,

Daniel Norman



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Request to pull agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments**

1 message

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**David Lafon** <dlafor@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 10:01 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisors -

Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

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Perhaps even more concerning is the Board of Supervisor's attempt to suppress public participation in governance. After a strong public response in opposition to the nomination of Mr Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting the Board is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. In essence, each supervisor appoints whomever they choose to county commission seats with no discussion. This is anti-democratic in nature and does not reflect the will of the community. This reflects the dangerous authoritarian tendencies that have taken hold across our country at the Federal, State and local levels. These tendencies cannot be normalized and allowed to take hold here in El Dorado County. In a democracy, we discuss and respect our differences of opinion and recognize that the will of the people is supreme, not the self-serving desires of an elected few. As a resident of Placerville, I am offended that his appointment is even being considered, that the board is considering this policy change and that both of these moves have not been widely and publicly denounced by the entire board.



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments.

1 message

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**KAELAN LOPEZ** <kvlopez@zonemail.clpccd.edu>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Feb 7, 2021 at 10:14 PM

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K Lopez



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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1 message

**Alyssa Treg** <alyssat063@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 1:22 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

Cc: "bosfive@edcgov.us" &lt;bosfive@edcgov.us&gt;, "bosfour@edcgov.us" &lt;bosfour@edcgov.us&gt;, "bosone@edcgov.us" &lt;bosone@edcgov.us&gt;, "bosthree@edcgov.us" &lt;bosthree@edcgov.us&gt;, "bostwo@edcgov.us" &lt;bostwo@edcgov.us&gt;

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Perhaps even more concerning is the Board of Supervisor's attempt to suppress public participation in governance. After a strong public response in opposition to the nomination of Mr Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting the Board is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. In essence, each supervisor appoints whomever they choose to county commission seats with no discussion. This is anti-democratic in nature and does not reflect the will of the community.



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## Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments

1 message

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Michelle Greene <mccgreene77@hotmail.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 6:22 AM

Public comment, [February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments](#). I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell, the "Hangtown Proud Boy Santa" to the Veterans Affairs Commission for all of the reasons stated in the emails received and in related public comments. If the Board is operating under ridiculous narrative that the event was hijacked why has Mr Cockrell not denounced the group nor disassociated himself with them since the December 5, 2020 incident? Silence speaks volumes. Instead of reinstating what should be obvious to the Board I would like to take time to highlight the bigger picture.

1. There is a movement growing like it or not. This country in the midst of a second civil rights movement and El Dorado County is not exempt. As people from the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento Valley continue to migrate here the demand for racial equality and social justice grows stronger and louder. In the 2020 election El Dorado County turned purple. You watch the numbers. You know what that means. The tide is turning. Change is here. Deal with it or it will deal with you.

2. You will be held accountable. The Board can no longer operate in the shadows. For far too long the public neglected to be a part of the conversation. The Board has become used to operating without accountability or opposition. No longer. Welcome to the light. We are here and we are not going anywhere. People are watching you. People are participating. You can not stop this by directing policy to eliminate voting on nominees or otherwise stifle public participation in governance. Does the Board really think that by enacting such policies the public will be silenced. On the contrary, you will only make the public voice stronger and louder.

3. El Dorado County is cultivating a negative image to the outside world. Incidents like the Toys for Tots fiasco and the ongoing fight to lose the noose in Placerville are brining the county into the spotlight. Many outside of our community see El Dorado County as racist and backwards. Has the Board looked outside of its echo chamber to get a sense of how the outside world views us? I would encourage you to do so. Poll 250 random participants. Ask how they feel about a Proud Boy being appointed to a seat on a county commission. Ask how they feel about the County opting not to vote on nominees and allow for direct appointment. The responses may shock you. Be prudent about your actions before this ends up in the national spotlight.

Welcome to the light,  
Michelle Greene

Sent from my iPhone



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Chris Cockrell**

1 message

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**Megan Lattanner** <warpedandtwiste@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 6:46 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: Bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Dear BOS,

I am a Placerville resident, and I implore you; do NOT appoint Proud Boy Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs commission. He is loudly and proudly associated with a racist terrorist organization and promoting him to any official position within the city will absolutely empower, embolden, and attract more of his ilk to our beautiful town. I am aware that there are those on the board who would like to feign ignorance as to what the Proud Boys are, but feigned ignorance will not shield anyone from the backlash that will happen if you appoint a known racist to this position. There is no longer any way to pretend to not know what the Proud Boys stand for, and if any of the BOS truly still doesn't know than they are not connected enough to reality to serve in any meaningful way in local politics. We are better than this. Do NOT appoint Chris Cockrell to serve an organization that represents service men and women of all creeds and colors. Do not appoint him to represent us in any way. It would be a great shame and dishonor to do so.

Megan Lattanner



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**Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.**

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**Diane Carlson** <diane.e.carlson@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 7:33 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Re: Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

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Perhaps even more concerning is the Board of Supervisor's attempt to suppress public participation in governance. After a strong public response in opposition to the nomination of Mr Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting, the Board is now discussing changing the policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. This would mean that each supervisor can appoint whomever they choose to county commission seats with no discussion. This is anti-democratic in nature and does not reflect the will of the community.

I respectfully request that you not only NOT appoint Chris Cockrell to the Veteran Affairs Commission but that you immediately abandon the idea of anti-democratic appointments. I also recommend that you publicly renounce any Supervisors who have made such recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Diane Carlson  
El Dorado



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Consent Item 14, Veterans Commission

1 message

leocauchon@netscape.net &lt;leocauchon@netscape.net&gt;

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 7:54 AM

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 Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "clay.russell@edcgov.us" <clay.russell@edcgov.us>

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing concerning Consent Item 14 on 2/9/21. I urge you to vote to postpone this decision to allow sufficient time to achieve the need expressed in in your Board Policy Manual concerning commission member appointments:

"The Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for a process that will ensure fair, transparent and impartial evaluation of candidates for appointment to committees and commissions that are governed by the Board."

Appointing someone who is perceived as the Proud Boys' Santa Claus will be both very disruptive of your professed intentions to facilitate unity as well as extremely disturbing to significant members of the EDC community. Not being true to the values and procedures of Good Governance will result in the current stormy national debate descending even more into El Dorado County. A vote for a second postponement will allow time for both overall calming and local consensus.

The day after you exercised patience and wisdom on 1/5/21 the exact opposite happened in the Proud Boy led US Capital insurrection during which precious lives were lost, including those of veterans. The threat of more violence remains a grave concern:

"The Proud Boys ... have reportedly been the primary focus of the FBI's investigation into the Capitol attacks . ... Federal authorities have filed at least four separate cases against six individual members of the far-right nationalist group Proud Boys accusing them of coordinating some of their actions during the violent invasion of the U.S. Capitol in January as the group's leader warns of "more violence." (Forbes, 2/5/21)

You received over 200 pages of public comments when you first decided to postpone this appointment. As of this past Friday you have already received about 45 additional comment pages. These comments need to be reviewed and publicly addressed in writing as was expressed at the 1/5/21 meeting. A process is in place to do this as stated in your Policy Manual:

"I-5: Committee Application Review Team (CART) shall be established and be comprised of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or designee, the Clerk of the Board (Clerk) and a subject matter expert(s) to be selected by the CAO and Clerk. ... (T)he CART shall apply a uniform ranking, rating or other system for evaluating applications. The CART will use applicable governing documents for each committee or commission to establish criteria for evaluating candidates."

Utilizing the Applications Evaluation Policy will highlight the Board's commitment in its Good Governance Workbook to "Promote a culture of discussion and inquiry, shared acceptance of disagreements and the ability to find common ground." It will also promote the outcome expressed in its Policy Manual:

"Advisory committees are established to provide advice to the entire Board and reflect their commitment to transparency, engagement of the community, and high quality, evidence based decision making."

This commitment and outcome is already present in other appointments that you will consider on 2/9/21. A review of these appointments shows a notice of vacancy, a review process, and resumes. A postponement will allow the same transparency for your current candidate as well as the opportunity for him to explicitly renounce the Main St video and his Parlor posts which underlie the perception of support for Proud Boy "Western Chauvinism" rhetoric and extremist violence.

It is my understanding that female veterans are willing to enter the process to fill the District II vacancy on the Veteran's Commission. Thus a postponement and inclusive process could provide the benefit of increased diversity on the Veteran's Commission. It would also provide benefit to all of us in EDC by moving our community closer to the values expressed by the Board in its Good Governance Workbook:

"Achieving the best possible process for making & implementing decisions; characterized by honesty, integrity, accountability, transparency, responsiveness, equitability, inclusion, effectiveness, efficiency and following the rule of law."

Sincerely,



2/8/2021

Edcgov.us Mail - Consent Item 14, Veterans Commission

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EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Objection to consent calendar item 21-0147, Veteran's Commission Appt.**

1 message

**ROBERT & Margie READ** <bread1@comcast.net>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 8:19 AM

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Cc: Bob-Margie Read <bread1@comcast.net>

Dear Board of Supervisors;

This is the third communication that I am writing about the choice of a community member for the Veterans Commission. It seems inappropriate that you are proceeding by consent item with the appointment of Chris Cockrell despite the opposition by so many who have written and spoken to you previously. Among other things, his associations with the Proud Boys is frightening because as you know, that group has been identified as a terrorist group in Canada and has been implicated in the mob violence that took place on Capitol Hill, January 6.

I am also aware that Supervisor Turnboo was contacted last week by another veteran in District 2 who interested in the position and who is well-qualified. I am wondering why she is not being considered. Margaret Ervin would be a great asset to this Commission, and she does not carry with her the national controversy that Mr. Cockrell has generated. I personally know her to be competent, intelligent, and considerate. That would be such an improvement!

I therefore ask that you remove the appointment of Mr. Cockrell from the consent calendar and give yourselves a chance to consider Ms. Ervin's application and others that you may have received. It would be an action that would help unify this county rather than continue to split it apart.

Finally, I am including below a letter on the topic that I submitted to you on 20 January and am re-submitting it now for your consideration. I do not see it among the other letters that you have received for this meeting.

Margie Lopez Read  
Placerville resident

ATTACHMENT

Email sent 20 January 2021

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors-

SUBJECT: Appointment of Chris Cockrell to Veterans Commission

I suspect that you all have heard of Klete Keller. For a reminder, he is that Olympic champion swimmer that was arrested for breaking into the U.S. Capitol during the riots on January 6. It seems unfathomable that one of our gold medal winners representing the United States would be involved in such treasonous activity. Yet he was.

I read that friends think of him as an extremely amiable guy, and someone that wanted to be liked and wanted to belong. They think that his desire to belong lead him to partake in an action that was not something he had thought through. I want to ask you if you think that the error of wanting to 'belong' is enough to excuse him for doing something so completely wrong.

I do not personally know Chris Cockrell, although I am familiar with the photo that has been shared across the world. That is the one where he is dressed in a Santa Claus outfit and buddies up with a group in Proud Boy hoodies making the sign of white supremacy at a Placerville Toys for Tots distribution.

I am reassured by many that Chris has also been seen taking part in intimidating Proud Boy actions that have taken place in Sacramento. I have not seen these. And yet, I have heard from two respectable people that Chris is simply a likeable guy that wants to fit in and probably did not intend to promote the hate-group stances of the Proud Boys organization. I cannot know that, and I remain dubious that it is a good idea to excuse him for doing something that was so completely wrong. Not unlike Klete Keller.

You, as Supervisors of the Board, are the ones that need to decide if it is a good idea to cut him some slack or if we should hold our county committees and commissions to standards of loyalty and patriotism. Loyalty to your country does not include partaking in extremist groups that sow hatred and threaten violence. Yet, I will say that if Chris Cockrell was an innocent young man, caught up in something he did not understand, then at this point he must now grasp the seriousness of his actions. And he must be able to testify as such in writing, apologize to the community for his actions and denounce the policies that are espoused by the Proud Boy organization. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proud\\_Boys](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proud_Boys)).

At the very least, you need to ask for that.

Respectfully,  
Margie Lopez Read  
Placerville



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Aidan Harte** <harteaidan76@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 8:24 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

To Whom it May Concern,

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The manner in which some local law enforcement and public figures have gone on camera pretending to know nothing about the significance of the Proud Boys other than just a local group of do-gooders is not fooling anyone. Perhaps even more concerning is the Board of Supervisor's attempt to suppress public participation in governance. After a strong public response in opposition to the nomination of Mr Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting the Board is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. In essence, each supervisor appoints whomever they choose to county commission seats with no discussion. This is anti-democratic in nature and does not reflect the will of the community. I urge you to do what you know is right.

Thank you,

Aidan Harte.



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Fwd: [BOStwo] Appointment of Chris Cockrell**

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**Mark Treat** <mark.treat@edcgov.us>  
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 8:36 AM

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From: **Rosalee Chilcoat** <chilcoat\_edcrwf@netzero.net>

Date: Fri, Feb 5, 2021 at 3:29 PM

Subject: [BOStwo] Appointment of Chris Cockrell

To: 2 George Turnboo &lt;bostwo@edcgov.us&gt;, John Hidahl &lt;bosone@edcgov.us&gt;, Lori Parlin &lt;bosfour@edcgov.us&gt;, &lt;bosthree@edcgov.us&gt;

Dear BOS - I am writing in support of appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Commission. I personally know Chris. He is a husband, father, business owner and a Veteran, not to mention an upstanding citizen of our community.

I understand the EDC Black Lives Matter along with the Progressives have another smear campaign going on, this time against Chris.

Chris is a great appointment to this commission. These two groups have zero concern with whether he is a "good candidate" or not, and honestly probably have zero idea what life is like for our Veterans so their reason for smearing his name is plain out bullying.

If the BOS takes another stand with these two groups I personally will work with other community members to have you each recalled.

I hope you choose to be on the side of history.

Thank you,  
Rose Chilcoat, President  
EDC Republican Women Federated

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- Mark Treat  
District 2 Supervisor's Assistant  
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(530) 663-6494



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Fwd: Request to pull Agenda item 8. 20-1957 from Consent Calendar**

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**Mark Treat** <mark.treat@edcgov.us>  
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 8:44 AM

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From: **Chris Cockrell** <chris@samstowncyclery.com>  
Date: Wed, Jan 6, 2021 at 1:38 PM  
Subject: [BOSTwo] Fwd: FW: Request to pull Agenda item 8. 20-1957 from Consent Calendar  
To: George Turnboo <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Supervisor Turnboo,

Please note the following email from John Poimiroo and thank your for your continued belief in me  
Sincerely,

Chris Cockrell

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From: **John Poimiroo** <poimiroo@gmail.com>  
Date: Wed, Jan 6, 2021, 11:38 AM  
Subject: FW: Request to pull Agenda item 8. 20-1957 from Consent Calendar  
To: chris@samstowncyclery.com <chris@samstowncyclery.com>

Chris,

This is what I sent to John Hidahl in response to his request that I provide him with my opinion of your character.

John P.

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**From:** John Poimiroo <poimiroo@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 11:06 AM  
**To:** John Hidahl <john.hidahl@edcgov.us>  
**Cc:** Todd Smith <smittytodd7@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Request to pull Agenda item 8. 20-1957 from Consent Calendar

John,

I spoke at length with Chris Cockrell regarding the accusations made against him. They are absolutely without merit. The best way to describe them is as patently untrue, libelous and a disturbing effort at character assassination.

Chris has no affiliation with the Proud Boys and never has. He was invited by Toys for Tots (a charitable effort run by the US Marine Corps Reserve to help needy children at Christmas – of which I've contributed regularly for years) to portray Santa Claus at their Toys for Tots event in Placerville. I am sure than anyone who cares about kids would have accepted the invite to be there. He posed for pictures with anyone who wanted a picture taken: children, parents, groups of people. He even had his picture taken with a dog. He didn't know any of the people with whom he had his picture taken and did so only in his role as Santa.

More than that, Chris strongly denounces what has been written about him. He is not a racist; he is the opposite of one: caring and giving to others regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation. I know that he's repaired and donated bikes to help those without means of transportation. I spoke with other vets who say Chris is a "stand up" guy, an admirable member of our community who is giving and concerned.

This is a good man who would be a great member of the veterans affairs commission. He has an interest in helping the most unfortunate around us. We need that kind of person on the Commission at this time. That so good a person was so wrongly maligned for political reasons is despicable and disgusting.

If anyone's character is on trial in this instance, it is the Board of Supervisors'. Unless there is a 5-0 vote to approve his appointment, there will be a public black mark on the Board for acquiescing to character assassins whose only objective is to vilify anyone with whom they disagree.

John Poimiroo, CAPT, USN-Ret

Alt District I Commissioner, EDC Veterans Affairs Commission

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**From:** John Poimiroo <[poimiroo@gmail.com](mailto:poimiroo@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 9:06 PM  
**To:** John Hidahl <[john.hidahl@edcgov.us](mailto:john.hidahl@edcgov.us)>  
**Cc:** Todd Smith <[smittytodd7@gmail.com](mailto:smittytodd7@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Request to pull Agenda item 8. 20-1957 from Consent Calendar

John,

I don't know first-hand the details of what happened related to Chris Cockrell's appearance as Santa Claus at a Placerville event and suggest you speak with him to see what he has to say.

I have met Chris and know that he's a vet and supports vets ardently. On that basis, he would be a good addition to the Veterans Affairs Commission. Otherwise, I don't know much about his personal beliefs.

John P.

On Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 8:59 PM John Hidahl <[john.hidahl@edcgov.us](mailto:john.hidahl@edcgov.us)> wrote:

FYI

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From: **The BOSONE** <[bosone@edcgov.us](mailto:bosone@edcgov.us)>

Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021 at 10:35 AM

Subject: Re: Request to pull Agenda item 8. 20-1957 from Consent Calendar

To: Janet Rossi <[jrossij@yahoo.com](mailto:jrossij@yahoo.com)>

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting our office with your comments. Supervisor Hidahl has received and reviewed your email. Please feel free to contact us if you have any other questions or concerns.

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## Public Comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II appointments

1 message

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R R <rebecca.queen01@gmail.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 8:48 AM

Public Comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II appointments

I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion. I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the veterans affairs commission. On December 5, 2020 Chris Cockrell dressed up as a Santa and with a group identified as the "Hangtown proud boys" displayed a white power hand jester in downtown Placerville. This video was widely circulated and can be easily accessed online. <https://fb.watch/3roF9w6Gko/> Since this time Mr. Cockrell has not denounced the proud boys nor has he denied that he is a member of the organization there is ample evidence that Mr. Cockrell follows the proud boys both locally and nationally. Mr. Cockrell's association with the proud boys should be swiftly and anonymously condemned by the board. The proud boys have been identified as one of the players in the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the US Capitol no one affiliated with the properties should be considered for any appointment to any county seat this is anti-democratic in nature and does not reflect the will of the community.

Thank you,  
Rebecca Quinonez



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**public comment**

1 message

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**Adrienne Sontag-Murphy** <adriennesm123@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 8:49 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Hello,

Public comment for February 9, 2021 meeting agenda item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs commission. On 12/5/2021, Cockrell dressed up as Santa Claus with the "Hangtown Proud Boys", posed for pictures, and displayed a white power hand gesture. As a resident of El Dorado County, I am opposed to any El Dorado County representative outwardly supporting hate groups.

Even more concerning is the Board Of Supervisors attempt to suppress public participation in governance, After a strong public response to this nomination of Mr. Cockrell. As a resident of El Dorado County, I would like to submit my comment and urge you to bring this item to the agenda for discussion.

PS- dear person reading this, please do the right thing! And take care of yourself, too. I hope you are having the time and space to rest, drink water, and be outside. :)



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**hi! hope you are having the time and space to rest, drink water, and be outside. :)**

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**Adrienne Sontag-Murphy** <adriennesm123@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 8:54 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Public comment for February 9, 2021 meeting agenda item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs commission.

As a resident of El Dorado County, I am upset that the Board of Supervisors is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. This is anti-democratic, and I am concerned that I am losing my rights and voice as a resident in this county.

I will do my part to listen and be kind to the people I meet, and build stronger relationships with my neighbors. Basically I am asking you to do the same. I know it has been a hard year for me, my friends and family, and probably you too! Please help bring us together and keep the residents of El Dorado County in the decision making process!!

thanks

Adrienne Murphy



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**(no subject)**

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**john ferdon** <jjfjffjffjff95@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 9:06 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Public comment for February 9, 2021 meeting agenda item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs commission. NO ONE affiliated with the Proud Boys should be considered for ANY appointment to ANY county seat.

After strong public opposition to the nomination of Mr Cockrell at the January 5th meeting the Boars is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. This is anti-democratic, and does not reflect the will of the community.

As a resident of El Dorado County, it upsets me to see my rights and the rights of community members threatened by our elected officials.

Thank you for your time,  
John Ferdon



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Re: Chris Cockrell: Veteran Affairs Commission**

1 message

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**Linda Johnson** <tastytimequeen@hotmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 9:37 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

The following letter is a written statement of our support for Chris Cockrell for an appointment to the Veteran's Affairs Commission.

We have known Chris Cockrell for over 10 years. He is a Businessman, Family Man and an asset to our community. As a Businessman, Chris has always been eager to reach out to his community and to be involved. As a Family Man, Chris is involved in a number of activities relating to the interests of his wife and children. He is always eager to be involved. As an individual, Chris Cockrell is honest, passionate, has a strong work ethic and strives to be a contributing factor to both family and community.

We would strongly recommend Chris for an appointment to the Veteran's Affairs Commission and he has our full support.

Sincerely,

Richard & Linda Johnson



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## No Proud Boys on County Commissions

1 message

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**patty wilson** <patty.wilson5@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

EDC BOS~

I have lived and worked in El Dorado County for 50 years. I raised my family here and taught in public schools. Unfortunately, for the entire time I have lived here EDC has struggled with its reputation of being non-accepting and racist. From years ago when the guy with the sign on his pick up about hating gays to our current struggle with the hangman's noose on our logo.

Throughout the years, the BOS has not been courageous enough to stand up to this rhetoric and firmly denounce hate in this great county of ours. This caving in to fringe elements is continuing today.

Now we have the controversy over appointing a member of the Proud Boys, Chris Cockrell, to the Veterans Affairs Commission. Have you not read about the Proud Boys? Their involvement in the Jan. 6 insurrection and their general bullying and threatening towards anyone not like them? They have been designated a hate group. Despite the public outcry against this appointment, you have decided to go ignore it and just rubber stamp the approval? Wow! Democracy in action. Your actions make me ashamed.

I request that you pull this item 14-21-0147 from the agenda and ask Mr. Turnbull to nominate someone else. Surely there are other qualified people for this position. Why continue on this path of ignoring the obvious?

I can accept that some of you do not see equality, acceptance, and racial justice as something you prioritize. But by continuing this ugly legacy in EDC you are going to be hurting the county economically. Your actions will find their way out into the larger world and be rejected. Tourist dollars will go elsewhere.

If you can't find it in your heart to reject this nominate, I hope you will find it in your wallet to do so.

Thank you, Patty Willson Dist. 3



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Public Comment, 2/9/2021 agenda item 14-21-0147**

1 message

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**Emily Johnson** <em.jamie.johnson@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 10:16 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

RE: Public Comment, 2/9/2021 agenda item 14-21-0147  
Consent Calendar District II Appointments

Dear Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission. On December 5, 2020, Chris Cockrell dressed up as Santa Claus and appeared with a group who identify themselves as the "Hangtown Proud Boys", and was photographed and filmed posing with the Proud Boys and demonstrating white power gestures. The video from this incident has been widely circulated and is widely available online. This was a painful and disappointing moment for our beautiful, diverse community and it must be condemned by the board in the form of a swift and unanimous rejection of Cockrell's appointment.

Cockrell's failure to denounce the Proud Boys and his lack of denial about his membership in the group, coupled with the ample evidence of his local and national affiliation with this violent extremist group, makes him entirely unsuitable to hold a seat on any public commission. Our community deserves better. It should be blatantly clear that no one affiliated with the Proud Boys in any capacity ought ever to be considered for an appointment within any level of government.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Best,

Emily Johnson  
Placerville resident



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion**

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**Karl Weiss** <boomerdrummer1953@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 10:23 AM

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## Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II

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**Hugh Hoeger** <hughhoeger@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 10:28 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

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Regards,

Hugh Hoeger

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**February 9,2021 BOS meeting agenda item 14-21-0147**

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**Diane** <gogre77@hotmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 10:59 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

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As a resident of Newark, California, I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell.

Diane Greene  
6262 Jarvis Ave.  
Newark, CA 94560

Sent from my iPad



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion**

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**Nicole Blaylock** <brookseydarling@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 11:19 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

RE: Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion

I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission. All Veterans deserve to be respected and represented by a candidate that does not publicly throw "White Power" signs for photo opportunities or affiliate closely with white supremacy organized groups. All due respect to Chris for his service as a veteran and small business owner in the community.

Time is up for how we tolerate notions of white supremacy or more specifically gang symbols of white power. If you as a Board member do not address this issue it will continue to twist our children and communities self identity.

Thank you once again for your time and service to our community.

Regards,

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Nicole Blaylock  
Camino resident



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Public Comment - meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147**

1 message

**Andrew Irby** <andrewirby@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 11:48 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

I urge you to vote against the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission. Mr. Cockrell is a known associate of the Proud Boys hate group, and should in no way represent our community.

Further, I strongly oppose the proposal that nominees be automatically approved without a vote. This is in direct opposition to the very idea of democracy, and would certainly lead to cronyism and unqualified appointments.

Respectfully,  
Andrew Irby



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**PUBLIC COMMENT: February 9, 2021; Agenda Item: 14-21-0147**

1 message

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Mirjana M <mirjana\_m@ymail.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 11:55 AM

PUBLIC COMMENT 2-9-2021  
AGENDA ITEM: 14-21-0147

I REQUEST TO PULL THIS ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am strongly opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

On December 5, 2020, Mr. Cockrell dressed as Santa Claus, and accompanied by "Hangtown Proud Boys," a white supremacy organization, publicly displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This behavior has been documented in an online video, circulated on Facebook (<https://fb.watch/3roF9w6GKO/>).

White Power groups are a blight on American history AND our present, and must be shunned. They are a shameful reminder of America's cruel actions against Indigenous peoples, African slaves, and immigrants, all of which have built the America we know today. More recently, Proud Boys have been implicated in the January 6th insurrection at the US Capitol, and have been under scrutiny by the FBI as a domestic terror organization. NO ONE who is a member or suspected member of such an organization should be considered for ANY appointment to ANY governing seat at any level of government, local or national.

Mr. Cockrell DOES NOT represent the citizens and taxpayers of El Dorado County or Placerville.

More concerning is the Board of Supervisors' attempt to suppress public participation in governance. After a strong public opposition to the nomination of Mr. Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting, the Board is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. In other words, each supervisor will be able to appoint whomever they please to county commission seats with no discussion. This type of governance is dictatorship at its base, anti-democratic in nature, and does not reflect the will of the community.

As someone who is actively looking to purchase a home in El Dorado County, I strongly object to Mr. Cockrell and to the Board's attempt to quash public input in their governance.

Sincerely,  
Mirjana Milenkovic



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Respect your own laws and the wishes of the people

1 message

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**Stephen Allen** <steveallenduh@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 1:27 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear members of the board,

I am writing as a concerned Californian to urge you to keep racist hate group activists out of county leadership. I write to you from my home in Mariposa County on behalf of the people in your community who continue to be victimized by hate groups like the proud boys. While I am not a resident of El Dorado County, I am a fellow Californian and more importantly a human being who knows how nice it is to walk around my neighborhood, visit local businesses, interact safely with neighbors etc. Not all your constituents can enjoy such freedoms, although guaranteed them by the constitution of this nation as well as various state and local laws.

I insist that you desist in your efforts to BYPASS YOUR OWN RULES in order to place racist agitator and domestic terrorist Chris Cockrell aboard the edc Veterans Affairs commission so that your constituents, whom it is your job to serve, can live in safety.

THE WORLD IS WATCHING YOU

WHETHER YOU BRING FURTHER SHAME UPON YOUR LEADERSHIP OR TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO DO THE RIGHT THING,

WE ARE WATCHING AND WE REFUSE TO BE SILENT!

Steve Allen  
Yosemite National Park



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**RE:Nomination of Chris Cockrell to the EDC Veterans Affairs Commission**

1 message

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**Matt Andrews** <mandrews@adamspool.net>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 1:42 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

To the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that the board of Supervisors has come under extreme pressure over the potential appointment of Chris Cockrell to the veterans affairs commission. So much so that they have changed and delayed their appointment process in order to acquiesce to these groups that are out to prevent his appointment through false and overreaching accusations.

As a result I felt it was necessary to stand up as a citizen of El Dorado County and speak to this issue.

Chris meets every criteria set forth under Resolution No. 013-2020 - approved by the EDC Board of Supervisors a year ago, which states, "Primary members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each shall have been honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces." The slanderous efforts to mis characterize Chris Cockrell as a radical extremist are possibly made by 'radicals' themselves. If serving ones country is radical or extreme then Chris is guilty. If loving ones country and showing it by providing constitution booklets to his customers is radical then Chris is guilty. If serving his community through volunteerism is radical then Chris is guilty. I first came to know Chris through his mentoring of my 16 year son and his love of mountain biking. All I have seen from Chris is an energetic, focused, patriotic individual. At some point if we do not stand up as individuals and as a community and embrace people who love America we will lose the America that has provided us all with so many wonderful opportunities.

It would be a great loss to the Veterans of El Dorado County and to the Veterans Affairs Commission if Chris Cockrell is not appointed based solely on his qualifications both personal and professional. In order for him to serve his fellow Veterans and this county with the same energetic, focused and patriotic disposition that I have come to know.

Sincerely,

Matt Andrews  
916-397-6585



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Public Comment 2-9-21 Agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District 2 Appointment

1 message

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**Wayne Hubbard** <wainzwhirled1951@gmail.com>  
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 1:43 PM

We wish to pull this item for discussion. We strongly oppose appointing nominees to county seats without public votes and appointing anyone associated with radical extremist groups such as Proud Boys, QANON, and white supremacist groups. It is evident that Mr. Cockrell is associated with at least one of these groups and we feel that his appointment would be a grave mistake and lessen the integrity of El Dorado County government.

My wife and I are both resident voters in Placerville, California.

Thank you for your consideration

Wayne Hubbard and Janie Carpender  
3357 Pardi Way, Placerville, Ca





EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Consent Calendar Item 14- Meeting 2/9/21

1 message

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**Travis Tahmahkera** <travishenrytahmahkera@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 2:03 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Supervisor Thomas,

As a Placerville constituent, I am gravely concerned and horrified by the sheer disregard for the events that have transpired even within the last month. The idea that any individual would represent a community, who embraces hateful ideologies and terror, would be considered for any leadership position. Please ensure that this letter be distributed to the entire board. I want to request that this item, consent calendar item 14, be pulled from the consent calendar

**immediately.**

Travis Tahmahkera

[travishenrytahmahkera@gmail.com](mailto:travishenrytahmahkera@gmail.com)



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion**

1 message

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**Julie DeHart** <julie.c.dehart@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 2:10 PM

I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission. On December 5th, 2020, Chris Cockrell dressed up as a Santa and with a group identified as the "Hangtown Proud Boys" displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This video was widely circulated and can easily be accessed online. <https://fb.watch/3roF9w6GkO/> Since this time Mr. Cockrell has NOT denounced the Proud Boys NOR has he denied that he is a member of the organization. There is ample evidence that Mr. Cockrell follows the Proud Boys both locally and nationally. Mr. Cockrell's association with the Proud Boys should be swiftly and unanimously condemned by the board. The Proud Boys have been identified as one of the players in the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U. S. Capitol. Because of the violent, and extremist nature of the group the Proud Boys have been added to Canada's list of terrorist organizations. NO ONE affiliated with the Proud Boys should be considered for ANY appointment to ANY county seat.

Perhaps even more concerning is the Board of Supervisor's attempt to suppress public participation in governance. After a strong public response in opposition to the nomination of Mr Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting the Board is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. In essence, each supervisor appoints whomever they choose to county commission seats with no discussion. This is anti-democratic in nature and does not reflect the will of the community.

Thank you,  
Julie DeHart



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Item 14, February 9, 2021 Consent Calendar

1 message

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**Pat Woolston** <patwoolston@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 2:11 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Please pull Item 14 from the Consent Calendar. The Consent Calendar should contain only non-controversial items. The proposed appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission is not without controversy. Chris Cockrell is rumored to be a member of the Proud Boys Group. The appointee should have a chance to rebut this accusation. Also, the Board of Supervisors hear from the appointee whether this true and if so should decide whether a member of this group should be considered for a position of leadership in our County.

Sincerely, Pat Woolston, El Dorado



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Public comment, February 9th, 2021 meeting agenda item 14-21-0147 consent calendar District II Appointments

1 message

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**Gmail** <maldonadoy3@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 2:43 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Public comment, February 9th, 2021 meeting agenda item 14-21-0147 consent calendar district II appointments. I request to pull this item for discussion.

To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the assignment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission as there is strong evidence that he is affiliated with the Proud Boys organization, which has recently been involved in violent and extremist acts. Thank you for your attention.

Marlene Maldonado



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Public Comment

1 message

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**Ali Jones** <changeexchangeville@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 2:53 PM

Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

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Kind regards,

Ali Jones  
Placerville Resident



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Agenda Item 14-21-0147**

1 message

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**Edlene Leathers** <edlene895@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 2:56 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT 2-9-2021  
AGENDA ITEM: 14-21-0147

I REQUEST TO PULL THIS ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am strongly opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

On December 5, 2020, Mr. Cockrell dressed as Santa Claus, and accompanied by "Hangtown Proud Boys," a white supremacy organization, publicly displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This behavior has been documented in an online video, circulated on Facebook (<https://fb.watch/3roF9w6GKO/>).

White Power groups are a blight on American history AND our present, and must be shunned. They are a shameful reminder of America's cruel actions against Indigenous peoples, African slaves, and immigrants, all of which have built the America we know today. More recently, Proud Boys have been implicated in the January 6th insurrection at the US Capitol, and have been under scrutiny by the FBI as a domestic terror organization. NO ONE who is a member or suspected member of such an organization should be considered for ANY appointment to ANY governing seat at any level of government, local or national.

Mr. Cockrell DOES NOT represent the citizens and taxpayers of El Dorado County or Placerville.

More concerning is the Board of Supervisors' attempt to suppress public participation in governance. After a strong public opposition to the nomination of Mr. Cockrell at the January 5, 2021 meeting, the Board is now discussing changing their policy to eliminate the requirement for a board vote to appoint nominees. In other words, each supervisor will be able to appoint whomever they please to county commission seats with no discussion. This type of governance is dictatorship at its base, anti-democratic in nature, and does not reflect the will of the community.

As someone who is actively looking to purchase a home in El Dorado County, I strongly object to Mr. Cockrell and to the Board's attempt to quash public input in their governance.

Sincerely, from my iPhone  
Edlene Leathers



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Chris Cockrell's appointment

1 message

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Camille Woickowski <camille.meala@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:16 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

Cc: "bosfive@edcgov.us" &lt;bosfive@edcgov.us&gt;, "bosfour@edcgov.us" &lt;bosfour@edcgov.us&gt;, "bosone@edcgov.us" &lt;bosone@edcgov.us&gt;, "bosthree@edcgov.us" &lt;bosthree@edcgov.us&gt;, "bostwo@edcgov.us" &lt;bostwo@edcgov.us&gt;

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Sincerely,  
Camille Woickowski



EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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## Letter of recommendation re Chris Cockrell

1 message

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**C RoRo** <crohland10@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:10 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To whom it may concern  
Please acknowledge receipt of this email and the attached letter.  
Thank you  
Corey Rohland



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February 8, 2021

To whom it may concern

I am writing as a citizen of El Dorado County to voice my support of Chris Cockrell and my opposition to the absurd accusations against him.

I have been a customer of Chris's since his shop, Sams Town Cyclery, first opened in Cambridge in Cameron Park. I was intrigued by the name, because years ago when Sams Town lit up the night time sky, I was a kid who loved visiting the arcade and seeing all of the tour buses stop on their way up to Tahoe. I have chosen to patronize his business because Chris loves the community he serves and uses bicycling as a means to strengthen the community by bringing people together through outdoor exercise. He moved his business to its current location and turned the once eye-sore Depot into a living piece of local history. He has strengthened the community by organizing bike rides for riders of all abilities; he has cleared brush to make it safer for children to bike to Buckeye Elementary. He has proposed new side walks and bike paths to make biking safer and more accessible to all. Whenever I visit his shop there is always a fixer-upper bike that is being worked on to donate to someone in need. As a supporter of the community, he volunteered during Christmastime to be a Santa's helper, where apparently these ridiculous accusations against him began.

I share the same sense of community as Chris, as well as conservative values. I never knew what Proud Boys were until the club was thrust into the spotlight by the media, I still don't know what a QAnon is, and I feel that all lives including black lives matter. It is absurd that some who hold different political views are trying to broadly categorize conservatives as all holding the extreme and ridiculous views or beliefs as what they are slandering against Chris.

Chris makes a positive difference in the community and would be a perfect appointment as a veteran community representative.

Thank you

Corey Rohland

(916) 805-3475



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion

1 message

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**Michelle Greene** <mccgreene77@hotmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:13 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

This email is in response to the statement made by Supervisor Turbnoo published 02/08/2020. This is gaslighting 101. **Gaslighting** is a form of psychological manipulation in which a person or a group covertly sows seeds of doubt in a targeted individual or group, making them question their own memory, perception, or judgement. Using denial, misdirection, contradiction, and misinformation, gaslighting involves attempts to destabilize the victim and delegitimize the victim's beliefs. We all know what we saw!

I would like to ask Mr Turnboo why Mr Cokrell has not as of yet denounced the Proud Boys nor denied his association with the Hangtown Proud Boys? His silence speaks volumes. If I were to be associated with the KKK I would immediately scream from the rooftops that I am not associated with the group and denounce them. Mr Cpokrell has not done this!! The original intent of the Toys for Tots drive is inconsequential. The point is that Proud Boys attended and Mr Cockrell obliged them. If he did not know who they were or what the "OK" hand gesture was then, he does now. Why has he remained silent? Regarding the Mountain Democrat, does Mr Turnboo think that the Mountain Democrat is the end all be all? Included in one of the emails is strong online evidence of Mr Cockerell's association with the Proud Boys.

The fact that this is Mr Turnboo's response to the community speaking up is appalling. It shows that he does not regard community concerns. He does not listen and that is indicative of a lack of leadership. It is his responsibility to represent the people not the Proud Boys. Being a pastor does not absolve you Mr. Turnboo. You should be ashamed! It is not your place as a White Man to dictate what is or is not racists in the eyes of the BIPOC community. It is statements like these that deter people from coming to this county and why they consider El Dorado County as a haven for racists. Instead of racist actions being condemn by local leadership they are implicitly supported by statements such as this. Shame!!!!!!!



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Appointment of Chris Cockrell

1 message

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**Tyler Solorio** <tyler.solorio@stp-sf.org>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:24 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

As a veteran who also works on veterans' issues, I find it absurd in the year 2021 that a person like Chris can uncritically be appointed to the Veterans Affairs Commission. The video of him clearly shows his comfort with Proud Boys and if you are that comfortable with PB, you are either too ignorant to be in a position of power or you are in agreement with them. Unless Chris absolutely publicly rebukes the Proud Boys and white supremacy, yall are being complicit in his appointment.

Tyler



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Public Comment: February 9, 2021 Meeting Agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments

1 message

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**Bret** <bretblubaugh89@gmail.com>  
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:36 PM

Public Comment: February 9, 2021 Meeting Agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

Attempting to silence the voice of the community who have already expressed their concerns about potentially appointing a white supremacist by changing policy to not allow them to vote on matters within their own community makes both the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and the county itself look ignorant and hateful.

According to a public statement from George Turnboo Mr. Cockrell may not claim to be a member of the Proud Boys on his application, but him willingly posing for a picture and flashing a well known and well publicized "white power" hand gesture is at worst a sign of backwards views I do not want associated with the town where I live and at best a display of someone so wildly and willfully out of touch with current events that I am uncertain they would be capable of holding a position of political influence.

Once again referring to the public statement - Implicit Bias training may be a good start, but it is unlikely to be enough to truly affect the views of anyone with an ingrained white supremacist background.

There is ample evidence that Mr. Cockrell follows the Proud Boys both locally and nationally. However, if Chris Cockrell's views truly do not align in any way with that of the Proud Boys (a group involved last month with the insurrection at the capitol) I would strongly encourage him to issue a public apology where he explains his situation, and clearly denounces the hate group, the Proud Boys, and their views. If it is truly a matter of ignorance about the group and/or the hate symbol he casually flashed in solidarity with them, I believe that this county is open minded enough to reconsider their current opinion of Mr. Cockrell. As far as I'm aware no such apology has occurred, and until it does I do not believe he should be considered for appointment to any position.

Best,

An El Dorado County Registered Voter,

Bret Blubaugh



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

## Please take item 14-21-0147 off the February 9, 2021 BOS consent calendar

1 message

Marilyn Tahl &lt;mtahl@lookative.com&gt;

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:47 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: The BOSFOUR &lt;bosfour@edcgov.us&gt;, bosone@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us

Dear El Dorado County Supervisors,

I was sorry to see that the approval of Chris Cockrell that was pulled from the Jan 5, 2021 Consent calendar, has been placed back on the Consent calendar instead of being handled as a discussion and **hereby request that you pull item 14-21-0147 off the Feb 9, 2020 Consent calendar and move it to the agenda for discussion.**

Additionally,

1. I oppose the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs commission.

I truly believe our County and our Country are well-served when there is broad representation but I draw the line at including members of any organization that the US Federal Government is considering classifying as a terrorist organization, Canada has already clarified as a terrorist organization and, as Wikipedia describes it (*emphasis is mine*) "The Proud Boys is a far right, neo-fascist, and **male-only white nationalist organization that promotes and engages in political violence** in the United States and Canada." ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proud\\_Boys](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proud_Boys))

Mr. Cockrell's association with the Proud Boys is well known. On December 5, 2020, he dressed as a Santa with a group that self-identified as the "Hangtown Proud Boys" and openly displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville, as can be seen in this video: <https://fb.watch/3roF9w6GkO/>

Mr. Cockrell has neither denounced the Proud Boys nor denied his membership in this organization. This puts him at odds with the workings of inclusive, representative government and, for someone wishing to be on the Veterans' Affairs Commission, at odds with the oath he took while serving in the armed forces to protect the US Constitution. On these grounds, I do not believe he is fit to serve in government in any capacity and urge you to deny his appointment.

2. I am deeply concerned that I have heard that, in response to being met with a lot of community comments on Mr. Cockrell's potential appointment, the Board of Supervisors is now considering eliminating the requirement for a Board vote on prospective Commission appointees. The only way the public currently knows about potential appointments is by their inclusion on the BOS agenda. Eliminating the requirement of board approval will functionally suppress the public's right to participate.

Public participation is a cornerstone of our system and crucial in ensuring that *all* sides of any issue can be surfaced, enabling you, our elected officials, to govern from a place of greater knowledge.

Please consider that the public needs to be able to provide input when it comes to committee appointments.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Tahl  
Garden Valley, District 4.

Marilyn Tahl

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IF YOU CAN'T BE A GOOD EXAMPLE, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO BE A HORRIBLE WARNING. -C. Aird



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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## Consent Calendar II Appointments

1 message

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**Kay Osborn** <larkspur4k@hotmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:47 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Cc: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item off consent and to the agenda for discussion.

I am opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission. Said person is a known, and admitted member of the hate group Hangtown Proud Boys. Anyone with this affiliation should not be considered for a county appointment.

As a local Lotus/Coloma resident, I'm opposed to any policy that nominations to county seats would no longer require a vote. The public needs to be involved and able to give input on committee appointments

Thank you for your consideration,  
Kay Osborn



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**PUBLIC COMMENT 2-9-2021 AGENDA ITEM: 14-21-0147**

1 message

**Dwight Bowers** <dbfloorsales@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:57 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

I am strongly opposed to the appointment of Chris Cockrell to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

On December 5, 2020, Mr. Cockrell dressed as Santa Claus, and accompanied by "Hangtown Proud Boys," a white supremacy organization, publicly displayed a white power hand gesture in downtown Placerville. This behavior has been documented in an online video, circulated on Facebook (<https://fb.watch/3roF9w6GKO/>).

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Mr. Cockrell DOES NOT represent the citizens and taxpayers of El Dorado County or Placerville.

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As someone who is actively looking to purchase a home in El Dorado County, I strongly object to Mr. Cockrell and to the Board's attempt to quash public input in their governance.

Sincerely,  
Dwight Bowers



EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion”.**

1 message

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**Maureen** <dionperry@att.net>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:56 PM

To: John Hidahl <john.hidahl@edcgov.us>, "wendy.thomas@edcgov.us" <wendy.thomas@edcgov.us>, "george.turnboo@edcgov.us" <george.turnboo@edcgov.us>, Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <sue.novasel@edcgov.us>, "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "kim.dawson@edcgov.us" <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

I am writing you to request your help to create diversity on the Veterans Commission and other Commissions of EDC.

Our Veterans are not just white men.

I believe that there are some female applicants that should be prioritized over another white man..

It is time for EDC to prioritize diversity.

Thank you for your support of this effort to promote diversity on our EDC Commissions and in our EDC government staff.

Warm Regards

Maureen Dion-Perry  
Camino resident





EDC COB &lt;edc.cob@edcgov.us&gt;

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**Public comment RE: Nomination of hate group member for seat**

1 message

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**Sarah Spitler** <sspitler01@yahoo.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:59 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Public comment, February 9, 2021 meeting agenda Item 14-21-0147 Consent Calendar District II Appointments. I request to pull this item to the agenda for discussion.

I am writing to communicate complete disgust with 1) the idea that Chris Cockrell, a member hate group "Proud Boys", has been nominated for a seat on the county's Veteran's Affairs commission. The following link describes Mr. Cockrell's organization: <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/proud-boys>

2) I also wanted to express my alarm and concern in learning that the BOS, in response to the obvious public outcry over the possibility of his appointment, is in fact moving to suppress democracy by changing policy, so that nominations to county seats will no longer require a vote. I believe this will only serve to allow more chauvinists, white supremacists, and further the right wing agenda of certain board members.

Thank you,  
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## Chris Cockrell board of VA appointee

1 message

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Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:50 PM

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I am a resident of Placerville. I was born and raised here and returned in 2016 after having lived in Texas and San Diego for many years. Part of my wanting to return was to raise my son in a beautiful place, close to family and in a town that is growing and changing for the better. Over the last few years, I've witnessed a very ugly side of Placerville and some of the in-your-face ignorance and racism that embarrasses me to no end. I was appalled and sickened to see the Proud Boys flaunting their hatred and narrow-minded viewpoints in my hometown - a place I want to feel proud to raise my son in.

Chris Cockrells behavior and participation in that racist performance by the Proud Boy stooges was clearly intentional. His assent to this position within Eldo county has been met with serious blowback, as it should. The fact he is trying to play innocent, not taking responsibility for his actions, and that he didn't know who he was taking pictures with and the hand gestures he was making is an outright lie. He knew very well what he was doing and a large group of residents of this town are not naive or dumb enough to believe otherwise.

If you want these positions in our county to be taken seriously and command respect to the people who are serving, Chris Cockrell has proven himself to be unfit. Period. El Dorado county has plenty of veterans who would be better suited to this role and we should expect better from our local government appointees.

Thank you for your time.

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Jillian Carlin, COTAL