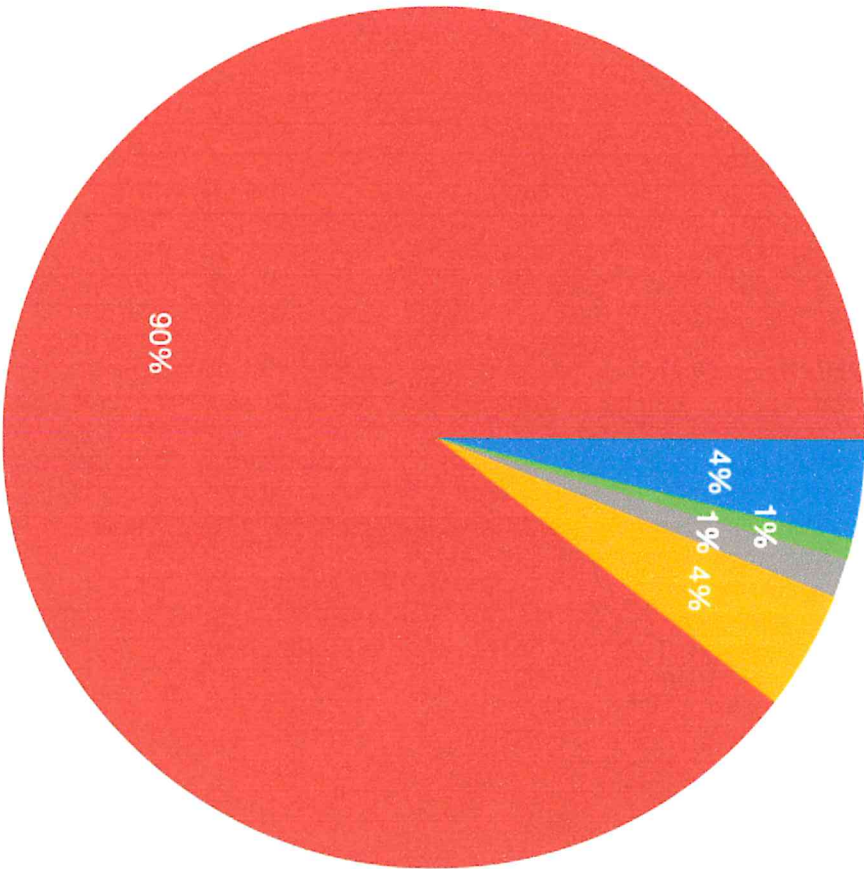


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April 12, 2022

Board of Supervisors Meeting - Open Forum

My name is Alicia Selby, and I am also with the Diamond Springs / El Dorado Community Coalition.

We have collected 226 Surveys from members of our communities, and the surrounding areas.

We are providing you with a copy of our statements today, as well as the results of 140 respondents to our Survey. The remaining results will be available soon.

The greatest concern our community has is increased traffic from adding more development to the area.

For example, 88% said they Strongly Agreed when asked if they were concerned about impacts to traffic congestion if additional housing developments are built in Diamond Springs and El Dorado.

And 90% said they Strongly Agreed when asked if they were concerned about Dorado Oaks impacting traffic Level of Service from C (stable flow) to F (stop and go, gridlock) which will require adding a roundabout or more traffic lights through downtown Diamond Springs. The Red area on this circle graph represents the survey respondents' reaction to this question.

Regarding the preservation of our area's historic character, 77% said they Strongly Agreed when asked if it was important that the Board of Supervisors support design standards that align with the cultural and historical background of Diamond Springs and El Dorado.

The Surveys include many comments, such as this: "I travel down Pleasant Valley four times a day to pick up and drop off my kids . . . It's my route to get from my home to town. The Caldor fire scared the crap out of me, especially when we were at a dead stop when people were trying to evacuate. We do not need more people and traffic when we have this fire danger."

The one remark we hear over and over as we bring awareness to land use issues in our area is, "I had no idea about any of this!" The community is shocked and deeply concerned over the several high-density developments planned for Diamond Springs and El Dorado, most especially Dorado Oaks - the behemoth 382-unit development proposed behind Deb's Frosty.

The packed Community Hall on March 30 was a strong indicator of the level of concern residents and property owners have over what is planned. Enormous changes are proposed for our two historic towns, which will permanently and fundamentally transform their character. If implemented, these changes will wholly alter the lives of those who live and work here.

This Board will vote on the Dorado Oaks project. The desires of those who live and work in the community should be foremost in each of your minds as you make your decision. Our Coalition is informing people about the planned projects, and gathering their opinions and concerns to present to this Board. It is undeniable that the residents of Diamond Springs and El Dorado, as well as those who drive through the area regularly, are very concerned about these projects' impacts to traffic, safety, and historical preservation.

Thank you.

BOS Public Forum 4/12/22

Good Afternoon, Larry Rolla, member of the Diamond Springs / El Dorado Coalition.

I wanted to report back to you on the coalition meeting we held on March 30th at the El Dorado Community Center which holds about 150 people. All 140 chairs were used and there were several people standing. Obviously the community is very interested and concerned about the development plans on the horizon.

In all we reviewed 7 projects, starting with Dorado Oaks. At the end of each section we opened it up for Q&A. Dorado Oaks received the most interest and clearly by the questions the attendees are not pleased with the development as it currently stands.

We handed out a survey so people could voice their opinion. We also made the presentation and survey available on our website so people who weren't able to attend could also participate. Alicia will be sharing the results of that survey and leave a copy with you.

One of the takeaways from the meeting for me was how uninformed our residents are with the plans being approved by this board. It's clear that the citizens of Diamond Springs and El Dorado are not aware of the development plans for our County. I too was clueless until I decided to attend one of the Advisory Committee meetings. And even after that, you have to invest time reading through the EIR or project plan in order to better understand the plan and impact. We need a better way of informing the residents of El Dorado on plans under consideration. A simple slide presentation that focuses on the high level attributes of the project would allow people to quickly know the benefits and impacts.

It's clear that people do care about their community but we need a better way of being informed and having an open discussion with our representative.

Going back to Dorado Oaks for a moment, we are still waiting for the EIR mitigation responses, and plan on actively reviewing them with the community when the time comes. I know this project is in Supervisor Thomas's district but all supervisors will vote on it and with your vote you will send a clear message to all of El Dorado county on the importance of saving our historic towns. Coalitions throughout the county are just starting to join together so members can speak loud and clear to our elected officials. Trust me, the voters from your districts will know how you voted.

In closing, I was pleased to read in the Mt. Dem. some of the criteria being used for the Carson Creek Village project. Quoting Supervisor Turnboo, "I just don't think right now that this is the type of project that fits our criteria. There are a lot of concerns on this, especially with the traffic impacts."

Quoting Supervisor Parlin, "I have a really bad feeling that folks from the Bay Area are going to come and fill those houses as soon as we build them. It just doesn't serve our communities well."

I hope that same criteria is used when it's time to vote on Dorado Oaks.

Thank you for your time.

Diamond Springs / El Dorado Community Coalition Survey Results

3/30/2022
(140 Responses)

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
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Concerned about emergency evacuation through Diamond Spring / El Dorado	1%	2%	2%	12%	83%
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Concerned about Dorado Oaks impacting traffic Level of Service from C (stable flow) to F (stop and go, gridlock) which will require adding a Roundabout or more Traffic lights through downtown Diamond Springs	4%	1%	1%	4%	90%
Support a gas station, car wash, and convenience store selling tobacco and alcohol products, with the entrance on Forni Road - across from Herbert Green Middle School	49%	9%	21%	5%	16%
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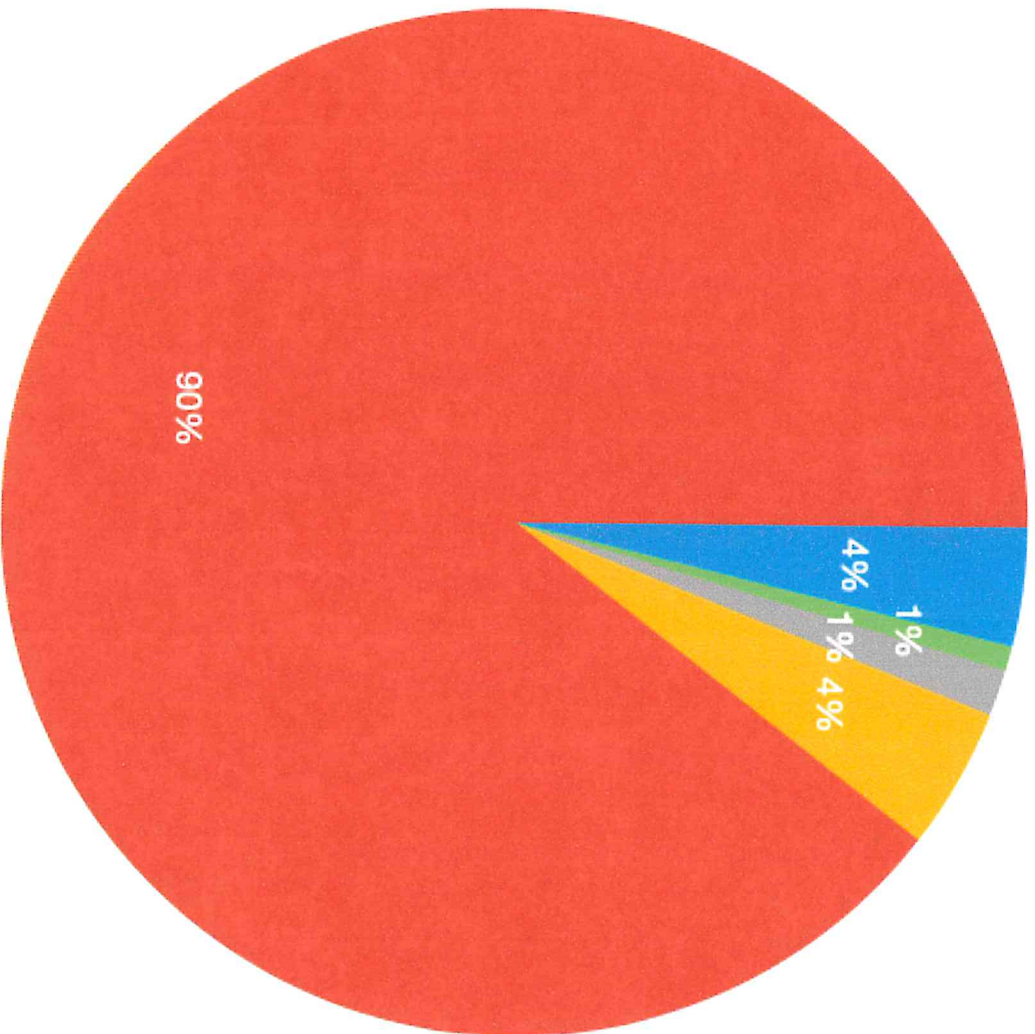
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The Nuremberg Trials were all about obedient soldiers being held accountable for simply following orders. But the judges ruling over the trials determined that calling it "one's job" did not make something right. In fact, they had a DUTY to disobey an illegal order.

George Washington once quipped that **"Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God"** as he bravely confronted the most powerful military force in the world. His buddy, Patrick Henry, brazenly stated in a session of Congress, **"Give me liberty, or give me death."** He also said, **"It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains."**

Both men chose to do the **right thing** in the face of **authoritarian wrong**. The Constitution grants no inalienable right to do the **wrong** thing.

Samuel Adams, the firebrand of the Revolution stated: **"If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude better than the animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen."**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer famously stated, **"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil; God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."**

In the face of tyranny, cowardice often masquerades as virtue. Cowardly compliance is not virtue. Pastors, teachers, doctors, lawyers, politicians and law enforcement have let us down in the most crucial of hours. Fear is the fuel of compromise, and adherence to fear is nothing more than suicide. God cannot be pleased with George Turnboo and Todd White who pretend to be church leaders, nor the censorship of Don Ashton, Sheriff D'Agostini, Andy Nevis, Comrade Parlin, and several department heads who silently obey out of fear such government despots instead of the God of Abraham.

The preamble to the Brown Act states, **"The people do not yield their sovereignty to the bodies that serve them."** Yet I've been appalled at how few citizens, Christians especially, bother to attend BOS meetings to exercise their sovereignty and expose the works of evil as scripturally mandated in Ephesians 5:11.

This is no time to go along to get along. We must all boldly stand together to defend our civil liberties and actively hold public servants accountable to their Constitutional oaths, otherwise our Republic will cave to political tyranny. Choose this day whom you will serve. Not to speak or act is to condone the evil that befalls us, and God will ultimately be the judge.

If you have any questions or comments, please make them now while I'm at the podium.

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DIANE CONNOLLY, IN PRO PER

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

Plaintiff,

vs.

DIANE CONNOLLY,

Defendant.

Case No.: PC 20170550

RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT FOR
DAMAMGES
DEFAMATION: LIBAL
INVASION OF PRIVACY: FALSE LIGHT

Judge: Warren C. Stracener
Dept: 9
Action Filed: December 1, 2017

I, Diane Connolly, defendant, answer the allegations of the Complaint on file herein, affirm, denies and alleges as follows:

1. Answer to paragraphs 5-6. Yes, the Plaintiff did request records from my employer, some lawful, and some unlawful. Yes, my employer did send only the lawfully requested documents. To this day, I do not know how the Plaintiff found out where I was working. I had been at my job for less than a month and I had only told two people where I was working. The fact that the Plaintiff "found" me when I was trying to keep my life private from him was very disconcerting. There were several other instances where I felt that someone was following me which gave me an uneasy feeling. I later found out that the Plaintiff was actively seeking out where I was

1 working to try to "get me in trouble" with the Court of Appeals. At the time my Respondent's
2 brief was due, I was unemployed and had requested a fee waiver, which was granted. After I
3 started working, I contacted the court and told them that I was employed and that I would be
4 able to pay the fee. Instead of staying out of something that was not his business, he sent a letter
5 to the court informing that I had become employed and that I should not be entitled to a fee
6 waiver for the second appeal that he filed. I did not request a fee waiver for the second appeal
7 because I was not a Respondent in the second appeal, just an interested party and was not
8 required to file a brief. The court returned his letter, unfiled because it was not relevant. (See
9 Exhibit A)

10 2. Answer to paragraphs 7-12. Yes, I admit that I wrote and published a post on Facebook. The
11 Plaintiff does not include the whole post with relevant comments. I am including a copy of the
12 whole post. (Exhibit B)

13 3. Answer to paragraph 13. The Plaintiff also filed for a DV Restraining Order against me on
14 December 30, 2016. My Facebook post was the basis of his argument. He has already presented
15 this post, some comments, the same letters sent between him and my employer, and the demand
16 for retraction to the Family Court. All requests were denied due to lack of evidence. In his
17 moving papers the Plaintiff asked that I be forbidden to talk about the abuse I suffered at the
18 hands of the Plaintiff, and to also be forbidden to talk about any of the litigation matters
19 between us. It is obvious that the Plaintiff is trying to deny me my Constitutional right to
20 freedom of speech. In the Plaintiff's reply declaration, he accuses me of defamation, and
21 portraying him in a false light. Repeatedly filing the same motion under different names is not
22 new to the Plaintiff, the result of this behavior is apparent in the numerous filings in Family Law
23 Court.

24 4. Answer to paragraph 14-15. I also received a copy of the letter that the Plaintiff sent to my
25 employer, and my employer's reply. The reply letter was deemed hearsay by the Honorable
26 Judge Vicki Ashworth, Family Law judge, Department 5, Superior Court, County of El Dorado.

27 5. Answer to paragraph 16. I did receive a letter from the Plaintiff. His request for me to
28 publicly apologize seemed extreme. If he did not want the information on my Facebook post

1 available to the public, it seemed to be that posting an apology in the local newspaper would
2 only bring more unwanted attention to the matter. His purpose for that request can only be seen
3 as a chance to humiliate me, and to exert control over me.

4 6. Answer to paragraph 17 -24 The statements in my Facebook post were not intended as
5 criminal accusation, nor was it reasonably susceptible to such a literal interpretation. The post
6 was intended to relate my experiences about a feeling of being watched, and to relate my
7 experiences I had while I was married to the Plaintiff. The post was also intended to elicit
8 emotional support from friends during a stressful and trying time. I do not know what the
9 Plaintiff is capable of. When I think that he is through filing motions, I am served with another
10 one. He has threatened me in the past with him being able to take away my house, take away my
11 parent's house, and me ending up owing him \$193,000. He has threatened me that if I did not
12 take his settlement offer during the appeal process I would end up owing him a "large sum of
13 money." He seems very intent on causing me financial harm. Paragraph 23 is legally incorrect.
14 My statements cannot be defamation per se, because everything I said was true, or an opinion. I
15 used every reasonable care to determine the truth, I lived through it, it was my experience. In
16 our current social climate of the #metoo movement, society is starting to recognize that abused
17 women are afraid, or embarrassed to speak out and confront their abusers, but that does not
18 negate the fact that the abuse took place. Society is now encouraging women to come forward
19 and confront their abusers with the reassurance that they will be believed. The Plaintiff claims
20 my statements are verifiably false, yet he does not say how. It is true that there is no mention of
21 the abuse in our MSA, the 4320 factors were waived by both parties. The Plaintiff had retired
22 from the Coast Guard and was unemployed, there was no prospect of getting any reasonable
23 amount of spousal support, and no child support. The best my lawyer could do was to have the
24 requirement that the Plaintiff report his income to the court once he found a job, something he
25 did not voluntarily do. I had found a job in another state and wanted to begin a new life, so I
26 listened to my lawyer's advice and accepted the MSA as presented by the Plaintiff's lawyer. I
27 felt it was better to move on and start a new life. Later when he found employment he did not
28 report to the court as he agreed. He also quit his job within six months of the child support order

1 being issued. Since his retirement from the Coast Guard the Plaintiff has only been employed
2 about twenty-two months, resulting in a large amount of child and spousal support arrears.

3 7. Answer to paragraph 25 The post does not specifically say anything about the public
4 records, it was in a comment conversation. In his moving papers for the DV Restraining Order,
5 the Plaintiff stated that he was satisfied with the information he received and that the matter was
6 closed. He filed for another public records request in July, which I think is meant to harass. (See
7 Exhibit C)

8 8. Answer to paragraph 26. I, as a private citizen cannot publish something with malice. I do
9 not owe the Plaintiff a duty of care. It is not my responsibility to make sure that his feelings are
10 not hurt by truthful statements. I have a right to share my experiences, and to express my
11 feelings. I have a right to show that I rose above the abuse, regained my self-esteem and have
12 gone on to a very successful career as a teacher with absolutely no support from the Plaintiff. If
13 his current wife and family do not know about his abusive past, that fault does not lie with me,
14 but with the Plaintiff for not being honest with his current family. Statements that are obviously
15 written in a sarcastic tone cannot possibly be construed as hate speech, or condoning violence.
16 Simply "liking" a comment is not a call for violent actions.

17 9. Answer to paragraph 27 -28 Everything contained in my post constitutes a public issue.
18 There is talk of ongoing litigation, which is protected speech, and talk of surviving abuse, which
19 is on the forefront of a societal call for cultural change. Society, as a whole has called for all
20 women to speak out about their experiences so that society is aware of how prevalent abuse is,
21 and to fight for change. Abusers have, for years, wanted the women that they have abused to "sit
22 down and shut up". Women are tired of being treated with such disregard, and are gaining
23 strength in numbers to say, "no more". It has taken me years to stand up to the Plaintiff and say,
24 "no more", and now more than ever he wants to take away that protected right.

25 10. Answer to paragraphs 30 -35 It is highly doubtful that the Plaintiff or any of his family or
26 friends would have even seen, or read my Facebook post if he had not searched it out. It is very
27 clear that the Plaintiff states that he does not want anything to do with me, yet he searches for
28 my posts on Facebook and continually drags me into court. The Plaintiff has somehow turned a

1 post about my experiences, and my concerns into one where he is the victim. The Plaintiff is
2 responsible for his own hurt feelings. Again, he states that the statements are verifiably false
3 simply because he says that he didn't do it.
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7 **DEFENSE TO BOTH CAUSES OF ACTION**

8 **Defamation: Libel**

9 **Invasion of Privacy: False Light**
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11 I, Diane Connolly, Defendant answering the complaint herein, states that all allegations and
12 counts brought forth fail to meet the legal standard of defamation. All statements made in
13 my Facebook post are verifiably true. I am able to produce many witnesses who are willing
14 to testify to the fact that I told them of the abuse at, or around the time it happened.
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16 1. As to the statement that the Plaintiff tried to kill me; it is absolutely true. It was
17 August of 1992 while we were stationed in Hawaii. During the night when I went to
18 check on our 18-month-old son, I asked the Plaintiff several times where the flashlight
19 was, very suddenly he bolted out of bed, threw me up against the wall, put his hands
20 around my neck and squeezed very hard. At that moment, I did fear for my life. I was
21 released right before I lost consciousness. I was in a state of shock. I had bruises on my
22 neck the next day that lasted for several weeks. There were very few weeks when we
23 lived in Hawaii that I didn't have a bruise somewhere on my body. I did not report any
24 of the abuse to the authorities at the time; I did tell my friends. I was ashamed,
25 embarrassed, and felt I had no place to go.

26 2. As to my statement that he beat me, it is substantially true. When we were stationed
27 in Virginia, from 1994 -1998 there were several times when the Plaintiff slapped me
28 across the face. Two in particular are relevant to my statement. The first time was when

1 our second son was about one month old. I was holding him in my arms and the Plaintiff
2 slapped me across the face so hard I was afraid I was going to drop my newborn. He had
3 the expectation that I would be up, ready to go, with a three-year-old and a newborn to
4 leave the house at 7am when he returned home from his 24-hour watch that he stood
5 once every four days. He wanted to be able to go right to sleep. He was allowed six
6 hours of sleep during that time. I wasn't ready fast enough that day. The second incident
7 was about 8 months later when we were on a weekend trip to Baltimore. We were on our
8 way to the Baltimore Aquarium, the Plaintiff was ahead of me carrying our younger son
9 on his shoulders, I was behind holding onto my oldest son's hand. I don't remember
10 exactly what I said, but the Plaintiff turned around and slapped so hard that it caught the
11 attention of a police officer who was across the street. I immediately sat down on a
12 bench that was nearby. The police officer came over to ask if I was okay, but the
13 Plaintiff intercepted, and convinced the officer to leave. I knew at that moment I had to
14 do something, and that I was alone. A few days later I called the Plaintiff's commanding
15 officer to ask for help. I was referred to a Family Services specialist. The Plaintiff was
16 ordered to attend anger management classes at Quantico Marine Base, and to cease
17 hitting me. I did not want my husband to lose his job, or to be charged under the
18 Uniform Code of Military Justice, that is why no charges were filed.

19 3. As to my statement that he called me a stupid fat piece of shit every day, it is true.
20 He did stop the physical abuse, but that is when the mental and emotional abuse began.
21 Almost every day for the rest of the time we were stationed in Virginia, he called me
22 either fat, stupid, no good, worthless, a piece of shit. He often told me that no one would
23 ever want me because I was so fat. At this time, I did not have access to any money
24 because we did not share a joint account, I was only given an allowance by the Plaintiff,
25 no car, and nowhere to go. I often confided in a friend whom I was close with. Her
26 husband and the Plaintiff worked together, and sometimes we would socialized with our
27 families together. We were transferred to Petaluma California where he began having at
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1 least one affair that I know of. We separated in April of 2000. I filed for divorce in the
2 spring of 2003.

3 4. As to my statement that the Plaintiff is trying to ruin my life, that is
4 absolutely true. Since 2012, the Plaintiff has file over 40 motions and requests in the
5 Family Court. Those motions range from accusations by the Plaintiff against me of
6 perjury, fraud, omitting assets, hiding community property, sanctions, failure to comply
7 with discovery requests, and several requests for new trials when his motion was
8 dismissed due to lack of evidence. I feel that he has continued his abuse through the
9 court system. When he filed for a DV restraining order based upon my Facebook post, I
10 believed it was retaliatory litigation, and I still believe that. I believe this lawsuit is again
11 a form of malicious prosecution because he did not receive his DV Restraining order,
12 and I did not get fired from my job. I have been living under the fear of what is coming
13 next for many years. This most recent action is just the latest in a long line of motions
14 where he is trying to bury me under a mountain of paperwork, and court appearances. I
15 have limited financial resources, even though the Plaintiff seems to think I am
16 swimming in money. I do feel victimized over and over that the Plaintiff is allowed to
17 keep filing frivolous motions that are dismissed one after another. Before I moved back
18 to California, the Plaintiff insisted that I appear personally in court, costing me
19 thousands in travel fees, and causing me to take unnecessary time off from work. All of
20 his motions are motivated by the fact that he owes me a significant amount of child and
21 spousal support that he does not want to pay. He is a recalcitrant debtor who has very
22 rarely abided by lawful court orders. A perfect example of his motivation to cause me
23 embarrassment at work, and I believe trying to get me fired, or at the very least
24 disciplined was the fact that he had the papers for this very action served to me at work. I
25 am an elementary school teacher and when I was approached at work, in front of
26 students and colleagues, I told the process server that what he was doing wasn't right. He
27 told me that my work address was the only one he was given. The Plaintiff knows my
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1 home address, I live with my mother, and he has known this address for at least thirty
2 years.

3 5. As to my statement, "I'm pretty sure my ex-husband is stalking me," any reasonable
4 person would sense some doubt in that statement. To this day I do not know how he
5 found out where I work. Somehow, he found out that I had been at the Family Law
6 Facilitator's office inquiring about how to file papers to request the Plaintiff be classified
7 as a vexatious litigant. Within a short time, he was accusing me of being a vexatious
8 litigant. I understand that there is no confidentiality with the Family Law Facilitator, but
9 I do not know how he even knew I was there. I felt like there was a few times that I was
10 being followed. Without definite proof, all that I could do was speculate. No actual
11 allegations, or charges were ever filed in court.

12 6. When the post is read in its entirety, along with all of the comments, a reasonable
13 person would understand that the post is about my experiences during my marriage to
14 the Plaintiff. Several of the comments that the Plaintiff left out were ones of
15 encouragement, and support. (See Exhibit A) The communications Decency Act is clear
16 when it states that I am not responsible for comments made on my post. None of the
17 comments meet the standard of defamation, they are all strictly opinions.

18 7. I cannot damage the Plaintiff's reputation, if that reputation was already damaged by
19 the Plaintiff's previous actions. Lori Parlin, Amber Shaw Minnick, and Laura Reeves
20 formed their own opinions of the Plaintiff years ago. Hayden Porter has also formed her
21 own opinion of the Plaintiff from her interactions with him. She wrote an affidavit
22 attesting to those interactions and her opinion of him during the motion for a DV
23 Restraining Order.

24 This case should be viewed as retaliatory and frivolous litigation, calculated to chill my right to
25 freedom of speech. The Plaintiff has made assertions that are disparaging to my reputation. He takes
26 no responsibility for his actions of searching for my posts. Facebook posts are different from other
27 digital and print media. Facebook has a more casual style of emotive and imprecise speech. Users of
28 Facebook do not hold posts to the same level of credence that they would in other statements.

1 Context is very important, my post included no hate speech, no false statements, and no official
2 charges of criminal acts. The Plaintiff has exaggerated my statements and the damage they have
3 caused. The Plaintiff has suffered no damage from my post, he does not have a job to lose, and he is
4 still married.

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6 Wherefore, I, Diane Connolly, defendant in this action pray that the Plaintiff is awarded nothing,
7 and the defendant have a judgment against the Plaintiff and recover the costs of suit herein, and
8 such other relief the court may deem proper.

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12 DATED: January 3, 2018


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Exhibit A

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January 17, 2017

Ms. Andrea Wallin-Rohmann
Clerk/Administrator
Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District
914 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subj: Eligibility for Fee Waiver, C083238

Dear Ms. Wallin-Rohmann:

Pursuant to Government Code, Section 68636, subdivision (b), I am writing to submit information for the court to consider the potential fee waiver eligibility of Ms. Diane Connolly, who is the respondent in case number C083238. I am the appellant in that case, representing myself in *pro per*. Though Ms. Connolly has not yet filed a fee waiver application in that case, the court has previously granted her application for waiver of the \$390 filing fee in case number C080256, in which I am also the respondent, but represented by counsel. (See encl. (1).)

For the following financial reasons, I do not believe Ms. Connolly would qualify for a fee waiver in case number C083238.

1. On November 9, 2016, Ms. Connolly accepted an offer of temporary employment from the Buckeye Union School District, in which she was placed at Class IV, Step 8 of the District's salary schedule, providing her an annualized salary of \$41,614 for 122 days, or \$341.10 per day. (See encl. (2).) For a four week work schedule of five days/week, Ms. Connolly would expect to earn approximately \$6,822 per month. Additionally, the District contributes \$1,073.55 per month for insurance benefits.
2. As of January 1, 2017, Ms. Connolly receives \$817.73 per month as her community property share of my U.S. Coast Guard retirement pension. (See encl. (3), "DEDUCTIONS, FSPA PROPERTY, NEW".) Her previous monthly share was \$815.48 per month. (*Id.*, "OLD".)
3. Ms. Connolly also receives \$600 per month, as a court ordered garnishment for support arrearages in case number PFL20030299. (*Id.*, "DEDUCTIONS, COURT GARN".) The trial court's order for that garnishment has been in effect since 2015. Both of our children are emancipated.
4. These income amounts total \$8,237.48 per month, excluding the employer's insurance contributions, well above the \$1,237.50 low income level for a family of one, or \$2,100 for a family of three. (APP-015/FW-015-INFO.) Ms. Connolly lives with her mother, who presumably collects

Ms. Andrea Wallin-Rohmann
January 17, 2017
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Social Security, at [REDACTED] Our
oldest son, William F. Connolly II, also resides there, but I am uncertain
what his income might be.

Thank you for your consideration of this information as it may apply to Ms. Connolly's
fee waiver eligibility.

Sincerely,



Joseph Connolly

Encl: (1) Nov. 2, 2016 Order, C080256
(2) Buckeye Union School District Request for Public Records / Reply
(3) Dec., 2016, USCG Form GC-5209-RET, BMCS Joseph Connolly

Copy: Ms. Diane Connolly

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ANDREA K. WALLIN-ROHMANN
Clerk/Administrator

COLETTE M. BRUGGMAN
Assistant Clerk/Administrator

January 25, 2017

Joseph Connolly


Re: Connolly v. Connolly
C083238
El Dorado County No. PFL20030299

Dear Mr. Connolly:

Your letter opposing respondent's fee waiver received January 18, 2017, is being returned unfiled. Respondent has not filed a fee waiver in this case. If you wish to file a motion in case C080256, please be advised that you have retained counsel and it would be retained counsel's responsibility to file the motion.

Very truly yours,

ANDREA K. WALLIN-ROHMANN
Clerk/Administrator

By: Jenna Swartzendruber
Deputy Clerk

cc: See Mailing List

Exhibit B

Diane Earnshaw Connolly updated her status.

December 16, 2016 ·

I am pretty sure my ex husband is stalking me. He won't be happy until he ruins my life, or I'm dead. I am making this post public because I want everyone to know how I escaped an abusive marriage where he beat me, tried to kill me, and called me a stupid fat piece of shit everyday for years. I don't talk about it because I am a survivor, not a victim. I have rose above my past, but it keeps coming back trying to pull me down, but I refuse. So, Joe Connolly, if your reading this, and anything happens to me, they will know where to look.

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Carie Kascak Dean, Angela Johnson Hale and 13 others



Laura M Reaves Im so sorry Diane. You are stronger and more powerful then he every can imagine! He is worthless

Like · Reply · 1y

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Angela Johnson Hale What a dirtbag, I'm sorry, Diane. Do you have a protective order? It sounds like you need it.

Like · Reply · 1y

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Diane Earnshaw Connolly No, they won't give me one because there is no "proof", just my gut feeling and a few weird happenings.

Like · Reply · 1y

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Angela Johnson Hale



Like · Reply · 1y



Lynn Wright-Harrison Do you have a surveillance system? We picked up a few cameras off of Amazon for pretty cheap. You can either prove your case or put your mind at ease.

Like · Reply · 1y

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Diane Earnshaw Connolly That's a good idea. I don't know what kind of car he drives, but there have been a few times when I swear I am being followed.

Like · Reply · 1y

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Write a reply...



Billy Massey Sorry, keep your head up. Bill

Like · Reply · 1y



Kathleen Hellstrom Diane, I wish you safety and peace. You are in my prayers I wish I could find you a safe haven. Take care.

Like · Reply · 1y



Suzi Evans-Brewster I'm sorry Diane. You are a survivor and very intelligent. If you feel like he's stalking you, document everything and you will have your proof.

Like · Reply · 1y

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Lori Parlin Did he ever get a job? Maybe if he had gainful employment he would be too busy to continue harassing you.

Like · Reply · 1y

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Diane Earnshaw Connolly No, he hasn't, and he is harassing my employer with requests for information

Like · Reply · 1y



Lori Parlin WTF is wrong with him? He needs to get on with his own life and leave you alone. Is he still making frivolous court filings? Did you get any insight into when a judge might put a stop to it?

Like · Reply · 1y

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Diane Earnshaw Connolly It's all in the appellate court now. He just filed his second appeal and I have no idea what he is trying to find out, or how he found out where I work. It's embarrassing

Like · Reply · 1y



Lori Parlin I am so sorry. Can you get a restraining order against him? Or maybe the school can get one because he has no business contacting the school just to try and get personal information on you. He has no children there, right? The school might want to consider him a threat to children's safety and get a restraining order against him. He appears to be mentally unstable.

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Diane Earnshaw Connolly I am going to try to do something, all of this stress is making me sick. I am so glad it's break

Like · Reply · 1y



Lori Parlin Let me know if you need help with anything. I'm pretty much on break from work until January.

Like · Reply · 1y

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Diane Earnshaw Connolly Thanks

Like · Reply · 1y



Diane Earnshaw Connolly Maybe a "going out to lunch" break

Like · Reply · 1y



Kathy Sutherland Maybe a coming-to-Utah break?

Like · Reply · 1y

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Write a reply...



Amber Shaw Minnick Are you a gun owner? If not, be one! So sorry Diane.

Like · Reply · 1y



Diane Earnshaw Connolly I am and he knows it

Like · Reply · 1y



Amber Shaw Minnick Good! At least you have that. Sorry he has been harassing you all this time. Sounds like he is totally mental. Stay strong!

Like · Reply · 1y

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Write a reply...



Kenna Foster How do we 'help him' walk into traffic?

Like · Reply · 1y



Write a comment...

Exhibit C

[REDACTED]

July 24, 2017

Ms. Jackie McHaney
Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Buckeye Union School District
1665 Blackstone Parkway
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Subject: Request for Public Records

Dear Ms. McHaney:

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250, et seq.), I am requesting to inspect or obtain copies of the following records, which I understand are held by your agency:

Any current or pending employment contract, or other current employment records for Ms. Diane M. Connolly, including job descriptions and related salary schedule for any position held or offered, whether full or part-time, contracted, guest or substitute teacher. Additionally, for each current or offered period of employment, the number of hours worked and gross salary earned. Please note I already have copies of Ms. Connolly's previous offer of temporary employment as a Title I - Literacy Support TOSA, which I understand expired on June 13, 2017.

I understand that employment contracts for public officials and employees are public records and not exempt under the provisions of Sections 6254 and 6255. (Government Code, § 6254.8.) In general, public employees do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in their names, salary information, and dates of employment. (*Int'l Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21 v. Superior Court* (2007) 42 Cal.4th 319.) The public has a strong interest in knowing how the government spends its money, and as such, public employees should have reduced expectations of privacy with respect to their public salary and compensation. (See *Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Assn v. Superior Court* (2011) 198 Cal.App.4th 986; *Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System v. Superior Court* (2011) 195 Cal.App.4th 440; *San Diego County Employees Retirement Assn. v. Superior Court* (2011) 196 Cal.App.4th 1228.)

If you determine that any or all of the information I request qualifies for an exemption from disclosure, please note whether, as is normally the case under the Act, the exemption is discretionary, and your exercise of that discretion to

withhold the information. I also ask that you redact any exempt portion(s) and make the remainder of my request available.

I request a timely response to my request within 10 days, or sooner, if you can make that determination without needing to review the records in question. If there are search or duplication costs exceeding \$20, please contact me beforehand so that I may confirm which records I wish to obtain.

If you require any clarification of my request, please contact me directly at 530- [REDACTED] so that I may help expedite a response.

Thank you for your time and attention to my request.

Sincerely,



Joseph Connolly

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assist California communities impacted by disasters. To support constitutional principles that work to uphold such values. To respect and support our law enforcement and

Boots On The Ground Cali (BOTCG) is an all volunteer community organization. It's founder, Aaron Bate, started the group in 2015 and the group recently achieved 5013C charitable status. Aaron's family has a long history of serving in the military.

BOTCG has provided support and supplies to California fire victims of the Paradise, Caldor, Dixie and Camp fire as well as others across the state. Members of BOTCG personally purchased and delivered supplies directly to several fire victims that were living in shopping center and church parking lots.

BOTCG has also collected supplies for care packages for our troops. Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners have been provided to less fortunate families in the past. Such activities are funded by donations and sales of BOTCG gear such as T shirts, hoodies and hats.

A local news station interviewed some of BOTCG's members to discuss why and how they help California Communities. The common thread was that we are here to serve and assist others. There is more to life than self.



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