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With the President's signature on December 8, 2004, the Consolidated Appropriations Bill was signed and became Public Law 108-447. It funds a major portion of the federal government for another year. Hidden deep inside the 3,000 page document is the following verbiage inserted by the suggestion of a senator's education policy advisor:

SEC. 111. (a) The head of each Federal agency or department shall-

- (1) provide each new employee of the agency or department with educational and training materials concerning the United States Constitution as part of the orientation materials provided to the new employee; and
- (2) provide educational and training materials concerning the United States Constitution to each employee of the agency or department on September 17 of each year.
- (b) Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution.

It also provided that the designation of September 17th be changed from Citizenship Day to "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day." Even though it must be admitted that the federal budget as passed is filled with items the federal government should not be involved in, still it requires every school and government entity which receives federal money to instigate a program to teach the Constitution.

It must also be admitted that, if left to those in charge, the "teaching" will probably be greatly lacking in quality and accuracy with regards to the Constitution in the tradition of the Founding Fathers. Therefore the National Center for Constitutional Studies (NCCS) is assuming a pro-active position in the effort and we are determined to supply quality materials for those to use who will be implementing this requirement in the law.

Why Schools should Implement Constitution Week

- As George Washington said, "A primary object...should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing...than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?"
- The Congress, by joint resolution designated September 17th as "Citizenship Day" and the week beginning September 17th and ending September 23rd of each year as "Constitution Week"

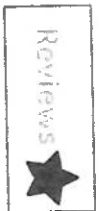
- President George W. Bush has proclaimed September 17th as Citizenship Day, and September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution Week. He said, "I encourage Federal, State, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, social, and educational organizations, to conduct ceremonies and programs that celebrate our Constitution and reaffirm our rights and obligations as citizens of our great Nation."

Our Centerpiece of Instruction – A More Perfect Union Feature Film

Perhaps like you, I have viewed this video many times and I never tire of seeing it again. Each time I do, I learn something new. It seems to present all aspects of the making of the Constitution and does it in a way which is the modern-day attention grabber – video.

In 1787, America was in crisis. Eleven years had elapsed since the signing of the Declaration of Independence and we were still not really free. England waged a new war of unfair trade and tariffs. Bickering and jealousy fractured the once United States. But a handful of brilliant men, James Madison, George Washington, and Benjamin Franklin, lead a political battle to create a new form of government, one that would establish the standard of self-government to the world.

A More Perfect Union: America Becomes A Nation (<https://nccs.net/collections/study-aids/products/a-more-perfect-union-education-package>) is the first comprehensive recreation of those stirring, heated debates during the sweltering summer of 1787. Events that took place at Independence Hall, Williamsburg, Virginia, and other historical sites, are dramatically recreated. You will see how America became a nation and better understand those underlying principles that guard our freedoms today. It is a perfect teaching tool!



Teacher Resource Packets for Schools

The National Center for Constitutional Studies has prepared an educational package to enable schools to implement Constitution Day activities each September during Constitution Week. The regular price of this packet is \$39.95, but in order to get these materials into the schools, this educational packet is now available for only \$19.95. We are inviting all of our supporters to donate these Constitution Day educational packages directly to teachers, local schools, or donate to the NCCS, so we can make them available to schools through other established channels.

This educational packet contains:

- *A More Perfect Union - America Becomes a Nation* (<https://nccs.net/collections/study-aids/products/a-more-perfect-union-education-package>) (Two-hour movie dramatizing the events of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Also divided into teaching segments for supplementary classroom use.)
- A Teacher's Guide, which provides background information and perspectives, designed to help teachers with classroom discussions and other learning activities related to *A More Perfect Union*.
- A copy of the Constitution of the United States (<https://nccs.net/products/pocket-constitution-1-99-copies>).

Downloadable resources available for implementing Constitution Day in schools:

- A Citizenship Day and Constitution Week Proclamation by President Donald J. Trump (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/president-donald-j-trump-proclaims-september-17-2017-constitution-day-citizenship-day-september-17-2017-september-23-2017-constitution-week/>).
- A Citizenship Day and Constitution Week Proclamation to be completed by students (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B5zeetYPdF2HUFhObHBkdzdFWUk>).
- A historical overview of events related to the Constitution (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B5zeetYPdF2HeHVvS3h0bDIGUkE>)
- The Constitution at a Glance (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B5zeetYPdF2HcGJMWIPUjNjNjM>)

M. Lane Open Town BOS 9/27/2022

Melody Lane, Founder – Compass2Truth

9/27/22 PRA – Taxpayers/BOS/CAO transparency

You all profess adherence to Good Governance and EDC Core Values, specifically transparency and accountability. During Consent public comments on Zoom this morning I raised my hand, but it was dismissed. This necessitated that I **again** raise my hand to be recognized. But rather than responding directly to me, my remarks about the lack of 72-hour posting of the minutes were referred to David Livingston. As expected, he obfuscated instead of addressing the issue.

Then during Closed Session Public Comment, I wished to remark but the raise hand icon was not made available to me. Whether by design or technical error, I was denied my right to participate in the meeting.

The First Amendment guarantees citizens the right to petition government for redress of grievances. But when public officials refuse to respond to constituents, then they deny the citizen remedy and due process of law, thus violating their oaths of office.

[This] PRA that you all should have received and read yesterday is one such petition. It pertains to the subject matter that I brought up during last week's Open Forum regarding the 5 purposely undisclosed topics that Treasurer Carol Louis announced during last Monday's Taxpayers meeting live-streamed on Facebook. Carol claimed she and Andy met separately with each of the supervisors to discuss those 5 undisclosed topics. Then they met separately with CAO Don Ashton who was "visibly agitated" for not being included in those meetings, and he also "demanded an apology" from Carol Louis. This PRA requests all correspondence pertaining to those meetings with the Supervisors, Don Ashton, including the specific 5 subject matters discussed.

Late yesterday afternoon I received an email from Kim Dawson stating, "As we begin to research your request, **staff is requesting clarification on the following: 3. Please be sure to identify the "five undisclosed topics" discussed during the aforementioned meetings with the Supervisors and CAO.**" This appears to be another bureaucratic stall tactic. You are reminded of the recent Dean Getz lawsuit resulting in Joe Harn cutting a check for \$115,000 at tax payers' expense.

My PRA was perfectly clear. Pursuant to my rights under the Brown Act, please explain, while I'm at the podium, exactly what it is "staff" does not understand or need clarification for?



Compass2Truth

Citizens for Constitutional Liberty

P.O. Box 598
Coloma, CA 95613

September 26, 2022

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

CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

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

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

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

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

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

The agency must justify the withholding of any record by demonstrating that the record is exempt or that the public interest in confidentiality outweighs the public interest in disclosure. (§6255) **If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the specific legal authorities on whom you rely.**

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

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

Lastly, please note the following from the Guide to the CA Public Records Act: "The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

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

Sincerely,

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

Re: Public Record Act Request for information

From: [County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>](mailto:edc.cob@edcgov.us)

Sent: Mon, Sep 26, 2022 at 3:37 pm

To: [Melody Lane](#)

Good Afternoon Ms. Lane - As we begin to research your request, staff is requesting clarification on the following:

3. Please be sure to identify the "five undisclosed topics" discussed during the aforementioned meetings with the Supervisors and CAO."

Thanks, Kim

Office of the Clerk of the Board
El Dorado County
330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667
530-621-5390

On Sat, Sep 24, 2022 at 11:24 AM Melody Lane <melody.lane@reagan.com> wrote:

Pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), I request your timely response to the attached CPRA. If the requested correspondence does not exist, or if you intend to withhold it, please so state immediately.

Sincerely,

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

Brown Act Preamble: "The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people do not yield their sovereignty to the bodies that serve them. The people insist on remaining informed to retain control over the legislative bodies they have created."

CALIFORNIA BROWN ACT

PREAMBLE:

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CHAPTER V.

RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC

§54954.3 Public's right to testify at meetings. (c) The legislative body of a local agency shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body. Nothing in this subdivision shall confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law. Care must be given to avoid violating the speech rights of speakers by suppressing opinions relevant to the business of the body. As such, members of the public have broad constitutional rights to comment on any subject relating to the business of the governmental body.

Any attempt to restrict the content of such speech must be narrowly tailored to effectuate a compelling state interest. Specifically, the courts found that policies that prohibited members of the public from criticizing school district employees were unconstitutional. (*Leventhal v. Vista Unified School Dist.* (1997) 973 F. Supp. 951; *Baca v. Moreno Valley Unified School Dist.* (1996) 936 F. Supp. 719.) These decisions found that prohibiting critical comments was a form of viewpoint discrimination and that such a prohibition promoted discussion artificially geared toward praising (and maintaining) the status quo, thereby foreclosing meaningful public dialog.

54954.2 E (3) No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3.

Where a member of the public raises an issue which has not yet come before the legislative body, the item may be briefly discussed but no action may be taken at that meeting. The purpose of the discussion is to permit a member of the public to raise an issue or problem with the legislative body or to permit the legislative body to provide information to the public, provide direction to its staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting. (§ 54954.2(a).)

September 27, 2022

From: Joseph Connolly, M.A.

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Copy: El Dorado County Chief Administrative Officer
El Dorado County Counsel

Subj: El Dorado County Aid and Comfort to Constitutional Enemies

Dear Supervisors:

On September 20, 2022 I submitted copies of your oaths of office to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States,” to “bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States,” and your solemn swear to “take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.”

The ultimate penalty for violating that sworn oath of office is to be disqualified from holding any federal or state office, as is now the case for former New Mexico county commissioner Couy Griffin, as was summarized to you on September 20th.

As noted, Griffin was deemed to have forfeited his office on January 6, 2021, when he engaged in an insurrection against the U.S. Constitution, and his disqualification was not conditioned upon any criminal conviction. Griffin was disqualified because he took an oath to support the U.S. Constitution as a State officer, and he did not uphold that office by engaging in the January 6, 2021 insurrection.

The other condition of disqualification is to have “given aid or comfort to the enemies” of the U.S. Constitution, as you have done since the January, 2021 nomination of former commissioner Cockrell, followed by the appointments of commissioners Link and Grimoldi.

This letter contains relevant updates of those who also engaged in “insurrection or rebellion against” the Constitution of the United States, as they relate to your ongoing aid and comfort towards their supporters and allies.

Sincerely,

s/Joseph Connolly

EDC AID AND COMFORT TO CONSTITUTIONAL ENEMIES

I. INTRODUCTION

This letter provides relevant summaries of individuals and groups who planned and/or participated in the January 6, 2021 insurrection, and who have links to El Dorado County commissioners who were nominated and appointed despite those links.

First, two members of the Three Percenters militia recently pled guilty or were sentenced following conviction: Cory Brannan, a former Texas sheriff and correctional officer; and Barton Shively of Pennsylvania, a former Marine who was also associated with the Proud Boys.

Second, local Proud Boy Ricky Willden of Oakhurst is included for his immediate proximity to Stewart Rhodes, the leader of the Oath Keepers, a group charged with seditious conspiracy. The first of several Oath Keeper trials begins with jury selection on September 26th.

Third, Proud Boy Eddie Block of central California is included to note his recent addition to the local group "Boots on the Ground Cali" ("BOTGC"), which commissioner Grimoldi is a member of.

Fourth, the president of the local Hangtown Proud Boys is included to document his continued support of the insurrectionists. He is also a member of BOTGC, as has been previously documented to the Board of Supervisors ("Board").

Additionally, this letter documents more political activity by commissioner Grimoldi, another instance of her continuing to make false statements in violation of the El Dorado County ordinance code, as has been previously documented to the Board.

II. THREE PERCENTERS GUILTY PLEA AND SENTENCING

On September 21, 2022, Barton Shively of Pennsylvania pled guilty to two felony counts of assaulting, resisting, or impeding officers guarding the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Shively remains in detention pending his future sentencing.

In addition to admitting he “willfully and deliberately assaulted” multiple police officers, Shively admitted “his belief that the Electoral College results were fraudulent is not a legal justification for unlawfully entering the [U.S.] Capitol grounds or building and using intimidation to influence, stop, or delay the Congressional proceeding.”¹ (See e.g., Figure 1.)



Figure 1

Barton Shively (tan coat and scarf) assaulting police officers - January 6, 2021

Barton was a former U.S. Marine who served from 1985 to 1992.² He wore a cap with the Marine Corps logo and related text, and a patch on his left arm that said “United States Marine Corps.” (See e.g., Figure 2.)

¹ See Statement of Offense at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1537286/download>; see also <https://seditiontracker.com/suspects/barton-shively.html>.

² See e.g., <https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/central-pennsylvania-man-arrested-for-role-in-riot-at-us-capitol/521-578d8b83-fed6-4768-95a5-29526f1e90>.



Figure 2
Former Marine Barton Shively - January 6, 2021

As seen in Figure 2, Shively wore a prominent patch on his right arm with the insignia of the Three Percenters militia. Shively was also affiliated with the Proud Boys prior to January 6, 2021, marched with that group to the U.S. Capitol from the Washington Monument, and was at the head of their initial assault on the Capitol's restricted barrier. (See e.g., Figure 3.)



Figure 3
Barton Shively marching with Proud Boys group - January 6, 2021

Barton also stood out as one of the first insurrectionists to breach an initial police line on the Capitol's lower West Terrace, before police regained that line long enough for the safe evacuation of all Senators and Representatives from the insurrectionists. (See e.g., Figures 4-5.)

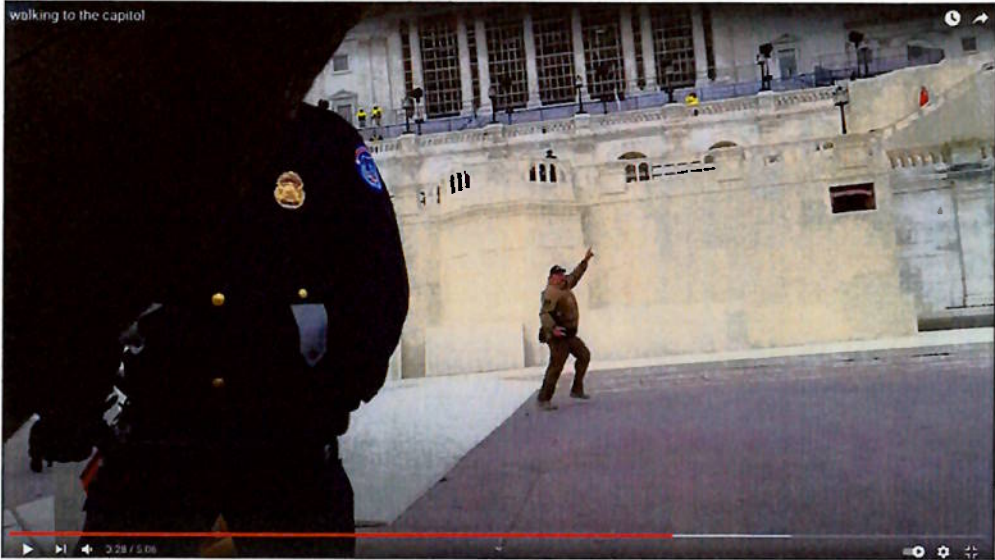


Figure 4
Barton Shively - U.S. Capitol - January 6, 2021
(NOTE: Temporary inaugural stage behind Shively)

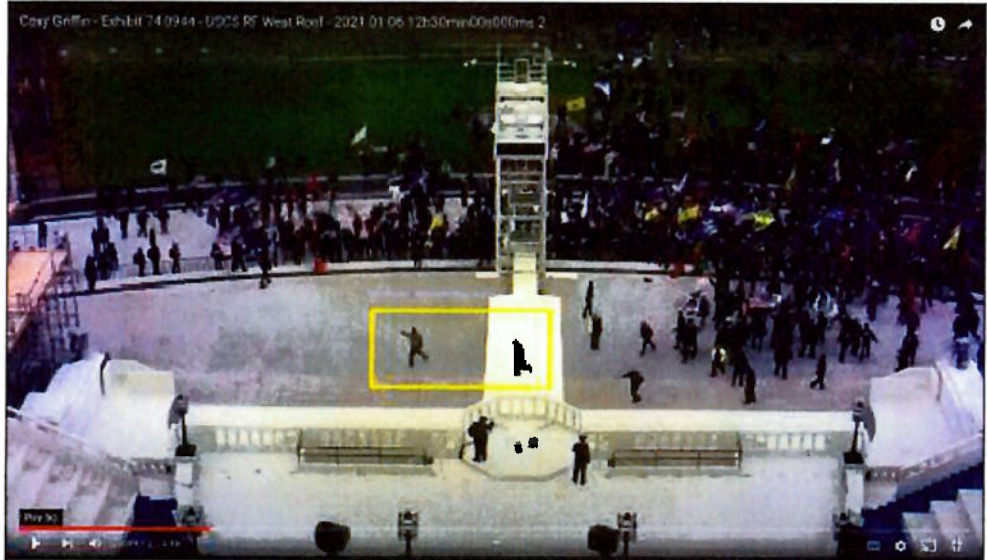


Figure 5
Barton Shively (L) pursued by officer (R) - January 6, 2021

On September 23, 2021, Cory Bratton of Texas was sentenced to thirty days in prison after pleading guilty to one misdemeanor count of parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a U.S. Capitol building.³ Bratton was a former sheriff, a county jailer and member of the Three Percenters militia.

Bratton was shown in an August 30, 2022 letter to the Board, along with a southern California member of the Three Percenter organization, as an example of that organization's ties to commissioner Grimoldi, a member of BOTGC and friend of its founder, Aaron Bate, who is also linked to the Three Percenter organization.⁴ (See Figure 6.)

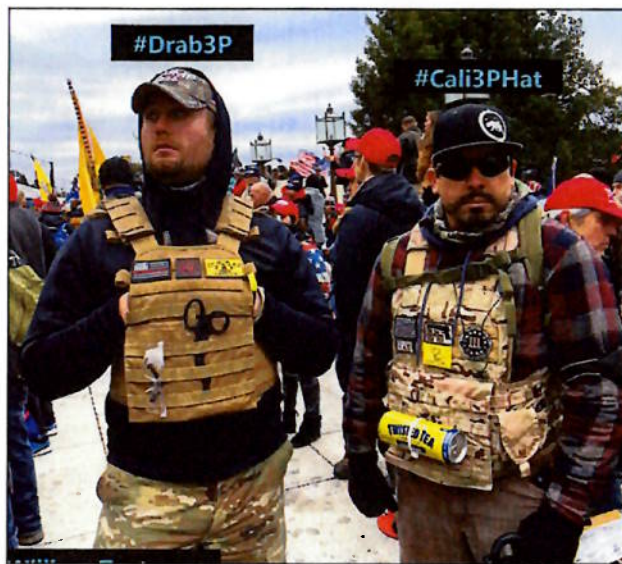


Figure 6
Cory Bratton (L) – U.S. Capitol – January 6, 2021

The judge's comments included, "You're entitled to believe what you want about the election... you're not allowed to take matters into your own hands," and "the "true patriots" are the Capitol employees... including those who slipped in their own blood seeking cover on Jan 6."⁵

³ See Plea Offer at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1512286/download>; see also <https://seditiontracker.com/suspects/cory-brannan.html>.

⁴ See Joseph Connolly letter, "Commissioner Linda Grimoldi - Impunity Stage of Commissionership," dated August 30, 2022.

⁵ See e.g., <https://twitter.com/MacFarlaneNews/status/1573359338072453121>.

III. LOCAL PROUD BOYS LINK TO OATH KEEPERS

On September 27, 2022 the trial of Oath Keepers leader Stewart Rhodes and four others will commence on charges including seditious conspiracy.⁶ The Oath Keepers were notable for leading stacks of individuals up the east steps of the U.S. Capitol and into the Rotunda, among other interior locations. (See e.g., Figures 7–8.)

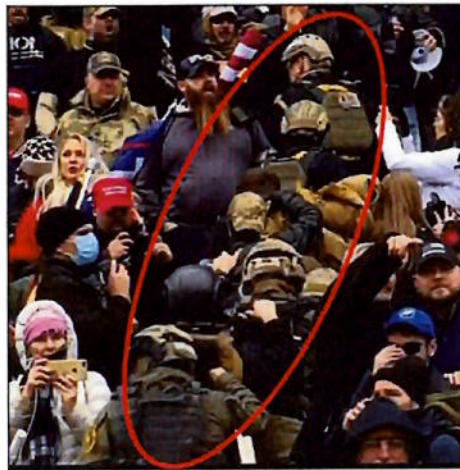


Figure 7
Oath Keepers Stack - U.S. Capitol - January 6, 2021



Figure 8
Oath Keepers - U.S. Capitol Rotunda - January 6, 2021

⁶ See “Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes takes path from Yale to jail” at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/oath-keepers-founder-stewart-rhodes-takes-path-from-yale-to-jail/>. See indictment at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/case-multi-defendant/file/1514876/download>; see also <https://seditiontracker.com/suspects/elmer-rhodes.html>.

By way of direct comparison to the chaotic scenes of insurrectionists in the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, there was a peaceful tour of the Rotunda by Supervisors Parlin and Thomas in May, 2022, along with their Sacramento area economic forum partners. (See e.g., Figures 9-10.)



Figure 9
U.S. Capitol Rotunda under siege - January 6, 2021



Figure 10
Supervisors Parlin (Center), Thomas (Right) - U.S. Capitol Rotunda - May, 2022

If anyone should fully understand the difference in supporting one's oath to the U.S. Constitution, over supporting those who unlawfully sought to "influence, stop, or delay [a Constitutionally mandated] Congressional proceeding," it should be Supervisors Parlin and Thomas, having stood in that magnificent place of national symbolism and honor, completed during the Civil War and where Presidents and others have lain in state.

U.S. Capitol police officer and Air Force veteran Brian Sicknick was also honored in the Rotunda, by lying in honor on February 2, 2021, followed by a memorial service on February 3rd. Sicknick died from injuries he incurred while holding back insurrectionists on the lower West Terrace, where Barton Shively and others fought hand to hand with those officers who fulfilled their sworn duty to protect Congress and the U.S. Capitol.⁷ (See Figure 11.)



Figure 11
USCP Officer Brian Sicknick Memorial Service - February 3, 2021

⁷ See e.g., <https://www.npr.org/sections/insurrection-at-the-capitol/2021/02/03/963598638/lawmakers-honor-slain-capitol-police-officer-brian-sicknick-in-rotunda>.

The Oath Keepers did not attack the U.S. Capitol alone, as has already been documented to the Board. One relevant photo of a local Proud Boy known to the Board – Ricky Willden of Oakhurst – shows him at a pre-insurrection rally site with Stewart Rhodes. Rhodes unlawfully entered the U.S. Capitol grounds later that day and now stands trial for his part in leading a national insurrection. (See Figures 12–13.)



Figure 12

Proud Boy Ricky Willden (L), Oath Keepers Leader Rhodes (R) - January 6, 2021



Figure 13

Oath Keepers Leader Rhodes (cowboy hat) – NE steps of U.S. Capitol – January 6, 2021

IV.
PROUD BOY EDDIE BLOCK - BOTGC MEMBERSHIP

On or about September 9, 2022 Proud Boy Eddie Block joined BOTGC, as announced and welcomed by BOTGC's founder Aaron Bate. As has been substantially documented to the Board, commissioner Grimoldi has been a moderator and member of BOTGC, but has not acknowledged either relationship to the Board. (See Figure 14.)



Figure 14
BOTGC Welcome to Proud Boy Eddie Block - September, 2022

Block's participation in the January 6, 2021 insurrection has been thoroughly documented to the Board, as were his ties to former commissioner Cockrell and other supporters in El Dorado County.⁸

Block's presence at the U.S. Capitol is highlighted in a striking image of the insurrection's end, when officers regained control of the Capitol grounds and removed all insurrectionists so that Congress could resume its constitutionally mandated act of certifying the 2020 presidential election results.

⁸ See e.g., Joseph Connolly letter, "Proud Boy Ricky Willden Plea - El Dorado County Implications," dated April 25, 2022.

Notably, the lights from within the Rotunda shone brightly over the failed insurrection and the United States flag continued to fly overhead.

To quote our national anthem, that “star-spangled banner” “[w]hose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight” remained “gallantly streaming.” (See Figure 15.)



Figure 15
Proud Boy Eddie Block - U.S. Capitol - January 6, 2021⁹

⁹ Figure 15 is the feature photo highlighting “[t]he evidence in support of Couy Griffin’s removal from office.” See <https://www.citizensforethics.org/news/analysis/the-evidence-in-support-of-couy-griffins-removal-from-office/>.

V.

HANGTOWN PROUD BOYS SUPPORT OF INSURRECTIONISTS

Despite multiple arrests, indictments, and convictions of his fellow Proud Boys for their acts tied to the January 6, 2021 insurrection, Patrick Kiehl – the president of the Hangtown Proud Boys chapter – continues to insist those “Prowdboy’s” are “innocent victims of J6, all for taking a tour of their capital [sic].” (See Figure 16.)

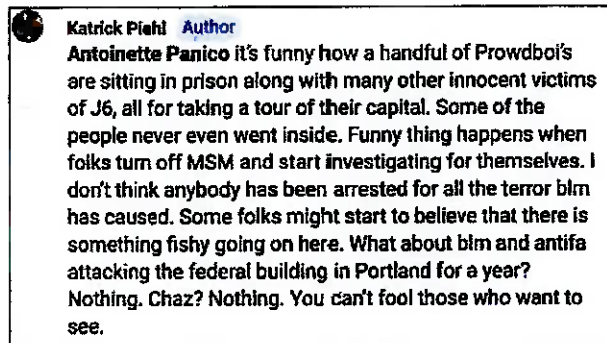


Figure 16

“El Dorado County Chat” Facebook post – OOA September 19, 2022

One of those “innocent victims” is Proud Boy David Dempsey (#FlagGaiterCopHater) of California, who was arrested in August, 2021 and indicted on eleven charges.¹⁰ (See Figures 17–21.)



Figure 17

Proud Boy David Dempsey posing with gallows and noose erected outside the U.S. Capitol – Jan. 6, 2021

¹⁰ See e.g., <https://seditiontracker.com/suspects/david-dempsey.html>; see also <https://jan6attack.com/individuals/flaggaitercophater/index.htm>.



Figure 18

Couy Griffin (L), Dempsey (R) - U.S. Capitol - January 6, 2021

(NOTE: Compare location to Figure 15, directly above Proud Boy Eddie Block.)



Figure 19

Dempsey participating in tunnel attack against officers - January 6, 2021



Figure 20
Dempsey's assault against officers - January 6, 2021



Figure 21
Dempsey literally "heels over head" for insurrection - January 6, 2021

VI.
COMMISSIONER GRIMOLDI POLITICAL POSTS

Despite the Board's admonition to Grimoldi to stay off social media and to avoid becoming too political or partisan, Grimoldi continues to make political posts in defiance of the Board's direction.¹¹ (See Figure 22.)

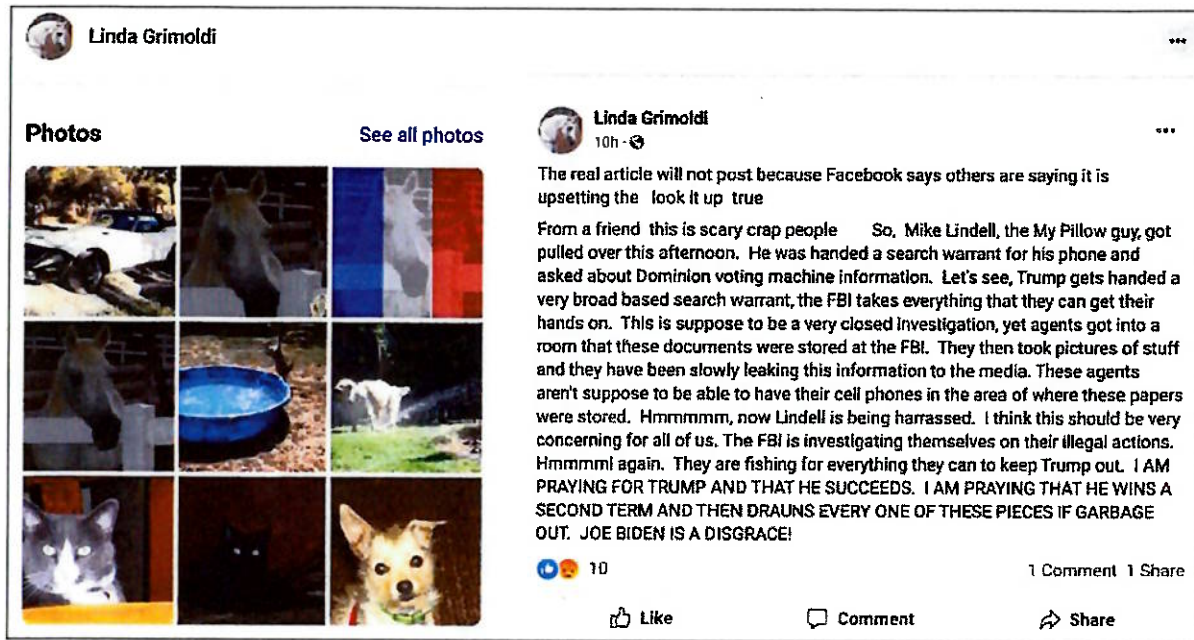


Figure 22
Grimoldi Facebook post - OOA September 13, 2021

¹¹ See e.g., Joseph Connolly letter, "Commissioner Linda Grimoldi - Impunity Stage of Commissionership," dated August 30, 2022.



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9/27/22 Open Forum Public Comments - BOS violate Brown Act and PRA request for information

1 message

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Tue, Sep 27, 2022 at 5:22 PM

To: Kim Dawson <Kim.Dawson@edcgov.us>, edc.cob@edcgov.us, lori.parlin@edcgov.us, david.livingston@edcgov.us, Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>

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Comrade Parlin, et al,

Below are my Open Forum public comments regarding the attached Public Record Act request for information. Today you once again publicly demonstrated your arrogance and gross disrespect for constituents by refusing to respond to my PRA inquiry and walking out of the BOS chambers. Communication is a two way street. I offered to provide the requested clarification for staff, but David Livingston obfuscated and diverted.

You know perfectly well that your unconstitutional actions are unlawful and that you violated your oaths of office. Read that as **fascism/communism**:

From: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 3:38 PM

To: Melody Lane melody.lane@reagan.com

Subject: Re: Public Record Act Request for information

Good Afternoon Ms. Lane - As we begin to research your request, **staff is requesting clarification on the following:**

3. Please be sure to identify the "five undisclosed topics" discussed during the aforementioned meetings with the Supervisors and CAO."

Thanks, Kim

Office of the Clerk of the Board
El Dorado County

Melody Lane

Founder – Compass2Truth

Brown Act Preamble: “The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. **The people do not yield their sovereignty to the bodies that serve them.** The people insist on remaining informed to retain control over the legislative bodies they have created.”

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You all profess adherence to Good Governance and EDC Core Values, specifically transparency and accountability. During Consent public comments on Zoom this morning I raised my hand, but it was dismissed. This necessitated that I **again** raise my hand to be recognized. But rather than responding directly to me, my remarks about the lack of 72-hour posting of the minutes were referred to David Livingston. As expected, he obfuscated instead of addressing the issue.

Then during Closed Session Public Comment, I wished to remark but the raise hand icon was not made available to me. Whether by design or technical error, I was denied my right to participate in the meeting.

The First Amendment guarantees citizens the right to petition government for redress of grievances. But when public officials refuse to respond to constituents, then they deny the citizen remedy and due process of law, thus violating their oaths of office.

[This] PRA that you all should have received and read yesterday is one such petition. It pertains to the subject matter that I brought up during last week’s Open Forum regarding the 5 purposely undisclosed topics that Treasurer Carol Louis announced during last Monday’s Taxpayers meeting live-streamed on Facebook. Carol claimed she and Andy Nevis met separately with each of the supervisors to discuss those 5 undisclosed topics. Then they met separately with CAO Don Ashton who was “visibly agitated” for not being included in those meetings, and he also “demanded an apology” from Carol Louis. **This PRA requests all correspondence pertaining to those meetings with the Supervisors and Don Ashton, including the specific 5 subject matters discussed.**

Late yesterday afternoon I received an email from Kim Dawson stating, “As we begin to research your request, **staff is requesting clarification on the following: 3. Please be sure to identify the “five undisclosed topics” discussed during the aforementioned meetings with the Supervisors and CAO.**” This appears to be another bureaucratic stall tactic.

You are reminded of the recent Dean Getz lawsuit resulting in Joe Harn cutting a check for \$115,000 at tax payers’ expense. My PRA was perfectly clear. **Pursuant to my rights under the Brown Act, please explain, while I’m at the podium, exactly what it is “staff” does not understand or need clarification for?**

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Comrade Parlin, Don Ashton and David Livingston refused to respond as required by law, and instead called a 5-minute break. Two minutes later the supervisors returned to the BOS chambers, disrespectfully laughing.

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2 attachments

 **9-26-22 Taxpayers CAO Sups correspondence.docx**
34K

 **Brown Act Rights of the Public.docx**
16K



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Citizens for Constitutional Liberty

P.O. Box 598
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September 26, 2022

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

CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

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

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

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

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

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

The agency must justify the withholding of any record by demonstrating that the record is exempt or that the public interest in confidentiality outweighs the public interest in disclosure. (§6255) **If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you provide a signed notification citing the specific legal authorities on whom you rely.**

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

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

Lastly, please note the following from the Guide to the CA Public Records Act: “The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist they may retain control over the instruments they have created.”

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

Sincerely,

Melody Lane
Founder – Compass2Truth

CALIFORNIA BROWN ACT

PREAMBLE:

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CHAPTER V.

RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC

§54954.3 Public's right to testify at meetings. (c) The legislative body of a local agency shall not prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the acts or omissions of the legislative body. Nothing in this subdivision shall confer any privilege or protection for expression beyond that otherwise provided by law. Care must be given to avoid violating the speech rights of speakers by suppressing opinions relevant to the business of the body. As such, members of the public have broad constitutional rights to comment on any subject relating to the business of the governmental body.

Any attempt to restrict the content of such speech must be narrowly tailored to effectuate a compelling state interest. Specifically, the courts found that policies that prohibited members of the public from criticizing school district employees were unconstitutional. (*Leventhal v. Vista Unified School Dist.* (1997) 973 F. Supp. 951; *Baca v. Moreno Valley Unified School Dist.* (1996) 936 F. Supp. 719.) These decisions found that prohibiting critical comments was a form of viewpoint discrimination and that such a prohibition promoted discussion artificially geared toward praising (and maintaining) the status quo, thereby foreclosing meaningful public dialog.

54954.2 E (3) No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3.

Where a member of the public raises an issue which has not yet come before the legislative body, the item may be briefly discussed but no action may be taken at that meeting. The purpose of the discussion is to permit a member of the public to raise an issue or problem with the legislative body or to permit the legislative body to provide information to the public, provide direction to its staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting. (§ 54954.2(a).)