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TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF EL DORADO COUNTY
CHARTER and GOOD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

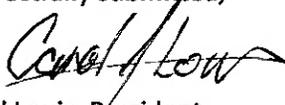
One of the primary purposes of the Taxpayers Association is to study government and its processes to determine if the taxpayer is receiving the fullest and best benefit for the taxes spent.

The Budget/ Charter Committee has spent several months examining some of the processes used in county government. This committee's goal is to aid the County and the Board of Supervisors in educating our citizens to the processes used in the receiving and spending of our tax dollars.

Our findings are recommendations to expedite and improve these processes and incorporate these recommendations into the County Charter.

1. ALL elected and appointed department heads report, in open forum before the Board of Supervisors, their budget request for the coming year. At the present time elected officials could "OPT OUT". There is no process to require this duty but the County Charter.
2. Require all departments to provide the BOS and the general public an update of "GOALS and OBJECTIVES" for their departments during the budget hearings. This will provide the BOS and the public the ability to measure the benefit of their tax dollar being requested and how it will be spent.
3. All departments should be required to share information, on request, to other departments, the CAO and the BOS.
4. Require the Election Department be placed under an elected person. This will provide more transparency and accountability for the taxpayer.
5. STRIKE from the Charter, page 11, 504 SHERIFF'S SALARY LIMITATIONS any reference to the California Highway Patrol. The Charter uses the term "COMPARABLE CLASS OF POSITION", this committee believes paying our seven positions stated Sheriff, Undersheriff Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Deputy Sheriff and Clerk, puts an extreme burden on the county taxpayer. The taxpayer is paying our Sheriff over \$515,000 a year for a county population of between 191,000 and 192,00 population, this does not warrant that high of a salary.
6. It is now a policy for other elected departments and appointed departments, who are not in a law enforcement category, to tie into article 504 to boost their salary and pension. Current examples DA, CAO, and County Council, we feel if this continues the County will become insolvent.

Respectfully submitted,



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