M. Lanc 3/18/14 Open Forum

3-18-14 Open Forum BOS Video Tax Collector MQs

First, I'd like to enter a CPRA for the Job Description and Minimum Requirements for the position of Treasurer/Tax Collector. It also asks for proof that candidate Ron Briggs meets those minimum requirements.

MADAM CLERK: Please accept this CPRA into the public record and note you have 10 days in which to respond.

Second, I'd like to bring to your attention that March 16-22 is **National Sunshine Week** – **Your Right to Know: Open Government is Good Government.** In this snapshot announcement, Watchdog Wire is asking citizen watchdogs to audit our city and county websites to see whether budgets, contact information for all public officials, meeting minutes and a data base of <u>all public spending</u> are available. It also addresses the Open Meeting Act and the Public Records Act in the Digital Age.

This brings up a few questions the Board is expected to answer <u>today</u> about the video of the March 11th BOS meeting:

- 1. What explanation is there for that video not yet made available to the public?
- 2. Did my closing comments during Open Forum last week have any bearing on why the video of that meeting hasn't yet been posted to the government website?
- 3. Who authorized the Mtn. Democrat to publish 2 articles in yesterday's paper entitled "Supes, Public Not Always Clear on Meeting Rules" and "Nutting, Briggs Squabble Over Brown Act" PRIOR to the video of that meeting being made available to the public?
- 4. Does the **County of El Dorado** have any verbal or written agreements with the Mountain Democrat providing them exclusive reporting privileges of Board of Supervisors meetings?
- 5. What provisions are in place for a substitute to biased reporter Chris Daley as the Press Agent to the BOS?

MADAM CLERK: You are ordered to enter these documents into the public record:

- 1. This transcript
- 2. CPRA Tax Collector MQs
- 3. Sunshine Week Events
- 4. 3/18/13 Snapshot of EDC BOS page @ 7.30 A M

Events

Across the country, Sunshine Week 2014 will be marked by panel discussions, workshops and other events about using and understanding the latest developments in freedom of information resources.

To have your Sunshine Week 2014 event included, please send details and a link or email contact for more information to: sunshineweek@asne.org.

If you'd like to see some of what went on in 2013, visit The Vault.

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EVENT

Jan. 23, 2014

Sunshine Week Town Hall

OpenTheGovernment.org, Washington, D.C.

OpenTheGovernment.org is getting a jump start on Sunshine Week 2014 by hosting a town hall in Washington, D.C., for potential participants to discuss their plans and cut down on programming and scheduling overlap. The meeting can be attended in person or remotely. To sign up, go to http://www.openthegovernment.org /node/4236 or contact Amy Bennett at

abennett@openthegovernment.org or 3 202-332-6736

Feb. 25. 2014-ongoing

Audit your local government's website

Watchdog Wire

Watchdog Wire is asking you, citizen watchdogs, to audit your city, county or township website. Can you access budgets on your county website or find contact information for all public officials? Are meeting minutes available? Is there a database of all public spending? It's easy to audit your city or county website. Click here to get started!.

March 4, 2014

Student Infographic Contest

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

New Mexico State University is holding an infographic contest for students to mark Sunshine Week, using the state's Open Meetings Act or Inspection of Public Records Act as inspiration, Deadline for entries is March 4, and winners will be announced at a public ceremony March 20. The contest is sponsored by NMSU alumnus Tim Parker, the NMSU Library and the NMSU Department of Journalism & Mass Communications. More information is online here.

March 11, 2014

Open Government and Freedom of Information: Reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act for the Digital Age

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee

The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on open government and freedom of information at 10:15 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington. For a list of witnesses and to listen to a webcast of the hearing, go to the Judiciary Committee website

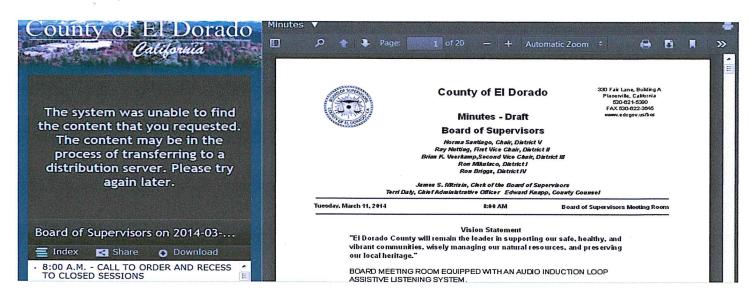
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As of 3/18/14 @ 7.30PM





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March 18, 2014

To: E

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

EDC Clerk to the Board

CA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST

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

- A copy of the Job Description for the position of EDC Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- A copy of the Minimum Qualifications for the position of EDC Treasurer/Tax Collector.
- Substantiating documentation that candidate **Ron Briggs meets each of the qualifications** for the position of EDC Treasurer/Tax Collector.

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 legal authorities on whom you rely.

It is requested that your determination be made within 10 days as stipulated within the California Public Records Act Government Code Section 6253(c).

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

Melody Lane

Founder - Compass2Truth

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Coloma, CA 95613

5. Taylor 3/18/14 open Forum

Board of Supervisors El Dorado County, California

March 18, 2014

Pursuant to the California Public Acts I am requesting the following:

Documentation as to the criteria and process by which development projects get put on the Board of Supervisors' weekly agenda.

Thank you,

Sue Taylor P. O. Box 961 Camino, CA 95709 5. Taylor 3/18/14 Open Form

Board of Supervisors El Dorado County, California

March 18, 2014

Pursuant to the California Public Acts I am requesting the following:

A list of the employees in the CAO's Office and all those offices under her control with a notation if any are related to current El Dorado County elected officials.

Thank you,

Sue Taylor P. O. Box 961 Camino, CA 95709 W. Hagle 3/10/14 open Forum

California's State/Local Governments \$1.0 Trillion in Debt is \$80,000 of debt per household

By Editor, Union Watch/Ed Ring, 4/30/`13

A study released earlier today by the California Public Policy Center entitled "Calculating California's Total State and Local Government Debt" has estimated that state and local government debt is somewhere between \$848 billion and \$1.12 trillion. This is the first attempt we've ever seen by anyone to provide an estimate.

Small wonder. If Californians understood that their local city councils, school districts, redevelopment agencies, special districts, county supervisors, and state legislators had managed to put them on the hook for over \$80,000 of debt per household, they might vote down the next new taxation or bond measure that appears on the ballot. Imagine how much debt this equates to per *taxpaying* household.

Quoting from the study's summary, here are the categories of government debt confronting Californians:

When, along with the \$27.8 billion "Wall of Debt," long-term debt incurred by California's state, county, and city governments, along with school districts, redevelopment agencies and special districts are totaled, the outstanding balance is \$383.0 billion. The officially recognized unfunded liability for California's public employee retirement benefits – pensions and retirement health care – adds another \$265.1 billion. Applying a potentially more realistic 5.5% discount rate to calculate the unfunded pension liability adds an additional \$200.3 billion. All of these outstanding debts combined total \$848.4 billion. By extrapolating from available data that is either outdated or incomplete, and using a 4.5% discount rate to calculate the unfunded pension liability, the estimated total debt soars to over \$1.1 trillion.

According to a Wall Street Journal editorial from April 29th, 2013 entitled "Debt and Growth," former White House economist Larry Summers is suggesting that "the U.S. should borrow even more money today because interest rates are low."