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Letter to the BOS

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Attached please find my letter/comments to the Board of Supervisors for the February 6, regular Board meeting.

Terry Gherardi

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February 5, 2018

Supervisor John Hidahl
Supervisor Shiva Frentzen
Supervisor Brian Veerkamp
Supervisor Michael Ranalli
Supervisor Sue Novasel

Re: Charter Review Committee

Dear Chairman Ranalli & Supervisors;

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend tomorrow's Board meeting, but would appreciate your consideration regarding recommendations by the 2017-18 Charter Review Committee. In particular, elected department head positions vs appointed.

I was the District IV appointee on the 2014 Charter Review Committee. I also was the administrative assistant for Supervisor Walt Shultz and Supervisor Briggs, for a couple of years. It was during the time with Supervisor Shultz, that the County Charter was approved by the voters. Prior to that, I was a participant in meetings with those that felt becoming a county charter, was in the best interest for all county citizens and our local government, feeling that local control, was going to be even more important as California government grew larger creating an even larger bureaucracy.

Fast forward to today, and I have an even greater fear of citizens losing their voice when it comes to the decision making of those in government. In 2014, after weeks and weeks of discussion and public comments, about changing the Charter from electing the various department heads to appointment by the BOS, by a vote of 4 to 1, the committees recommendation to the board were that the citizens of El Dorado County wanted to continue to elect those department head positions.

El Dorado County does not have the best track record when it comes to appointing other department head positions. In fact it has a history of being a revolving door, between CAO's, Human Resources, Economic Development Directors and others, often costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, to buy them out of their contract. And, it was wildly thought and reported that former CAO Teri Daley worked behind the scenes with the 2013-14 grand jury, to change the policy of electing department heads.

Daley & others (former co-workers from other counties) were examples of why many feel that the appointment of office holders by those within the government encourages bureaucratic cronyism.

Voters feel a better assurance that those they elect are attentive to greater populations concerns and issues. You can rest assured that in the case of an election campaign, that an opponent will dig up as much as they can, exposing all to the voters. Voters also have the opportunity to meet candidates and ask questions, learning more about them during campaign forums. Not the case when someone is appointed or hired by government staffers or other elected.

I do not feel you have needed transparency in the hiring or contracting of a government department head.

I hope you will take this under strong consideration and at the same time and even more, retain the governing of this county under a Charter. I cannot stress enough, my concern that under the current political climate of this State, the importance that voters continue to have a say, whenever possible, under the control of local, smaller governments.

I do also oppose the elimination of term limits for the Board of Supervisors. If nothing else, I am thankful whatever your decisions, to amend or not, will all be determined by a vote of the people.

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#19 Today

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Good morning Chairman Ranalli,

Attached is the official position of the Taxpayers Association on Item #19 on today's BOS agenda.

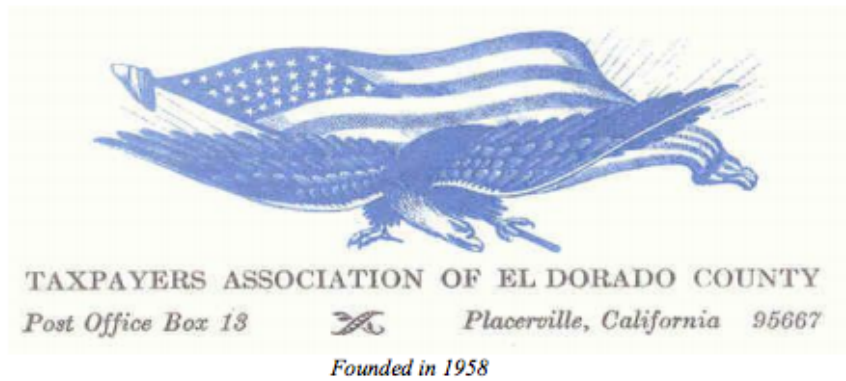
Have a good day,

Todd White
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February 5th, 2018

Chairman Michael Ranalli
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
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Dear Chairman Ranalli:

Thank you so much for your time and what you and your colleagues do for the community and the County of El Dorado as a whole. This letter is concerning Item #19 on tomorrow's (02/06/18) Board of Supervisors agenda regarding the Charter Review Committee Update/Summary.

When reviewing this update/summary, please ask the following, **"What is the benefit of each of the recommendations to the people of El Dorado County? Are the people better served if these recommendations are implemented?"**

By recommending an elimination of all non-constituted department heads from the county charter, the BOS is in essence recommending that the voters take away their own right to select the designated department heads of their choice. There is no demonstrated cost benefit by having a department head hired by the CAO and/or the BOS. Also, there is no demonstrated evidence that service to the public would be better with an unelected department head, compared to one that is chosen by the people.

Today, the Board of Directors of the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County voted to support the tabling of Item #19, until a more thorough and thoughtful analysis can be done regarding the County Charter. The current report demonstrates what El Dorado County does and what other counties do, but the report does not demonstrate what the benefits of the recommended changes are.

Sincerely,

Bill Carey
President