M. Lane Consent Calendar Bos 11/9/2021

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11-9-21 Consent Minutes censoring

I am addressing Consent items #1 and #2, the October 26th minutes. Students, please pay attention to the highlights of the Brown Act Rights of the Public that were just distributed to you. They were extracted out of **[this]** full version of the law. If you don't know your rights, then you have no rights, and you won't be able to recognize when the Board of Supervisors overstep their bounds as they are prone to do.

Compass2Truth was founded in 2009 based on the principles in the preamble to the Brown Act which reads, "The people, in delegating authority, do <u>not</u> 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 <u>insist</u> on remaining informed to retain control over the legislative bodies they have created."

The Brown Act further states, "Care must be given to avoid violating the speech rights of speakers by <u>suppressing</u> opinions relevant to the business of the body...members of the public have <u>broad constitutional rights</u> to comment on <u>any subject</u> relating to the business of the governmental body."

The October 26<sup>th</sup> minutes deceptively failed to reflect that Supervisors John Hidahl and Lori Parlin persistently interrupted, talked over me, and deprived me the right to address Consent Item #16—the Mt. Murphy Bridge. John Hidahl falsely claimed I was "off topic" and ordered Kim Dawson to shut off the microphone. Then Lori Parlin arrogantly shouted, "You're wasting our time arguing!"

During Item #13, the minutes do not reflect that John Hidahl *again* violated §54954 of the Brown Act when he ordered Kim Dawson to shut off the mic because he didn't like what I had to say about DOT. Note:

The legislative body of a local agency shall <u>not prohibit public criticism</u> of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or of the <u>acts or omissions</u> of the legislative body. These decisions found that prohibiting critical comments was a form of <u>viewpoint discrimination</u> and that such a prohibition promoted discussion artificially geared <u>toward praising</u> (and <u>maintaining</u>) the status <u>quo</u>, thereby foreclosing <u>meaningful public dialog</u>.

It is the civic duty of every citizen to courageously stand up for our God-given rights. Watch the October 26<sup>th</sup> BOS video and see for yourself how the Supervisors really conduct themselves. While you are at it, watch the August 31<sup>st</sup> and the July 20<sup>th</sup> videos when the supervisors unlawfully shut off the mic and walked out of the room when I refused to yield my sovereignty. Not only are their actions contradictory to the EDC Core Values in front of you, they regularly violate their oaths of office and the rights of the people. That's not leadership; it is the hallmark of fascist dictators.