

From: [Arkley, Rob](#)
To: [Lovelace, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: yesterday's meeting
Date: Wednesday, December 01, 2010 1:15:37 PM

Dear Mark,

I have contacted Eureka Councilmember's and City Manager. Others have contacted other cities. Others have contacted Del Norte and Mendocino Boards of Supervisors. The consensus seems to be that none of them were aware of the letter from the Appointment Secretary. County staff did talk to a couple of cities on Monday, the day before your meeting. Basically, this caught everybody else off guard and folks felt that they had not time to act.

None of them seem to have copies of your letter. It was a pretty quiet process, being as charitable as I possibly can be. It is amazing that it slipped by soooooo many people.

Happily, the public is now well aware of what is going on.

In the future, please send both hard copies and give all of us the courtesy of e mailing the notices, rather than utilizing paper which is notoriously slow, inefficient and undependable. It would go a long way to restoring the credibility of the Board that was badly damaged in this process. I am sure that you will agree that the more public input, notice and participation, the better.

vty,

Rob

From: Lovelace, Mark [mailto:Mark.Lovelace@co.humboldt.ca.us]
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2010 11:52 AM
To: Arkley, Rob
Subject: RE: yesterday's meeting

Hi Rob. I appreciate your note. While we can, and obviously do, disagree on numerous issues, I hope we can always agree to focus on issues and not personal attacks.

As for transparency, I sent letters to each of the Mayors and City Councils on November 15th, notifying every eligible elected official in the county of the vacancy, the Governor's request for nominations, the relevant sections of the Public Resources Code that describe the process, and of my interest in the nomination. This item was not on our agenda until a full two weeks later, giving any eligible elected official ample time to notify our Board of their interest. We did not receive any letters or phone calls, so far as I am aware.

I prepared a similar letter for our board, which was included in the agenda packet, and which clearly stated that the Governor has requested the Boards of Supervisors and the city selection committees of Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino counties to each nominate at least one supervisor and at least one city council member for appointment to this position. In introducing the item, I requested at the outset that the Board withhold sending any letter to the Governor until our meeting on the 14th to allow for any further candidates to come forward. So in terms of transparency I really can't figure out what more I could have done.

As for my degree, I'm sitting here looking at my diploma.

I do truly wish you, your family and your employees a very merry Christmas.

Mark

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-----Original Message-----

From: Arkley, Rob [mailto:RArkley@snc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2010 9:53 AM
To: Lovelace, Mark
Subject: yesterday's meeting

Dear Mark,

While I often greatly disapprove of your tactics, from your covert attempt to become a Coastal Commissioner to among other things going to State Lands on the County taxpayer's dime in an attempt to stop the Marina Center, I felt that some of the attacks at yesterday's Supervisor meeting were unnecessarily personal against you.

Nonetheless, when elected officials utilize the covert and sneaky tactics, many people's reactions are justifiably going to be outrage. You have to expect it. That does not mean that I like it or condone it. It is the tone and tactic that was created by Bonnie and Richard Salzman and continues to this day. It is a toxic course. I hope that you get more up front in the future. Come out into the sunshine. It will help our community, regardless of where you stand on any issue. Let's change the tone.

I heard that you claim on your application to have graduated from San Jose State. I find it interesting that they don't show you as a graduate. You may want to correct that.

My best to you and yours for a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

vty,

Rob

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