

EL DORADO COUNTY GRAND JURY
P.O. Box 472
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June 13, 2003

Honorable Jerald M. Lasarow
Superior Court
1354 Johnson Blvd., Suite 1
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Dear Judge Lasarow:

The members of the 2002/2003 El Dorado County Grand Jury were honored to have been selected to serve our County, and on their behalf I submit this final report.

In your charge twelve months ago, you requested we accept the responsibility and duty to investigate and examine all phases of county government.

As nineteen ordinary citizens from many backgrounds and walks of life, we were quite obviously not experts in county government, but what we did have in common was a desire to serve with diligence and faithfulness. With truth and fairness as our guidelines, drawing from this diversity, we have worked hard to fulfill those obligations. It has been my honor and privilege to have served with this great group of people and I commend them.

Each year as a new jury begins to research and respond to complaints from citizens, specific areas come into focus for further study/examination. Therefore, simultaneously with the expected interviews of county employees and visiting many of the facilities, other more specialized situations are addressed. This year was no exception.

The Jury discovered a need to look in-depth into the lack of enforcement of collecting T.O.T. (the Transit Occupancy Tax) in the South Lake Tahoe area. As a direct result of our study, future income for that City should increase greatly, and all rentals will share equally in the responsibility of collecting appropriate and equitable taxes.

Also studied in considerable depth was a growing concern of this Jury that there may be some elected officials who may be assuming more power and authority than they have been given by voter mandate.

The Grand Jury commends the elected officials and County employees for their cooperation and assistance in our mutual goal of better government.

Thank you Judge Lasarow for your encouragement and guidance throughout the year. Your understanding and decisiveness were much appreciated by myself and this Grand Jury.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Brunner
2002/2003 El Dorado County Grand Jury Foreman