## DISINFORMATION ALERT!

Dear Editor,

Recently I became aware of a political speech given on 6 Sep. After many years of listening to politicians I have developed a unique skill of being able to clearly decipher what a politician is actual saying. All politicians are "loose" with the truth, but liberal progressive ones are the absolute worst. After reading Deb Adams' speech to the American Legion, I felt compelled to offer the following translations. Deb's statements/words are in Bold. The truth, er I mean, the translations follow in italics:

**Unaffiliated Candidate:** means "I know a Democrat can't get elected in Custer County and I can't actually claim to be a Republican because so many already know me, so I'll claim to be Unaffiliated." **Independent Voter:** means "I know I can't actually admit to voting for Biden and Harris but I can sure try to obfuscate my ideology."

I consider it heaven on earth: means "This ain't California though so we need to change it."

Help it thrive: means "We need to change things here, we need some progressiveness here."

Potential to become a better version of who we already are: means "We need to change."

We are no longer on the road to nowhere: means "We need more liberals here and some change."

Don't want to change it, want to become a part of it: means "I definitely want to change things."

County Government must facilitate sustainable growth: means "I definitely want to bring my

California thinking and policies to the valley. Let's change okay?"

We need more Grants: means "Let's go after more of that 'FREE' (aka taxpayer) money."

Help our ranching community and local businesses: means "I don't have any real plans to do that, but I know it sounds good and will fool hundreds of people. And we need change."

**Need to respect diverse perspectives and viewpoints:** means "We need even more liberal progressive thoughts and ideas and less conservative ones around here. Change is what we need."

In these divisive times: means "Even though the Democrats are in total control in D.C. and Colorado the divisiveness is caused by Trump and his MAGA terrorists. Changing will help."

There is something to be learned from every person, every perspective, every opinion: means "I know this is a conservative county and has been for years, BUT we need to change it."

**Our hidden valley gem:** means "Now that we liberals have "discovered" this gem we need to change it and quickly."

Our future and the welfare of this rural county depends on it: means "We need more liberal progressive change here. I just don't know how this place has ever survived. It's like the old Vietnam concept of 'we got to burn the village down to save it' if you know what I mean."

Time to govern with care and competence: means "We know that isn't happening because those damn conservative commissioners are destroying this 'hidden gem' and we need to change it."

Time for mutual respect and be open to new ideas and concepts: means "If I haven't made myself clear yet please pay attention. We definitely need new liberal progressive ideas and concepts. We need change. Got It yet?"

**Time to listen and build consensus:** means "All you conservatives need to change to thinking like displaced Californians, and I don't really mean consensus, I mean compliance. Get in step."

Communities that work together get a whole lot more done: means "We liberals have had to move all over America to force our liberal progressive ideas/policies into these small 'hidden gem rural counties' and to be perfectly clear, I actually mean we need to change to get a lot more liberal things done. Are you paying attention yet?"

If you want a new commissioner who will address issues and solve problems without animosity or hidden agendas: means "OMG, fools are everywhere and so easily fooled. Just check out my past social media posts which I have tried to unsuccessfully hide. I want to serve everyone but let's be real, okay. All conservatives and Republicans are fascists. Got to change Bro."

But you can do something about it. VOTE FOR BILL CANDA! He's a real conservative and will help keep Custer County the 'Hidden Gem' it already is and has been for decades. It doesn't need liberal progressives leading it astray.

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