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Please forward this letter to all the commissioners and place it in public comment.

Imagine my surprise when I discovered that I no longer live in a county governed by democratic principles but under an Authoritarian regime created by the Republicans on the BOC. In all my schooling and 26 years in military service, I can't remember anything about a governing body having the right to overturn an issue that the voters have approved just because they 'think' it is a "mistake". I was under the impression (I know, silly me) that those who are elected are to serve (work for) those who put them in office, not to impose their personal beliefs, prejudices or religious beliefs on the people that they are supposed to serve. For the BOC to overrule any decision made in an election without returning to the ballot box seems to be using a totalitarian method and is the beginning of a slippery slope away from democratic principles. Dress it up with whatever words or rationalizations you will, killing the funding for something kills that item or program. Members of the Board of Commissioners are elected by their district to a body that is to govern the county in the name of the people of the county not just those in their family, neighborhood, church or district. And before anyone asks, no I am not a member of the Democratic Party.

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