

Subject: Treasurer Resignation

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Oath Keepers of Josephine County,

I came on board Oath Keepers JoCo at the beginning of this year with a deep passion to participate with like minded people in contingency prepping, training, and to defend the Constitution. When an opportunity arose on the leadership team, the Coordinator offered the position to the membership and I volunteered and was accepted as Treasurer. Since that time I have had extreme difficulty in fulfilling the duties of Treasurer due to lack of access to the tools necessary to perform the job. After repeated attempts to rectify this, I still feel ineffective.

When the Sugar Pine Mine Operation was commenced, I came on board to participate wholeheartedly. I did not have significant Treasurer duties at the beginning of the operation and saw a need to assist with Logistics which was acknowledged by the Coordinator. Knowing that the security of the mine operation was the primary focus of the mission, I presented myself to assist in volunteer coordination under the direction of the Logistics Coordinator. We created a form to process and register participants and were developing a system of evaluating and interviewing volunteers.

Just when things were going well and the dust was starting to settle, the Assistant Coordinator made an executive decision and changed my role and responsibilities with no words to me at all. I also experienced being slandered by a fellow member who damaged my reputation, spread mis-truths amongst the membership, all without discussing her issues with me personally. She now holds the volunteer coordinator position. This seems to be politically motivated and not in the best interest of the mission or the chapter.

I have been reassigned limited, and ineffective, Treasurer duties with the tools to perform this job being retained exclusively by the Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinator. I am concerned when outside volunteers have more financial authority than the chapters own Treasurer. I am also concerned when reimbursement was promised by Leadership to particular members, but no arrangements with me the Treasurer were made to address this, and those members felt disrespected and offended when I could not reimburse them. I feel I cannot be responsible for the predicament I find myself in.

Politics and cronyism have corrupted this chapter and compromised the mission at hand.

I sincerely hope that the mine owners have their day in court safely and successfully. I have learned much from this experience, and made many deep and lasting friendships, but I am sad to discover that not everyone feels the same way.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Austin

**AFFIDAVIT OF CATHERINE AUSTIN**

Name: Catherine Austin

Occupation: Former Treasurer, Oath Keepers of Josephine County

I, Catherine Austin, swear or affirm:

1. Joseph Rice appointed me Treasurer on or about February 19th, 2015, at an Oath Keepers training meeting. Gil Gilbertson verbally acknowledged my appointment to this duty.
2. Ever since this meeting, I was Treasurer in name only, until my resignation, April 24, 2015.
3. As stated in my attached resignation letter, I was unable to access the necessary tools and accounts for which I was liable both legally and according to the bylaws of the Oath Keepers. Those tools, as well as the bank account and Paypal account, were retained exclusively by the Coordinator (Joseph Rice) and Assistant Coordinator (Bruce McFarland) and I was blocked from viewing the activities within.
4. I was instructed to only handle small cash donations and to acknowledge receipts for reimbursement.
5. As Treasurer, I was both legally liable for the Chapter's finances yet blocked from actively managing them in accordance with the bylaws. I had been placed in significant jeopardy in case donations were mis-handled by those who had access to them. For this reason I could not continue my duties and did not want to risk the legal liability of remaining in that position.

Further affiant saith not.

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND BELIEF.

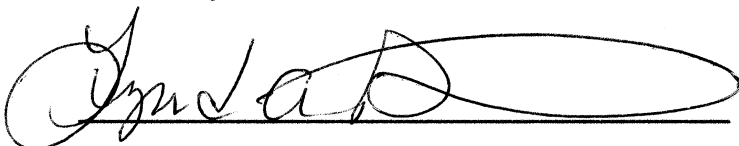
6-18-15      Catherine Austin

Date

Catherine Austin

STATE OF OREGON  
COUNTY OF JOSEPHINE

I, the undersigned Notary Public, do hereby affirm that Catherine Austin personally appeared before me on the 18 day of June, 2015, and signed the above Affidavit as her free and voluntary act and deed.



Notary Public

