

Consent Agenda Record: a Verifiable Rubber Stamp

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At the most recent Del Norte County Board of Supervisors Meeting, Public speaker Samuel Strait addressed supervisors in the public comments section during the opaque Consent Agenda with some arguably disturbing information.

Strait disclosed the following:

In the 18 Regularly Scheduled meetings from January through October 7, 2024, 457 different agenda items were discussed.

- 282 Consent Agenda items were passed (all unanimously).
- 111 of those items were presented by the County's largest department. Dept. of Health and Human Services.
- 61 of those Consent items were submitted by Administration.
- 14 originated from Community Development.
- 4 items were submitted by the Del Norte Sheriff.

Strait lamented his concern to the five member Board, almost 62 percent of Del Norte government is conducted by un-elected bureaucrats. He asked for more disclosure and transparency during these "rubber stamp" votes. Upon completion of his public comments, supervisors voted unanimously for another dozen items, with no discussion by any of the elected.

