

# Candidate Sharpe Falsely Accuses Sutter Taxpayers

Auditor-Controller Candidate James Sharpe has falsely accused the Sutter County Taxpayers Association of disseminating information about the loss of his Certified Public Accountant license.

On April 10, an email was sent out by Roberta Fletcher with a link to the California Board of Accountancy which indicates that Mr. Sharpe lost his Certified Public Accountant license in 1994 and it was not reinstated until 2011 -- 17 years later. Mr. Sharpe immediately accused SCTA of sending out the information. The subject line in his numerous emails stated: "Since you all got the email from the Taxpayers Association. My Response." I repeatedly, in writing, told Mr. Sharpe that we did not send the email and that while Ms. Fletcher was once a member of SCTA, she hasn't been a member for several years.

Mr. Sharpe accused SCTA of being a "former campaign committee for Robert Stark" which is untrue. SCTA established a "defense committee" in 2005 to help Mr. Stark and Ronda Putman with legal costs generated when the district attorney led the grand jury to falsely indict them. It was not a "campaign" committee. Mr. Sharpe then searched the Appeal Democrat website and found stories from 2009 that said Ms. Fletcher was a member of SCTA, which she was at that time but has not renewed her membership for several years.

Mr. Sharpe finally stopped his accusations that SCTA was behind the release of the link to the state Accountancy Board only after Ms. Fletcher sent three emails stating that she sent the link and that she was not a member of SCTA and apologized for causing SCTA this problem. He has not apologized.

Prior to his false accusations regarding his CPA license, he took issue with my statement to the Board of Supervisors on March 25 concerning the SunGard integrated software system which has been in the implementation stage since March 31 of 2009 and still isn't fully operational. In my talk, I gave factual information on the amount of overtime that Systems Analyst Supervisor Dan March has received and stated that no one was being trained to take over in his absence. The next day Mr. Sharpe sent an email to each member of the Board stating: "I am ashamed that you let someone personally attack an employee of the County during your meeting and you did not respond. Dan March is an employee that I work with and I have the utmost confidence in. Please address this in your next meeting publicly. I will be there."

It appears Mr. Sharpe is opposed to government transparency and the right of the public to address their elected officials regarding their concerns.

Pat Miller, President

Sutter County Taxpayers Association