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FW: California MMRA & Other New Laws

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Alison Barratt-Green <Alison.Barratt-Green@co.nevada.ca.us>

Mon 1/11/2016 2:23 PM

To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Cc: Keith Royal <Keith.Royal@co.nevada.ca.us>; Rick Haffey <Rick.Haffey@co.nevada.ca.us>; Alison Lehman <Alison.Lehman@co.nevada.ca.us>;

For the Board.

From: County Counsel
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 9:06 AM
To: Alison Barratt-Green
Subject: FW: California MMRA & Other New Laws

From: Drew [<mailto:andrewgoodwin@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2016 5:16 PM
To: County Counsel; Hank Weston; Dan Miller
Subject: California MMRA & Other New Laws

Hello

I am a medical patient of 31 years old I have permanent joint damage from arthritis (Can barely walk), and use about 4lbs cannabis a year made into extracts. I have used cannabis since 18 and have since been able to stop taking all other medication prescribed to me for pain.

I hope to be able to continue to cultivate cannabis outside in the 10x10 outdoors and another 10x10 area for my wife, the default for personal use under the new MMRA.

There is no way this amount can be a nuisance with the setbacks and it serves no point making patients grow indoors. If you do limit growth to indoors I would recommend not putting a power requirements on it as that might as well be a ban. (Takes 25 watts a sqft indoor, 4000 watts to cover a 10x10 area). I have not grown indoors since moving up to Nevada County 4 years ago and purchasing my home. If I had to do so it could cost up to two to four thousand dollars per year to run an indoor grow room just for my needs only.

I have also see cannabis help numerous people in this community and others. I also hope you have learned allitle about the human endocannabinoid system as it is in all of us. I urge you to continue to allow patients to get access to cannabis in a affordable way or be able to continue to grow for themselves.

Also there are some new laws that came into effect requiring you to get approval from the Secretary of Agriculture before making any additional changes to ordinances affecting any type of plant.

“SEC. 4. Section 52334 is added to the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:

52334. Notwithstanding any other law, on and after January 1, 2015, a city, county, or district, including a charter city or county, shall not adopt or enforce an ordinance that regulates plants, crops, or seeds without the consent of the secretary. An ordinance enacted before January 1, 2015, shall be considered part of the comprehensive program of the department and shall be enforceable.”

A cannabis is a plant, crop and seed, so really, all the local municipalities have to go get permission from the Secretary of Agriculture before they can enact any ordinance regarding cannabis at all, let alone a ban.

Thanks

Andrew Goodwin

Resident of Penn Valley

FW: Support Sheriff Royal's proposed ban of outdoor growing

Nate Beason <Nate.Beason@co.nevada.ca.us>

Mon 1/11/2016 11:52 AM

To: Clerk of Board <ClerkofBoard@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Julie,

Pls forward to my colleagues for info.

Thx

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cc: All BOS
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Counsel

From: Lori Burkart Frank [mailto:lorilifecoach@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 10:57 AM
To: Nate Beason
Subject: Support Sheriff Royal's proposed ban of outdoor growing

Nate,

Your support of Sheriff Royal's proposed ban of outdoor growing would be very much appreciated by Ken and myself.

We are in complete agreement with the points Gail & Karl Blagg made in the letter they sent to you regarding this matter.

We love Nevada County and the community we have known for 20 years. Outdoor growing has impacted our local Crooked Arrow Lane neighborhood negatively. We have constant traffic from people who do not live here. The smell at times is overwhelming causing us to have to close our windows.

Thank-you for all your hard work as our Supervisor.

Sincerely,

Lori & Ken Frank
10261 Crooked Arrow Lane, Nevada City

530 478-9803
LoriLifecoach@sbcglobal.net

APPROVE Marijuana Urgency Ordinance

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*cc: All 1305
CEO
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Jeff Kearney <jeffkearney97@yahoo.com>

Mon 1/11/2016 12:17 PM

To: Clerk of Board <ClerkofBoard@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Dear Supervisor Hank Weston,

I read the proposal of January 12th (Introduction and Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance Amending the Title and Sections G-IV 5.2 through G-IV 5.5 of Article 5 of Chapter IV of the Nevada County General Code Regarding Restrictions on Marijuana Cultivation) with great interest. I can hardly say this more strongly – please urge your fellow Board members to approve this Urgency Ordinance.

I moved from the Bay Area to my new home (17039 Indian Springs Ranch Road, Grass Valley) in January 2015. My property and the one adjoining share an easement that provides access to a 20 acre parcel in front of my house (This Is It Lane), that apparently had been for sale for some time. The 20-acre parcel was purchased a few months ago, and since then I’ve seen a steady stream of seedy unscrupulous individuals driving up and down the easement. I investigated, and sure enough, someone is establishing a thirty-six (36) pot grow sight. Not only that, the new owner put the parcel up for sale, originally advertising it on Trulia as a grow-ready site in “215-friendly Nevada County” (although he has since changed the listing). Both my neighbor and I have called the Sheriff and DEA to express our concerns about the property 13201 This Is It Land.

To put this briefly, I invested a lot of money in my property, “depreciation of my property value is no option,” for Marijuana growers to say the least. In addition, I am concerned about the constant flow of transient people coming and going at odd hours who obviously don’t live on the property and the safety and wellbeing of my neighbors including myself.

I agree with Sheriff Royal and urge you and your fellow Board members to approve the Urgency Ordinance.

Sincerely,
Jeff Kearney
17039 Indian Springs Ranch Road
Grass Valley, CA 95949

FW: Ban outdoor grows! - Julie Patterson-Hunter

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cc: All BOS
CEO
counsel

FW: Ban outdoor grows!

Sheriff <Sheriff@co.nevada.ca.us>

Mon 1/11/2016 10:28 AM

To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>; Eve Diamond <Eve.Diamond@co.nevada.ca.us>

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From: senos@localnet.com [mailto:senos@localnet.com]

Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 9:34 AM

To: Sheriff

Subject: Ban outdoor grows!

Sheriff Royal,

Thank you for your efforts to keep Nevada County safe. I am thankful to have you and those at NCSO serving and working to protect our community.

I have let the Nevada County Board of Supervisors know I support banning outdoor MJ cultivation and that I support your position on this matter.

Thank you for your efforts. We are fortunate to have you as our Sheriff. You have my full support, complete respect and endless thanks.

Steve Enos

Grass Valley

P. St 4
cc: All BUS
CEO
Counsel

Linda Gearheart

From: Linda Gearheart [lindagearheart@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 01, 2016 10:11 AM
To: sheriff@co.nevada.ca.us
Subject: Pot Ordinance

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Sheriff Royal,

I hope this email reaches you. After reading the article in the Union about Pot Ordinance I felt compelled to write you. In the article you were quoted as trying to protect the quality of life in our community while Patricia Smith feels the cultivation of pot in unincorporated areas of the county is fine. Does she not realize that 61% of housing is in unincorporated areas of Nevada county.

We came to Grass Valley 10 years ago to enjoy a community that cared about people. We built a beautiful Ranch on a quiet Beyers Lane. Since Marijuana took over Beyers Lane several years ago our property has been vandalized, there has been several cameras and statue stolen, dislodging of our electronic gate and several instances of trespassers sighted on the property. Beyers Lane is a single Lane that has become dangerous with ten times more traffic and lots of speeders driving 40 mph vs the posted speed limit of 15 mph. There are many pot farms of 5 to 10 acres with at least 10 trucks belonging to the people on the farms up and down Beyers Lane. We wonder what would happen if there was a fire. We no longer live in Peace in your community.

We hope that you will do whatever you can within your power and influence to stop this dangerous cultivation of Marijuana amongst your citizens .

Thank You,

Linda and Ray Gearheart

Sent from my iPad=

cc: All BOS
CEO
Counsel

Urgency Ordinance on Marijuana Cultivation

Jess Barba <jessbarba@me.com>

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To: Nate Beason <Nate.Beason@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Cc: Ed Scofield <Ed.Scofield@co.nevada.ca.us>; Dan Miller <Dan.Miller@co.nevada.ca.us>; Hank Weston <Hank.Weston@co.nevada.ca.us>; Richard Anderson <Richard.Anderson@co.nevada.ca.us>; Clerk of Board <ClerkofBoard@co.nevada.ca.us>; Sheriff <Sheriff@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Supervisor Beason,

I have read and strongly concur with the recommendation set forth by Sheriff Royal in his recommendation to the Board regarding the presently unfettered marijuana cultivation in Nevada County. I commend Sheriff Royal for taking this action before the Board.

My wife and I strongly urge you vote in the affirmative to enact Sheriff Royal's recommendations.

The quality of life at our home has been negatively impacted in very significant ways. We do not feel safe in our home, the stench from the close by grows is intolerable, the traffic on our community maintained road (Jones Ridge Road) has increased ten fold) and the non-resident marijuana growers do not contribute to the road maintenance effort creating a financial burden on us residents. The unsavory characters that speed back and forth to their grow sites endanger us local residents, there have been several vehicle collisions on our road.

Over the years, I, as well as neighbors have called law enforcement to report/complain about the illegal and abundant grows in our area. In our opinion, the response has been too slow, if any, ineffective, and the problems have just multiplied. It seems ironic that if a law-abiding person desires to open a business shop in the county, they must apply for and get approved permits that regulate everything from environment, physical, appearance statutes and impact on the surrounding area is heavily considered. A marijuana grower is not subject to any such review nor is the public afforded an opportunity to speak at a public meeting with regard to the impact such a business would have on them personally.

Just simply type in my home address on Google Earth and you'll see and can count the great number of obvious outdoor marijuana grows that exist within a 2-3 mile radius. Old growth trees have been removed, excavations have scalped ridgelines and hillsides.

I don't address nor debate the clinical merits of marijuana for medicinal use, it is irrelevant to this issue. This issue is about negative impact to the majority of residents by a minority of well represented, funded by illicit means and vociferous profit seeking individuals that have no regard for the well being of the majority that must suffer the effects of their high impact cultivation enterprises.

I urge you to support, and vote in favor of the emergency ordinance, and move to allow us to vote on banning outdoor grows altogether.

Thank you,

Oscar Jess and Lorraine Barba
District 1 resident
17790 Jones Ridge Road
Grass Valley, CA 95945
email: jessbarba@me.com

cc: Members of the County Board of Supervisors
Sheriff Royal
Clerk of the Board

cc: All BOS
CEO
Counsel

Lounette S. Turner
23837 Pleasant Valley Rd.
North San Juan, CA 95960
530-292-3195
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Keith Royal
Nevada County Sheriff's Office
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Marijuana Grows

Dear Sheriff Royal

For almost twelve years, I have had the privilege of living here on the ranch with my daughter and her husband. This is very profound for me, because my great grandparents were born within a few miles of their ranch; it is like coming "full circle". Looking around though, I feel sad because the area is teeming with marijuana grows and people coming in that apparently do not live here. Taking a ride one evening this fall (during cutting season), the air was so polluted with the smell, one had to close the car windows instead of breathing in the fresh air of the woods.

That being said, I worry about the future and impact it will have on our children and grandchildren. Their health will certainly be compromised one way or another. When traveling the highway through the area, you have to wonder who the person is in the other car. Are they under the influence???

Our people over generations have gone off to war to protect our country, now it is our time to step up to the plate and do what we can to protect our future generations.

Let's band together and stop the growth of marijuana in our county.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lonnelle Turner

cc Hank Weston
Nevada County Supervisor

cc: All BOS
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Pat & Nita Browning
21266 Pleasant Valley Road
North San Juan, CA 95960
530-272-8912
January 2, 2016

Keith Royal, Sheriff
Nevada County Sheriff's Office
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Outdoor Marijuana Grows

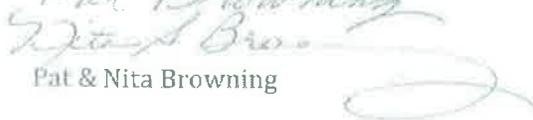
Dear Sheriff Royal:

As residents and taxpayers of Nevada County, we are deeply concerned about the rampant increase in outdoor marijuana grows in our county and specifically, our neighborhood. We have been living on our family ranch, which was established 150 years ago at least 60 years. We are ranchers deeply invested in our community, and are frustrated with the rapid growth of outdoor marijuana grows bordering all sides of our property. In the late summer, we cannot enjoy the outdoors from our back patio because of the stench of the marijuana gardens nearby.

As you travel Pleasant Valley Road, one can see large greenhouses, privacy fencing, dilapidated lean-tos, and tattered pop up tarps gracing the once healthy, beautiful terrain. Not only are these outdoor grows an eyesore, but an extreme health and safety concern. Along with the negative environmental impact, there is an increase in the transient population in our neighborhood. This brings significant worry for the safety of our families and property.

As a very conservative couple who see only trouble when drugs are used, we are concerned about the impact of our increasing marijuana use and production in this county. We urge you to follow the lead of our neighboring Yuba County, and take steps immediately to stop all outdoor grows in Nevada County. Without this restriction, we feel strongly our community's health and safety are at grave risk. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat & Nita Browning

cc Hank Weston
Supervisor, Nevada County District 4

cc: All BOS
CCO
Council

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1/27/16
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Cynthia M. Browning
23837 Pleasant Valley Road
North San Juan, CA 95960
530-292-3333
Dec. 8, 2015

Keith Royal, Sheriff
Nevada County Sheriff's Office
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Outdoor Marijuana Grows

Dear Sheriff Royal:

As a resident and taxpayer of Nevada County, I am deeply concerned about the rampant increase in outdoor marijuana grows in our county and specifically, my neighborhood. My husband and I live on our family ranch, which his family established 150 years ago. We are agriculturalists deeply invested in our community, and are frustrated with the rapid growth of outdoor marijuana grows bordering all sides of our property.

As you travel Pleasant Valley Road, one can see large greenhouses, privacy fencing, dilapidated lean tos, and tattered pop up tarps gracing the once healthy, beautiful terrain. Not only are these outdoor grows an eyesore, but an extreme health and safety concern. Along with the negative environmental impact, there is an increase in the transient population in our neighborhood. This brings significant worry for the safety of our families and property. It is a common occurrence to see vehicles with out of state license plates parked near our driveway or along side of the roads, sometimes without occupants. Where are the occupants and what are they doing? We want to feel safe raising our children and grandchildren in our neighborhood. This is no longer possible with the out of control marijuana grows and increased transient population.

As a parent, grandparent and educator, I am concerned about the impact of our increasing marijuana use and production in this county. I urge you to follow the lead of our neighboring Yuba County, and take steps immediately to stop all outdoor grows in Nevada County. Without this restriction, I feel strongly our community's health and safety are at grave risk. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia M. Browning

cc Hank Weston
Supervisor, Nevada County District 4

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cc: All BOS
CEO
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FW: Outdoor Ban

Sheriff <Sheriff@co.nevada.ca.us>

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To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>; Eve Diamond <Eve.Diamond@co.nevada.ca.us>;

fyi

From: docroberts1974@gmail.com [mailto:docroberts1974@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Craig Roberts

Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 2:32 PM

To: Sheriff

Subject: Outdoor Ban

I just saw the article in the Union on proposing an outdoor ban on pot cultivation. Thank you for bringing this to a vote. As a 20 year resident of the NSJ ridge, I have been appalled at what I've seen in the past 7 or 8 years--fences, trash, pitbulls, robberies--all attributable to the black market, wild west mentality in the pot industry.

I would love to see a time in the future where the growers are legitimate, tax paying business owners. I would love to not have to give the growers any more thought than I do to double oak winery--our local vineyard. And most of all I'd love to see an end to the riff raff of the world migrating to my country home. I'm hoping new regulations, strict enforcement, and an outdoor ban will bring this to fruition, Craig Roberts

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Sierra Spine & Fitness
Craig Roberts, DC
582 Searls Ave.
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cc: All BOS

CEO
Counsel

FW: BoS

Keith Royal <Keith.Royal@co.nevada.ca.us>

Mon 1/11/2016 9:43 AM

To: Eve Diamond <Eve.Diamond@co.nevada.ca.us>; Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>;

From: Thom Staser <thom@toyrun.org>

Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2016 8:22 PM

To: Keith Royal

Subject: RE: BoS

Hi Keith, I had planned on making it to the Board of Supervisors meeting this Tuesday, to give you some "support." Unfortunately, I have a funeral service to attend.

With all the problems we have with people smoking dope, making "honey oil," making and using meth, I am sure that all the people will have no problem growing pot with the low amounts of THC. I wonder who will regulate that?

After all, it is the "medicine" they are after, not the high, right?

Good luck. I wish I could be there.

Thom

I support banning outdoor MJ grows

D. 513

cc: All BOS
Sheriff
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Counsel

senos@localnet.com

Mon 1/11/2016 9:45 AM

To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Please provide the following to the Chairman and the members of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

Dear Supervisors,

I am a long time resident of western Nevada County and I support the proposed ban on outdoor marijuana cultivation. Over the years our community has turned into a violent, drug centric culture which basis is illegal, commercial marijuana operations.

I support banning outdoor growing and I support Nevada County Sheriff Royal's position of this effort. Please vote for and pass the emergency outdoor grow regulation and put in place a long term restriction to the outdoor growing of marijuana in Nevada County.

Steve Enos

Grass Valley, Ca

FW: Americans for Safe Access-Nevada County commented on a link County of Nevada Board of Supervisors sh...

*cc: Sheriff
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Eve Diamond <Eve.Diamond@co.nevada.ca.us>

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To: All BOS Board Members <AllBOSBoardMembers@co.nevada.ca.us>;

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FYI,

ASA posted the comment below to the Board Facebook page. It was just the link, no other text.

Thanks,

Eve

From: Facebook [mailto:update+kjdm5ku-@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 2:46 PM
To: Eve Diamond
Subject: Americans for Safe Access-Nevada County commented on a link County of Nevada Board of Supervisors sh...



Americans for Safe Access-Nevada County commented on a link County of Nevada Board of Supervisors shared.



Americans for Safe Access-Nevada County

January 6 at 2:45pm

<http://yubanet.com/regional/Local-Lawmakers-to-get-more-time-for-Cannabis.php#.Vo2Y6vHRq7M>

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FW: Cannabis Cures Cancer commented on a link County of Nevada Board of Supervisors shared.

*ec: Sheriff
Counsel
CEO*

Eve Diamond <Eve.Diamond@co.nevada.ca.us>

Mon 1/11/2016 8:58 AM

To: All BOS Board Members <AllBOSBoardMembers@co.nevada.ca.us>;

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Board members,

The comment below was posted on the BOS Facebook page.

Eve

From: Facebook [mailto:update+kjdmdvm5ku-_@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 09, 2016 10:09 AM
To: Eve Diamond
Subject: Cannabis Cures Cancer commented on a link County of Nevada Board of Supervisors shared.



Cannabis Cures Cancer commented on a link County of Nevada Board of Supervisors shared.



Cannabis Cures Cancer
January 9 at 10:09am

The ban in Yuba county ban just helped foster more black market activity
http://www.actionnewsnow.com/news/search-warrants-nab-three-in-yuba-county-drug-officer-investigation/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook Action News Now

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Attn: Board of Supervisors and Sheriff Royal. Re: Implementation of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act in Nevada County.

ec: All BOS
Sheriff
CEO
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Tyler Strause <tstrause@gmail.com>

Fri 1/8/2016 2:03 PM

To: Clerk of Board <ClerkofBoard@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Cc: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>; Sheriff <Sheriff@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Dear Board of Supervisors and Sherrif Royal.

I have attached a memo responding to the concerns and recommendations contained Sheriff Royal's memo to board regarding an ordinance banning all outdoor cultivation. I urge the Sherrif to reconsider his recommendation to ban outdoor cultivation and ask County Supervisors to direct the Sheriff and county staff to draft recommendations for regulating and licensing medical marijuana businesses in Nevada County.

[Response to Sherrif Royal's Memo to Nevada Coun...](#)

This is an opportunity for the County to do three things;

1. Reject the failed policies of marijuana prohibition and commit to regulating and licensing medical marijuana businesses.
2. Affirm that small cultivation by individuals and caregivers as defined in the MMRSA is exempt from all land use and licensing restrictions and does not constitute a nuisance per se.
3. Form an inclusive committee to draft recommendations for the regulation and licensing of all medical marijuana business types as defined in the MMRSA including indoor and outdoor cultivation, the manufacturing of oils such as those used by parents of children with untreatable epilepsy, the transportation and distribution of medical marijuana and the testing for safety and potency necessary to protect the health of qualified patients and assure clear and accurate labeling of all medical marijuana products.

Here are some relevant findings that could be included in future staff report, I encourage you to share this information with fellow staffers so they can better understand the real consequences of regulating and licensing medical marijuana businesses.

- "Medical cannabis laws are associated with significantly lower state-level opioid overdose mortality rates." Medical Cannabis Laws and Opioid Analgesic Overdose Mortality in the United States, 1999-2010 . Marcus A. Bachhuber, MD, et al., JAMA Intern Med. 2014;174(11):1875. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2014.5823. [\[link\]](#)
- "The first full year after coming into effect, [medical] legalization is associated with an 8–11 percent decrease in traffic fatalities." Journal of Law and Economics, Vol. 56, No. 2 (May 2013), pp. 333-369. [\[link\]](#)
- "Our results are not consistent with the hypothesis that legalization leads to increased use of marijuana by teenagers." Medical Marijuana Laws and Teen Marijuana Use, D. Mark Anderson, et al., National Bureau of Economic Research, NBER Working Paper No. 20332, July 2014. [\[link\]](#)

Finally, I would like to address concerns about whether medical marijuana businesses are associated with an increase in crime. The California Police Chief's Associate has published reports which suggest that allowing medical marijuana businesses to operate will lead to an increase in crime pointing to their own data which supports their conclusions. *In fact, more than one report and several news stories have reported a decrease in crime as a result of bringing medical marijuana sales out of the unregulated black market and into a legally licensed, and well-regulated one. I've included at the end of this email links to a peer-reviewed study looking into the effects of marijuana laws on crime. I've also included relevant news stories which describe how boring the medical marijuana industry can be when properly licensed and regulated.*

Thank you again for your time, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out. My goal is to be of service to my community and work so that other patients, like my father who used medical marijuana during his battle with brain cancer, have safe convenient access to the medicines that work best for them.

Tyler Strause
[619-717-6194](tel:619-717-6194)

[The Effect of Medical Marijuana Laws on Crime: Evidence from State Panel Data, 1990-2006](#) PLOS, March 2014

Results did not indicate a crime exacerbating effect of medical marijuana laws on any of the Part I offenses [homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft]. Alternatively, state medical marijuana laws may be correlated with a reduction in homicide and assault rates. These findings run counter to arguments suggesting the legalization of marijuana for medical purposes poses a danger to public health in terms of exposure to violent crime and property crimes.

[News Stories: More Pot, Less Crime: Medical Marijuana States See Drops in Assaults and Homicides](#)
Reason March 27, 2014

[Exploring the Ecological Association Between Crime and Medical Marijuana Dispensaries](#) UCLA July 2012

Consistent with previous work, there were no observed cross-sectional associations between the density of medical marijuana dispensaries and either violent or property crime rates in this study.

[Study: Medical Cannabis Dispensaries Not Associated With Neighborhood Crime](#) NORML Blog June 7, 2012

[Regulating Medical Marijuana: An Overview with Preliminary Evidence of Their Impact on Crime](#) Rand Corporation, September 2011

This study showed that when hundreds of Los Angeles medical marijuana dispensaries were closed in 2010, crime rates rose in surrounding neighborhoods.

[RAND Study: Crime in surrounding area increased after closure of LA medical marijuana dispensaries](#) Washington Post September 21, 2011

[Study: Medical pot dispensaries don't boost local crime](#) Oakland Tribune 9/20/2011 * Note: This study was rescinded by RAND under pressure from the LA City Attorney's office.

See: [SF Cops Join LA's Finest In Disputing RAND Study's Findings That Marijuana Clubs Don't Cause Crime](#) SF Weekly Sep. 21 2011

[SF's Medical Marijuana Program Is a Boring Success](#) SF Weekly Feb. 13, 2014

The city has 24 weed storefronts in business, according to the Department of Public Health. And these 24 dispensaries only generated 10 citizen complaints last year. Most of them -- such as a police investigation into a cannabis brownie -- were total nonsense.

Medical cannabis advocate, local police, say Corte Madera dispensary hasn't had crime issues *Marinscope Newspapers* April 11, 2012

Twin Cities Police Authority Sgt. Paul Barrolaza told Marinscope Newspapers the department hasn't had any "real calls for service" at the dispensary aside from security-system alarm calls. "We really haven't had any issues with them at all. They've been doing what the town has asked of them and they have been cooperating with us."

Uncle Sam gets serious *Sacramento News & Review* January 19, 2012

In 2006, a year before medical-cannabis dispensary Sacramento Holistic Healing Center opened its doors at 2014 10th Street, the number of crimes reported within 1,000 feet of the business was 146. In 2010, the same city of Sacramento database shows that reported crimes—burglaries, robberies, assaults, drug busts, car thefts, etc.—within the same distance of the pot club had dropped to 32.

Study: SF Bars, Liquor Stores and Restaurants More Dangerous than Marijuana Dispensaries *SF Weekly* Sep. 30, 2011

RE: BOS presentation on Tuesday

Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>

Fri 1/8/2016 2:28 PM

To: Donna Nelson <Donna.Nelson@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Donna - The seats behind the Dept Head station? I think that is OK - never been asked to reserve seats before. They should get there early. I'll open the chambers at 1:15. Julie

Julie Patterson Hunter

Board Clerk II

Nevada County Board of Supervisors

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From: Donna Nelson

Sent: Friday, January 8, 2016 2:13 PM

To: Julie Patterson-Hunter

Cc: Bill Smethers

Subject: BOS presentation on Tuesday

Hi Julie,

Since Sheriff Royal is doing the presentation on Tuesday at 1:30, we have a number of presenters that we would like to reserve seats for. Is that possible? We would like 10 seats on the front right side of the chambers (to the right as you're looking in.)

Thank you,

Donna Nelson

Administrative Assistant to Sheriff Keith Royal

530.265.1384

FW: Motion to Introduce and Adopt the Urgency Ordinance

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Sheriff <Sheriff@co.nevada.ca.us>

Mon 1/11/2016 8:32 AM

To: Keith Royal <Keith.Royal@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Cc: Eve Diamond <Eve.Diamond@co.nevada.ca.us>; Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Importance: High

Fyi

From: Brian Kilcourse [mailto:bkilcourse@rsrresearch.com]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 8:05 AM
To: Sheriff
Subject: Motion to Introduce and Adopt the Urgency Ordinance
Importance: High

*Dist 4**cc: All BOS
CEO
Counsel*

Dear Sheriff Royal-

I read your proposal of January 12th (Introduction and Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance Amending the Title and Sections G-IV 5.2 through G-IV 5.5 of Article 5 of Chapter IV of the Nevada County General Code Regarding Restrictions on Marijuana Cultivation) with great interest. I can hardly say this more strongly – please urge your fellow Board members to approve this Urgency Ordinance.

We moved from the Bay Area to our new home (16868 Indian Springs Ranch Road, Grass Valley) in June. Our property and the the one adjoining share an easement that provides access to a 20 acre parcel (This is It Lane), that apparently had been for sale for some time. The 20-acre parcel was purchased a few months ago, and since then we've seen a fairly steady stream of individuals driving up and down the easement. My neighbor investigated, and sure enough, someone is establishing a grow sight. Not only that, but the new owner put the parcel up for sale, originally advertising it on Trulia as a grow-ready site in "215-friendly Nevada County" (although he has since changed the listing). Both my neighbor and I have called your office and the DEA to express our concerns about the real estate listing.

I probably don't need to detail what our concerns are – I'm sure you've heard them before. But to put it briefly, we moved here specifically to be close to our 5 young grandchildren, all who spend a lot of time at our new home. We want this to be a safe place for them and for ourselves. But with the constant flow of (mostly) young men who obviously don't live on the site, I have a real concern for their safety.

Knowing that your department has limited resources to look into these things, it's still frightening that (1) we have not seen any law enforcement look look at the property, and (2) the law as it stands now actually encourages non-residents to openly engage in marijuana cultivation for profit.

So once again, I will urge you and your fellow Board members to approve and immediately implement the Urgency Ordinance. Please share this with other Board members.

Brian Kilcourse
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Message re: Medical Cannabis

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Eve Diamond <Eve.Diamond@co.nevada.ca.us>

JAN 11 2015

Thu 12/31/2015 1:49 PM

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To: Hank Weston <Hank.Weston@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Cc: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Hank,

The following message has just come through private messaging on the Board's facebook page—so the public would not be able to view this. It was not directed toward any individual Supervisor. I wrote back to him just to let him know the message was received and I was forwarding it to you; but added no further comment.

According to Voter he lives at 10358 Broken Oak Court, but that is not LWW. I've asked him to confirm his address.

FYI, all we (staff) are telling callers about the meeting on the 12th is that there is tentatively an agenda item regarding the MMJ ordinance, but we do not have specific information, and we will know more when the agenda is published on the 7th.

Eve

Lee

12:49pm



Forrest

To Whom it may concern: My name is Forrest Hurd, I live in Lake Wildwood and have been wanting to reach out to you for some time. This morning I saw the article in the paper pertaining to Medical Cannabis and the decisions that are being made locally about its legality. I thought you should hear our situation and hopefully take it into account. The situation unfortunately is quite complicated, a phone call would probably be more efficient, but I will do my best to give a quick summary here as I am sure you are busy. I will add my contact information at the bottom of the email for you to reach out at your earliest convenience.

Attached is a video of my son, Silas. When he was seven he was diagnosed with a rare condition called Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome. Please take a moment to watch the short video. Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome is an extremely rare, severe, progressive, degenerative, form of intractable epilepsy (intractable, meaning not responsive to medication) that consists of relentless multiple seizure types, developmental delay etc... It is considered a childhood condition primarily because children who have it do not live to see adulthood. When my son was diagnosed the specialist overseeing his case told us that at the rate it

was progressing that he wouldn't live more than five years. At the time that I made the video he was having 200-300 seizures a month. It got as high as 500-600 seizures a month in the months after, this was in December of last year. At that rate we were told that he would not likely survive the year. It was at that point that we got desperate and like any parent would we tried everything. Someone sent us a link to this CNN special of a little girl with Dravet Syndrome. Dravet and Lennox Gastaut are the two most severe kinds of epilepsy and are essentially the same.

Long story short we tried every CBD based treatment we could find. We got the prescriptions we needed and the blessings from all of his doctors. We were not successful and first but eventually with the help of local organizations and people that I am sure you know we were put in touch with other families of children like ours and learned what they were using to treat their children. Then these very amazing people found the specific strains needed and started helping us get different cannabis medicines to try. Eventually we found one that worked. The first day he had it was his first seizure free day in three years and he went four months before his next seizure. This is something that even doctors thought was impossible and Silas is only seen at UCSF, one of the top pediatric neuro clinics in the country. Slowly one type of seizure has returned and we are working on finding the right strain to get complete seizure control. But the cannabis medicine he is taking now has completely stopped all but one seizure type. Silas was having ten different kinds of seizures.

I had to quit my job to care for Silas full time last december, his school would no longer let him attend because his condition was too dangerous. I spend my days still dealing with 3-4 seizures a day (still 90-100 a month) and trying to provide the best quality of life I can for my son. If it was not for the law abiding citizens helping families like mine Silas would not have lived to see this Christmas. These people have already told me that if these new laws go into affect the way they are looking like they will that it will be illegal for them to give us any medicine. I don't know how to express how terrifying of a thought that is for us. They said that they should not be enough space allotted to grow enough plants to make the oil concentrate needed. I do not have the time, money or the ability to learn to grow cannabis, process it into medicine and care for this child at the same time. I don;t smoke it or know anything about growing it. I know a lot of people feel that medical cannabis is a fraud and a joke but I can assure you that I am looking right now at an 8 year old little boy who's life literally depends on it. When he doesn't have this medicine his seizures immediately return. This is why when reading in the paper that the Sheriff is concerned about the quality of life for folks and that your concern is things like the smell, it makes me feel like you may not be aware of families like mine and the serious ramifications these laws will have. Many parents are afraid to speak up because they do not know what the community will think. I feel now like I have to say something.

Like I said there is much more to it but I tried my best to summarize it as succinctly as I could. I would love to speak with you if you are able to schedule me in. I'd be happy to have you meet my son as well if you would like. You see the people who are growing pot in this county for profit and for use as a recreational drug are already breaking the law. They don't care what laws are passed about medical cannabis. It's a lot like the gun debate in this country, laws only affect the law abiding. These changes will only hurt the law abiding citizens and the law abiding citizens aren't scamming anyone. They really need the medicine this plant can create. Some more desperately than others.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and consider my son's situation. I hope to hear from you soon. There is more on Silas here at his Facebook page. www.facebook.com/hopeforsilas

With gratitude,

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*The County of Nevada offices will be closed December 25th and January 1st.
Happy Holidays!*

Wow

Jim Drew <jdrewfish@yahoo.com>

Tue 1/12/2016 8:01 PM

To:bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>;

Good job men! I vote too! I pledge my support to you and Sheriff Royal.
Thanks, Jim Drew

FW: [County of Nevada Board of Supervisors] New message from John Arbaugh

Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>

Wed 1/13/2016 8:18 AM

To: All BOS Board Members <AllBOSBoardMembers@co.nevada.ca.us>;

From: Facebook <notification+kr4kq4ka2mxn@facebookmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:46 PM

To: BOS Social

Subject: [County of Nevada Board of Supervisors] New message from John Arbaugh

Conversation between John Arbaugh and County of Nevada Board of Supervisors



John Arbaugh

7:16pm Jan 12

Very disappointed in the decision of the board to pass the emergency ordinance. It was pretty clear the board has/had no intention to listen to the voters of Nevada county and those that benefit from medical cannabis. What about the quality of life for those patients? How dare you take the well being of so many that rely on this medicine into your own hands. The 4 of you should be ashamed!!!

Thank you,
John Arbaugh
3rd generation nevada county native and 10 year business owner.

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