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Supervisor Hank Weston
Nevada County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Cannabis Citizens Advisory Group

Dear Supervisor Weston:

There are troubling aspects to the recommendations by the County's consultant for the Cannabis Citizens Advisory Group (CCAG).

First, the consultant's recommendations were published within less than two days of the submission deadline with respect to about 40 applications. This is inadequate time to properly vet 40 or so applications.

In addition, the recommendations do not represent a cross section of Nevada County's registered voters. Examples are as follows:

- 1) While at least 3 cannabis advocates are included in the list, no person who advocates responsible grow regulations is included.
- 2) There appears to be a lack of individuals in the age group of 40 to 59 years of age (only 1) who are apt to be parents who would advocate for their children. The county's demographics suggest at least four (4) in this category should be on the CCAG.
- 3) Politically, the recommendations are warped against Republicans and again do not represent a balanced cross section of our community. In this regard, of registered voters in our county 35% are Republican

and 36.5% are Democrat. The recommended applicants consist of 9 Democrats, 5 Others, and no Republicans, and this smacks of political bias.

4) Another suggestions of bias by the consultant is that 8 of 14 members registered to vote in 2016, most likely latecomers who most likely votes against the County's regulatory position on the ballot.

If there are going to be decisions emanating from the CCAG they should, in my opinion, be respected and balanced. With the current overweighting to the left many in our county will be ignored, and the decision-making process negatively affected. Hopefully, this imbalance can be remedied before the CCAG is seated.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the above concerns and any sharing of same with the remainder of the Board.

Very truly yours,

s/ Norm Sauer