

From: [Pauli Halstead](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Items not on the agenda
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:07:56 AM

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Please read the following comment at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

It is important to track, through data collection and reports, just how many AB109 individuals are homeless and how many of that number are being re-arrested. Our knowledge of re-arrests of this population is important to track, *even if they are not reconvicted*. Our recidivism rate (14%) might be low, but it does not reflect the *re-arrest data of homeless AB109 felons* who remain problematic for the police and our communities. Public safety is one of the primary goals of Realignment.

The CCP needs to find a solution to our homeless AB109 felon problem via the implementation of a rigorous Partnership Plan and a budget that reflects this goal. Under no circumstances should AB109 felons be released into the community without a safe place to live. (*safe for the public*)

Suggestions:

- (1). Use the old Juvenile Hall for housing, or set up a safe camping situation on the 20 acres of property adjacent to the Juvenile Hall so Probation can monitor homeless felons in one location; providing treatment and support services using AB109 State Funding. Homeless felons being released from jail would go here instead of into the greater community. Following a risk-assessment hearing, if the individual does not have housing they would be mandated to live here while under supervision, instead of being released into the community.
- (2). The Sheriff and Probation Departments would provide a list of AB109 individuals (released from jail and on probation) to the Police Departments, Forensic Specialist, Hospitality House, the HOME team, and the newly established Mobil Crisis Teams, so they can record every contact. Data of contacts, the reason for the contact, and re-arrests, will then be analyzed as to the impact AB109 felons are having in the community. Are we really reducing recidivism?
- (3). Re-establish the CCP. The CCP has not met since May of 2019. It's time to resume the meetings and set new goals. For transparency it is important to post the agendas prior to the meeting and then post the minutes. Agendas have never been posted and this includes the Executive Committee meetings, which plan the budget.
- (4). Invite the public to participate in the CCP meetings by making the community aware of the CCP.

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Pauli Halstead

From: [Tony Lauria](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Idaho Maryland Mine Proposal Comment for BOS 10/27 meeting
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:50:57 PM

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If it's not apparent, you should know that we, the citizens, are spending significant amounts of money to stop this unconscionable proposal of devastation to our community. Money that should be going towards a sustainable, progressive Nevada County future. A future everyone can be proud of.

But no, we must again face off with a company that intends to wreak havoc on our water, air, peace, environment and property value.

It is as plain as the light of day. This proposed operation will destroy the comfort of life for thousands of people in these **residential** areas. These are not circumstantial musings, but direct factual statements of the evidence based on an overwhelming history of the exact type of past mining operations, that continue to pollute sites all over Nevada County.

Anyone that would support such a ludicrous idea, is not aware of the true costs this project will inflict. To those people I say, imagine yourself or family member living within the reaches of this catastrophe, which are vast. Imagine 24/7 blasting and drilling under these residential areas. Imagine the noise and vibrations. Imagine the foul air. Imagine your bountiful well, being sucked dry, then later, belching toxic sludge into your plumbing. Imagine the desolate miles of dry industrial wasteland, that used to be our beautiful foothills teeming with wildlife. Imagine your children being exposed to contamination that flows out of this operation from every orifice. Imagine you must leave your devalued property or suffer the ill health you and your family will certainly succumb to, because of the pervasive toxicity for miles in every direction. This is So much worse than the threat of forest fire, from which we could rebuild. There's no rebuilding from the permanent devastation of a gold mine operation...in a residential community. A community that will be **Less** with a gold mine operation. Not more, Not proud, Not a place where anyone wants to live.

We employ our county officials to protect our health, welfare and well being. Any decision other than NO to this horrid proposal, is a violation of that responsibility, and will be met with the citizens's force of justice, come next election.

From: [Katherine Thompson](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comment for October Board Meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 7:09:05 AM

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I made one small change for clarity. Please use this version. Thank you,

Katherine
Sent from my iPhone
[REDACTED]

On Oct 26, 2020, at 9:51 PM, Katherine Thompson [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Clerk of the Board:

Please have the following public comment read at the October Board Meeting:

Dear Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

I am a resident of the Grandview Terrace neighborhood in Nevada County. Our neighborhood sits on the Grass Valley city limits and borders Empire Mine's Union Hill section and is close to Bennett Street. In the past year, many new neighbors have moved in our neighborhood, some with small children and others with grandchildren. They are improving their homes and enjoying the forest, trails, and beauty surrounding us.

I am very concerned that permitting and operating Idaho Maryland Mine, a full-scale industrial mining operation with tons of truck traffic, blasting, and dewatering the groundwater, will impact our quality of life and eventually ruin the economic growth I am witnessing.

Also, I spent over a decade with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and evaluated Superfund mine cleanups. Mines have left us a toxic cleanup legacy. They are expensive, ruinous, and take decades to cleanup, if they ever are. Sometimes the damages cannot be remedied. Do we really want that in our community? I don't.

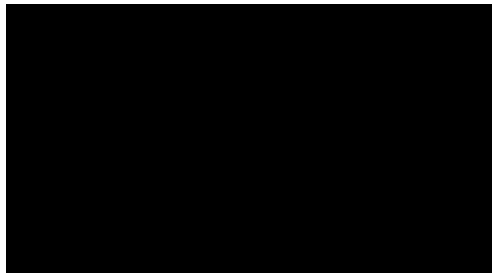
Please look closely at the subsurface project boundary. You will see the subsurface mining area comes very close to the city of Grass Valley, extends under the Greenhorn neighborhood, under the airport and goes almost all the way to the Brunswick Basin. How much new construction has occurred since the Idaho Maryland Mine was last in full operation in the 1950s? What will be the impacts of blasting under these areas? Do we really know? Does anyone? Should we take a big risk that could harm our community and water supply for generations?

I believe we can grow our economy, attract younger people that can choose to live here, and have a beautiful environment. Let's keep the Idaho Maryland mining operation out of our

community. It's just not worth it.

Sincerely,

Katherine Thompson



From: [Trudy Nye](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Fwd: Stop the IMM: comments to the BOS tomorrow AM
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:24:21 AM

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Dear board of supervisors

Regarding the possible re opening of the Idaho Maryland mine, I have some questions for you.

1. If this operation was 50 ft from your house, would you want it in your neighborhood? Of course not! (It is about that close to my house and pollution, noise would be a huge concern)
2. Would underground drilling and explosions near your home rattle you and your family? Of course it would!
3. Would pollution caused by mining waste transport to a nearby dumping area, also close to your neighborhood, be intolerable? Yes, Correct again!
4. How about those mining waste trucks running 16 hrs/day, 7 days a week right through your neighborhood? Cough cough, no!

I say NO...and so should YOU! No mine should operate this close to towns and people. Stop the pollution, stop the noise, stop the chemicals leaching into wells, stop the mine and vote no!

Trudy Nye
Greenhorn neighborhood

[REDACTED]

Mon, Oct 26, 2020, 3:47 PM Katherine Thompson [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Traci Sheehan [REDACTED]
Date: October 26, 2020 at 1:44:08 PM PDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Stop the IMM: comments to the BOS tomorrow AM

Friends: There are only **FOUR** more meetings of the Board of Supervisors in 2020. Can

you write a comment letter for their meeting tomorrow, Tuesday 10/27 at 9am? **We need 2-3 folks to make comments at each of these meetings.** So far we have one person sending in a letter to be read (Thank you Tony!). Let me know if you can make a comment in person or submit a comment letter. Thanks for considering and thank you for all of your work!

Comments in person are great, but you can also submit a letter that can be read. Just make sure your letter is short and to the point and can be read in under 3 minutes. (I have directions on how to do all of those options below in the attached 1-pager.)

Please feel free to forward.....

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Friends:

We have only FOUR more meetings until the end of the year. It's time for the County to hear our concerns about the Mine at every one of these meetings.

Please let me know if you can make comments at this Tuesday's 10/27 meeting. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Stop the Re-Opening of the Idaho Maryland Mine

Make a comment to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors

Why should I make a comment to the County?

Nevada County is now preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) that could be ready as early as the fall of 2020. It is up to citizens to ask questions and voice concerns about the project. **Ultimately, the decision on the mine will be made by the five members of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors.**

How can I submit a comment to the Board of Supervisors?

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Note the upcoming calendar has different dates to accommodate holidays. (10/27, 11/10, 11/17, and 12/15)

The best way to make a comment to the Board is in-person, but you can also leave a voice mail that the Board will hear or a letter that the Board Secretary will read to the Board during public comment. (See below with directions on how to leave a voice mail or submit a letter.)

To make an in-person comment, go to the kiosk at the Rood Center by 8:55 am and a staff person will give you instructions on how to comment. Masks are required in the Rood Center. Public comment should begin around 9:05 am.

Talking points for comments

Your comments should **be no longer than 3 minutes** and focus on 2-3 points you'd like to make. **We suggest writing your key bullet points or scripting your entire comment.**

1. Begin by stating your name, the neighborhood or district you reside in, and the issue that you are commenting on.

2. Add your personal experience or give context by explaining why you are involved and care about this issue, what your profession is, or why you like living in Grass Valley or Nevada County.

3. Make a clear statement of what you want the BOS to do or consider.

For example "The County needs to do an economic study as part of the public environmental review process because...."

(Here are some ideas to spark ideas on your comments. Please put in your own words, add personal experience and your own concerns.)

- **Air quality** impacts from blasting, drilling, and crushing rock as part of operations. Our AQ is already compromised.

- Millions of gallons of water will be discharged into **South Fork Wolf Creek** and that could impact water quality by significant increases in flow rates, potentially mobilizing contaminated sediments and damaging the riparian habitat downstream and increase flood risk in downtown Grass Valley.
- Neighborhoods would be impacted by the new truck traffic, noise, and vibration of large-scale, industrial-level mine operations.
- Over 300 wells are directly over the area of Rise's mineral rights. Citizens and homeowners are concerned about the potential loss or harm to their wells.
- The County needs to look at the economic risks and potential financial impacts to homeowners, citizens, and businesses; however, the current environmental review process doesn't include any analysis or study of those economic impacts. Urge the County to include an economic analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).
- Rise Gold owns two properties, with one of those parcels (the so-called Centennial property along Idaho-Maryland Road and Centennial drive), has been facing a Superfund Designation because of historic mining operations and is now being reviewed by the DTSC without consideration of the plans to dump more tailings there That site isn't included in the current project analysis and it needs to be.

More information on public comments from the Nevada County Website:

Members of the public can provide general comments on items that are of interest to the public and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, or on a particular agenda item by:

1) Attending by remote at a kiosk located at the Eric Rood Administrative Center in Western County;

2) In advance of the meeting, calling (530) 264-0554 and leave a voice mail message; or to comment live during the meeting call (530) 270-3474; or

3) Emailing BOS.PublicComment@co.nevada.ca.us; or

4) Leaving an eComment at www.mynevadacounty.com/boardmeetings.

Masks are required to enter a County building; a remote kiosk center will be provided outside of the Eric Rood Administrative Center for individuals unable to wear a mask.

To find out what Supervisorial District you live in
visit: <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/713/Supervisor-District-Maps>

Want to stay updated on this issue? Get Informed. Learn. Get Active
– <https://www.cca-nc.org/>

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Traci Sheehan

The health of a democratic society may be measured by the quality of functions performed by private citizens.

--Alexis de Tocqueville

From: [BOS Public Comment](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Cc: [Alison Lehman](#); [Mali Dyck](#); [Ryan Gruver](#); [Jill Blake](#)
Subject: FW: Health Officer's Influenza Vaccine Order
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:15:15 PM

From: Dr. Hicks [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:05 PM
To: BOS Public Comment <BOS.PublicComment@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Health Officer's Influenza Vaccine Order

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Dr. Richard Johnson's Order regarding influenza vaccines and health care workers.

In the decades since they have become widely available, influenza vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective. Like any vaccine, they are not 100% effective, but they significantly reduce the chances of the recipient getting influenza. Health care workers, who often take care of our medically most vulnerable citizens, have a professional and ethical duty to help their patients and to do no harm to them. By any definition, being the source of transmission of influenza to patients is certainly doing harm to them. Health care workers can reduce that risk by having an influenza vaccine each year. Studies have shown that voluntary influenza vaccine programs do not achieve the needed vaccination rate among health care personnel. Under Dr. Johnson's order, those with a valid medical or religious reason to not have the vaccine can opt out.

In my opinion, we should do everything we can to prevent influenza every year, but we must be especially vigilant in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our economy, our health care workforce, and our citizens cannot afford to have a severe flu season any year, but especially this year.

Respectfully,

Roger Hicks, MD
Medical Director, Yubadocs Urgent Care | Secretary, California Urgent Care Association | Social Distancer

[REDACTED]



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From: [Mali Dyck](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Cc: [Julie Patterson-Hunter](#); [Jeffrey Thorsby](#); [Jill Blake](#); [Alison Lehman](#); [Ryan Gruver](#)
Subject: FW: Influenza immunization order for healthcare workers
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:04:18 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Supervisors,

See below from the Medical Director of Chapa De.

Best,

Mali Dyck, Assistant CEO
County of Nevada



From: Alinea Stevens [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Mali Dyck [REDACTED]
Subject: Influenza immunization order for healthcare workers

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Dear Mali,

I am writing in support of this public health officer order to promote the health and well being of our vulnerable patients and serve the basic principles of doing no harm that is central to our practice as healthcare workers. We understand this same public health order is put out every year, but this year in preparation for a flu season and the Covid19 pandemic it is even more important. As healthcare workers we serve medically vulnerable populations that could be hospitalized by the flu. In effort to protect our health system and decrease harm to our patients we support influenza vaccination amongst our healthcare workforce. We are community healthcare providers and it is our responsibility to model good public health practices, protect our patients from getting influenza, and limit number of children and elderly that are hospitalized and die from influenza every year. We value every life in our community. We have seen success in the Southern Hemisphere from decrease in influenza hospitalizations and deaths partly due to high vaccination rates. It is for this reason we are in support of our public health officers order to vaccinate ourselves against influenza unless there is a medical or religious contraindication. As the order stands it is up to our clinic on how to

implement and enforce the order.

Alinea

Alinea Stevens, MD MPH
Medical Director & Physician
Chapa-De Indian Health

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [Locks, Jill - SNMH](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Letter of Support
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 1:42:09 PM
Attachments: [doc14799620201026133018.pdf](#)

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As requested...

Jill Locks
Administrative Assistant to:
David Hall, VP / Chief Financial Officer
Jeffrey M. Rosenberg, VP / Chief Medical Officer
Emergency Management


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**Sierra Nevada
Memorial Hospital**
A Dignity Health Member

155 Glasson Way
Grass Valley, CA 95945
direct 530.274.6000
snmh.org

October 26, 2020

Richard Johnson, MD
Interim Public Health Officer
Nevada County Public Health Department
500 Crown Point Circle
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Dear Rick:

Please be advised, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital supports the amended influenza vaccination order as issued by the Nevada County Public Health Department on October 26, 2020.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Rosenberg, MD, MBA
Chief Medical Officer

/jl

From: [Loraine Webb](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: Webb
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 4:08:16 PM
Attachments: [Mandated Vaccine in my home town.pdf](#)

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Dear Clerk for Nevada County Board of Supervisors..

As I'm unfortunately needing to work tomorrow morning, and cannot attend the meeting (even virtually), please ensure that each Board member has a copy of this letter. It is my employment (and others') that this concerns.

If there is provision for it, please see to it that the letter is read into the public record.

Thanks so much.

Loraine Webb



Mandated Vaccine in my home town??!!! ~Loraine Webb
KVMR Commentary #3?

45 years ago, my wonderful son was born at home. The birth was the most beautiful experience of my life, and unto me an incandescently radiant son was born. I watched, in horror, as that radiance drained from my son's eyes and limbs on administration of his first recommended vaccine. I watched, as my son was vaccine-injured at only a few months old. The doctors told me that what I had seen was incorrect... that the vaccine was absolutely undisputedly safe. I know what I witnessed. I know what we've lived, my son and I, as a result of that irrefutable experience. It is this kind of "gaslighting" that we, as a culture, have been routinely subjected to by an obviously-failed, outmoded, often-times well-meaning, medical system. Thanks to fortuitously encountered information from Mothering Magazine, I was made aware of what had been done to my son's nascent, evolving immune system, which required connection and integration with his environmental microbial surroundings to evolve. As a result of that knowledge, and his own profound determination, my remarkable son has risen from the very hard row he's had to hoe, and is now an exemplary citizen, a good man and, more importantly, a kind human being, of rare innate and experiential intelligence.

As live-in caretaker of my dearheart 92-year-old mother, I was horrified at the reportage of elders disproportionately dying (and dying alone!) from CoVid 19, and embarked on a journey of deep research and discovery. We have found medically sound, peer-reviewed studies that support a newly-evolving medical paradigm... one that is inclusive of more than symptom and disease suppression. My beautiful mother, by the way has, in the 6 years she's come to live in Nevada County, weaned herself off of all her prescribed pharmaceuticals, including Metformin. She is no longer diabetic, and is markedly stronger and more vital. She stipulates that she, does not "want to live in a world where people are afraid to hug me," and is less afraid of contracting any flu-like "disease" than of being administered a vaccine against her will. When she came to live with me, I realized the necessity to find more flexible, part-time employment, and did find Right Work that I enjoy, in being of service to people who need transportation to their healthcare providers. As such, I am witness to the truly tragic spectacle of this failed medical system and paradigm. Patients who are "symptomatic" can no longer be admitted to their doctors' offices, but must go to "temporary" tents outside of medical facilities! I drive asymptomatic people to scheduled appointments, to find clinics unexpectedly closed, and hospitals which subsequently refuse to see asymptomatic people who have not been tested! And we who have been designated as "essential workers" in the era of Covid, have become pawns in the creation of an insidious caste system in the U.S as, though "symptomatic" patients are not permissible for us to encounter (or for me to drive), we are still deemed, literally, "untouchable." Since the discovery of microbial life, we, as a culture, have understood the viability of cleanliness. I, before any "mandate" was handed down, have always undertaken precautions that lean toward sterility when dealing **with any immune-compromised individual**, and am currently following ALL State-SUGGESTED (not mandated) protocols, including mask-wearing. **I draw the line at imposed warfare on our cooperative biome.**

My attempt at sharing this very credible research has been thoroughly censored, both algorithmically online, and by more personally-hurtful friends who have "unfriended" me, in this throw-away culture, due to my willingness to challenge the evangelical belief in the efficacy of all-vaccines-all-the-time. While I don't consider myself to be a "crusader," I am labeled as a heretic in this newly-devolving evangelistic era of medical mandates. Even so, I am not, as some of you will surmise, a routinely-dismissable and regularly censorable "anti-vaxxer," as I want to see safety in vaccines restored, and accountability put back onto manufacturers. Do you know that, since 1978, pharmaceutical companies and manufacturers cannot be sued, even if it can be proved that their product has caused irreversible harm, or even death? There is currently NO incentive for vaccine safety! The influence of the multi-trillion-dollar pharmaceutical industry has steered directives into erratic and unsupportable government over-reach, inclusive of the behemoth CDC and WHO, whose "directives" often profit the same protected corporate CEOs that feed on the glut of petrochemical pesticides and genetic engineering. For four decades now, I've watched these so-called "public watchdog" agencies devolve into evangelical propagandistic campaigns to "restore faith in vaccines" OVER demanding adequate and reliable testing and accountability of manufacturers. Same people.. not good doctors&nurses.. not "Reptilians," .. but people who have names.. the same corporate elite that continue to profit from the war on our biome. And they're killing us, and our beloved Earth.

I confess that I'm in tears often as I witness what's being done to our most vulnerable (especially children) in this politicized extension of the "lock-down" and plasticized "distancing." Well-intentioned though it may have been in the beginning, I'm seeing it, at this point, as a crime against humanity.

I need my job in order to afford to stay in our home. Under these conditions, neither I, nor my mother or son, will be voluntarily administered a flu vaccine, or any other that may be mandated. And I'm begging you, in your position of sacred trust for Nevada County, to do as Placer County has done and rescind this medically unsound governmental overreach!

From: [Alana Fowler](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: NO mandatory flu vaccines
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 7:45:05 AM

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Board of Supervisors,

If you have not done so, please research vaccines! Zero, liability for vaccine manufacturers. Is this just a step toward mandatory covid19 vaccines?

Alana

From: [Stephanie Ramsey Horn](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Health Order and Influezna Vaccine From Dr. Monigatti-Lake and Dr. Lake
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 2:40:32 PM
Attachments: [image10727.pdf](#)

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached letter from Dr. Monigatti-Lake and Dr. Lake in support of the Public Health Order and flu vaccine.

Thank you,

Neva Monigatti-Lake, M.D.

[REDACTED]

Neva Monigatti-Lake, M.D.
Byron Lake, M.D.

[REDACTED]

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MONIGATTI-LAKE, M.D.

Providing Compassionate Family Care

October 26, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

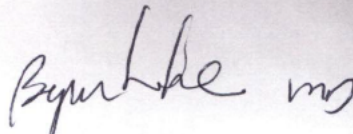
We are writing this letter in support of the Public Health Office Order for Health Care Workers and influenza vaccine. This is an annual practice that benefits everyone and must be followed. If for some reason a healthcare worker cannot receive the flu vaccine, they must wear a mask during flu season, October—April.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

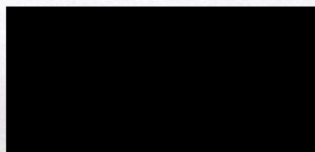
Respectfully,



Neva Monigatti-Lake, M.D.



Byron Lake, M.D.



From: [Gary S Miller](#)
To: [Richard Anderson](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Dan Miller](#); [BOS Public Comment](#); [bdofsupervisors](#); [Ed Scofield](#)
Cc: [Brown, Page, Dr for Vets](#)
Subject: GV Vets Bldg
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 8:06:43 PM

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Veterans and friends of Veterans,
I am forwarding the below email from Dr. Page Brown to the BOS.
Thank A Veteran
Gary S. Miller
President, Nevada County Consolidated Veterans Council (NCCVC)
Commandt, Gold Country Detachment #885, Marine Corps League



On Oct 26, 2020, at 10:06 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

I am without power or Internet at home or my office. I want to write to the BOS but can't put it on my letterhead or sign it. I'll write on this email and hope someone can get the message to the supervisors.

Dear board of supervisors:

For the past 23 years I have been treating and advocating for veterans with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder under a contract I hold with the Veterans Administration. I am also contracted with Welcome Home Vets to treat veterans and families experiencing military related trauma.

In the best of times veterans tend to isolate. Vietnam veterans who were treated with hostility when they came home from war learned to distrust most others and often only feel comfortable when in the company of other veterans. The effects of the Covid shutdown has resulted in further isolation, causing increased levels of depression and anxiety.

Our local veteran service organizations and Welcome Home Vets are, in my opinion, essential to the well-being of our veterans. I am hoping that you will consider moving the Covid testing station to another venue so that they can once again have access to the support and camaraderie they require for stability.

Yours truly,
C. Page Brown, Psy.D.

From: [Gary S Miller](#)
To: [Gary S Miller](#)
Subject: Letter for Public Comment 10-27-2020
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 6:47:51 PM
Attachments: [201024NC BOS.pdf](#)

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Nevada County Board of Supervisors,
Attached is a letter I would like read at your meeting on Tuesday October 27, 2020 during the Public Comments portion of your Agenda.
Thank you.

Thank A Veteran
Gary S. Miller, President
Nevada County Consolidated Veterans Council (NCCVC)





NEVADA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED VETERANS COUNCIL

For Public Comment, Meeting Date: 10/27/2020
Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

24 October 2020

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We know the Covid-19 pandemic has placed strains on everyone around the world. People have tragically lost loved ones without being able to be at their side in their last moments, families have not been able to visit with their relatives or close friends in the hospital, some have lost their jobs and businesses have closed, some permanently. All of these conditions are becoming more of a threat to our society than the virus itself. Think of the impact of a “locked down” society on the mental health of its citizens.

Currently the County has been using the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building (GVVMB) for Covid-19 testing. The Veterans Organizations that make up the Nevada County Consolidated Veterans Council (NCCVC) have been ‘locked out’ of the Building for the last six months because the community needed it for the public good. However, in the last couple months the Delegates of the NCCVC and their members have expressed concerns that there could be some other location more suited to Covid-19 testing.

As of October 23rd the County is on the lower end of the “Moderate” rating used by the state to determine risk. We are within five tenths of a percent of being rated “Minimal”. This would indicate that we are doing those things necessary to increase social interaction in western Nevada County.

Over the time the veterans have been “locked out” of the Building we have been forced to meet on a limited basis in parks and/or the homes of members. Under these conditions not all members have been able to attend meetings or take part in the limited activities associated with their Organizations. Such activity is the upcoming annual Toys For Tots program. The GVVMB is traditionally used to sort and distribute toys to over 900 children that otherwise might not receive any for Christmas. Another is the annual Recognition Dinner for the Volunteers at the Nevada County Food Bank. Without the use of the GVVMB finding an alternative location for civic activities such as these could cause an undue and unplanned expense to the organizations and thereby reduce their impact to the community.

The point is the NCCVC strongly urges the County to move Covid-19 testing to a more suitable location and open the GVVMB for use by the various Veterans Organizations.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Respectfully,
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