



**COUNTY OF NEVADA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY: Applicant must be a Nevada County resident and represent an agricultural interest (i.e. serve on Agricultural Advisory Commission, Farm Bureau, or a bona fide, active, and professional involvement in the Agricultural Industry) in the County.

APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) TO GATHER COMMUNITY INPUT AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEVADA COUNTY CANNABIS ORDINANCE
APPLICATION ONLINE <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/cda/Pages/CannabisConversation.aspx>

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JULY 19, 2017 BY 5:00 P.M. - LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

DELIVER IN PERSON OR MAIL TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADDRESS ABOVE
POSTMARKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED - INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

SCANNED PACKETS: EMAIL TO ComDevAgency@co.nevada.ca.us OR FAX (530) 265-9851

NAME: Last: **Wentz** First: **Matthew**

Physical Residence Address (Must be a resident of Nevada County):

Street: [REDACTED]

City: **Rough and Ready** Zip: **95975**

Mailing Address, if different from residence address:

Street: [REDACTED]

City: **Grass Valley** Zip: **95945**

Phone number: [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Supervisory District (1-5) **4**

Find your District: <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/bos/Pages/Find-Your-Supervisory-District.aspx>

A resume or additional sheets may be attached containing any information that would be helpful in evaluating your application. Letters of recommendation and references for support are encouraged, but not required.

- Please provide a narrative that describes your experience or expertise related to agriculture in Nevada County.

Experience in Nevada County: I grew up part time on a small cattle ranch owned by my grandparents in Penn Valley. As an adult, I have worked at Lucchesi Vineyards for 16 years managing the vineyard.

Expertise: 16 years hands on experience growing grapes in Nevada County. I have a BS in Viticulture and Enology from U.C. Davis. I currently grow 15 varieties of Grapes commercially.

- Please provide your last two years of employment history, if any, including name, address, phone number and e-mail address of your employer and a brief description of your job duties and how those relate to agriculture. If self-employed, please provide the business address, phone number, and a brief description of your business and how it relates to agriculture.

Lucchesi Vineyards
[REDACTED]

At Lucchesi Vineyards I am Vineyard Manager and Winemaker. Duties include all aspects related to decisions and actions to grow the grapes from irrigation management, to fungicide application, to harvest applications. I deal with compliance issues with Placer-Nevada-south Sutter-north Sacramento Subwatershed group, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Central Valley Region, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the Nevada County Agriculture department.

- Please describe your relevant qualifications to serve on the Community Advisory Group representing agriculture.

I am qualified because I have been actively in Ag my whole adult life. Agriculture in Nevada County is important, and I think I have a unique perspective on it since Grapes and Cannabis are both large aspects to the Nevada County Agricultural scene. Being in a highly regulated agricultural field provides insight to how a newly "legal" crop should be regulated as well.

- Please explain why you wish to serve on the County's Community Advisory Group representing agriculture..

I wish to serve because I would like to see Cannabis get treated the same way as any other crop. I don't use cannabis, but as a person with interest in the agriculture and related economic future of Nevada County, I care about how Cannabis is regulated. Now that it is "legal", it should be regulated and treated the same as any other crop. I realize that no matter what the regulations, Cannabis will be grown, so thoughtful and useful regulations that benefit the County are what is best for the County - economically, socially, and environmentally.

- Are you now or have you ever been affiliated (as an officer, owner, director, trustee, partner, advisor, consultant, etc.) with any cannabis businesses? If yes, please explain. Yes No

- Do you own real property, personal property, financial holdings, or receive income from any source which might present a potential legal conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, with your requested appointment? If yes, please explain. Yes No

Communication Style and Openness to Other Perspectives

- Please provide a short paragraph describing your interest in and willingness to be open to other perspectives and new information.

Not being an expert on Cannabis, I am totally open to learning about the industry and people in the industry based on logic and sound science based in the agricultural settings we have in Nevada County.

Association/Organizational Experience

- Please describe any experience you have participating in a group advisory, committee or decision making process.

In the past I have been a participating member and Education Department for the Sierra Grape Growers. I am also a participating member, through my job, in the Sierra Vintners organization.

On many occasions I have been involved in teaching the public about wine sensory evaluation and viticultural practices. This often includes telling the public about basic growing techniques and the basic economics of viticulture in Nevada County.

- Please list any of your past or present affiliations with associations or organizations.

Past: Sierra Grape Growers Association

Present: Nevada County Winery Association AKA Sierra Vintners

References

- References. Please provide contact information for two individuals who can serve as a reference for the expertise and capabilities you describe in this application.

Contact #1 Name [REDACTED]

Contact #2 Name [REDACTED]

Contact #1 Address
[REDACTED]

Contact #2 Address
[REDACTED]

Contact #1 Phone [REDACTED]

Contact #2 Phone [REDACTED]

Contact #1 Email [REDACTED]

Contact #2 Email [REDACTED]

- Type of license or certificates, issued/received dates, and expiration date:
B.S. Viticulture and Enology, U.C. Davis - 2009
Pesticide applicators Permit (non restricted use) Since 2003 current permit valid from 4-4-2017 to 12-31-2017

Member Availability and Expectations

- Are you available to attend all scheduled CAG Meetings (7/25, 8/8, 8/22, 9/12) and any additional subsequent meetings on Tuesday afternoons?

Yes No

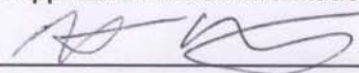
If not, which meetings could you not attend.

Member protocols

I hereby submit my name for consideration to serve in an advisory capacity to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors. In doing so, I understand that:

1. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group must agree to follow and abide by all guidelines and protocols established by the County regarding civil discourse, active listening and communication, media protocols and, when appropriate, confidentiality.
2. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group must agree to attend all meetings of the CAG unless excused by the Community Development Director for good cause. Consistent attendance by members of the CAG is critical to the success of this process.
3. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group shall be volunteers and shall serve without compensation. Reimbursements for certain required incidental expenses will be allowed only at the discretion, and with pre-approval, of the Community Development Agency Director.
4. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group will be required to complete a Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700, Statement of Economic Interest disclosing their personal assets and income.
5. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group are appointees of the Chair of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and serve at the will and pleasure of the Board.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information in this application and all information submitted with this application are true and correct.

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(Copy of signature required if submitted electronically)

NOTICE ON COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The County of Nevada collects the personal information requested on this Community Advisory Group application in accordance with Labor Code section 3363.5. The County uses this information to identify and evaluate applicants seeking appointment to the County's Community Advisory Group and to maintain official records of volunteers. Submission of the requested information is voluntary; however, the County cannot consider your application unless you provide all of the requested information.

We make every effort to protect the personal information you provide us. The information you provide may be disclosed in response to a Public Records Act request (Government Code section 6250, et seq), to another government agency as required by State or Federal law, or in response to a subpoena, search warrant, court or administrative order.