

From: [April Webb](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: UAS
Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021 6:22:30 PM

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Vote "NO" on SR 21-0635 regarding the use of drones to surveillance peoples property! It's a huge invasion of privacy and the town is not happy with it.

Sent from my iPhone

TO: Nevada County Board of Supervisors
FR: Kathy HeBert
DA: August 6, 2021
SJ: Marijuana Ordinance Enforcement

I am a resident of Alta Sierra and the CFO/Treasurer of ASPOA. I am very concerned about the illegal cannabis growers in our county and their misuse of the environment and disregard of the laws.

A side from the Grand Jury report dated 2/9/21, we now have reports of insufficient water pressure not being available to thwart the fireballs that attacked our county residents' homes and businesses this week. The illegal grower's theft of our water has been unacceptable and catastrophic now. They steal our water resources, and our firefighters have to work harder and harder as a result. There is a drought going on and yet their crops are abounding.

I ask for the Board of Supervisors to implement the Grand Jury recommendations immediately. The Sherriff's department must oversee the cannabis illegal growing, as they are trained to be safe and how to govern within policies. Please act soon to stop the thousands of grows that are illegally operating in our county, and implement the following:

The Nevada County Grand Jury recommends the following:

R1 The County should streamline the permitting process and reduce the costs to legalize cannabis operations.

R2 The County should return primary enforcement of illegal cannabis violations to the Sheriff.

R3 The County should re-evaluate fines and abatements to ensure compliance by those that can afford to pay to continue growing illegally.

R4 The NCSO should explore the use of enforcement tools such as satellite technology, drones, aerial surveillance and if appropriate request needed funds to implement.

R5 The NCSO should evaluate the merits of additional Sheriff's substations in North San Juan and other remote areas to provide a local presence for the enforcement of the cannabis Ordinance.

Note: Please allow the drones to watch over the grows only.

Thank you for your service,

Kathy HeBert

From: [William Checkvala](#)
To: [Clerk of Board](#)
Cc: [Ed Scofield](#); [Sheriff](#); [Code Compliance](#)
Subject: Cannabis Code Enforcement
Date: Sunday, August 8, 2021 9:53:03 AM

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Members of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

As a homeowner in an area that has a number of legal and illegal Cannabis grows, I have seen firsthand the disruption and degradation to my neighbors quality of life as a result of the activity they generate. Anything we can do to find, monitor and dismantle any illegal "Pot" grows would be a blessing.

Therefore, I wish to express my support for the development and implementation of an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) pilot program specific to unpermitted commercial cannabis enforcement.

Thank you.

William M. Checkvala
Grass Valley, CA
530-320-4500

Hello. I am unable to attend the Aug. 10th meeting but would like my response included.

As per my previous letter for the July 27, 2021 BOS meeting, my concerns still remain.

Now that fire season is proving to be potentially catastrophic, the many unknown vehicles and people who come into our neighborhood to work for the legal and illegal cannabis grows in here multiply the very real fears that another fire will happen.

Again, I would like to stress my support for using drones to find the illegal grows – and other properties with code complaints – as a realistic tool to find those breaking the laws.

I also support the use of Sheriff Deputies to accompany the Code personnel when they are responding to a complaint.

Please vote to support both of these ideas.

And lastly, I hope the Supervisors can pass something that will make neighborhoods like mine (zoned Ag and residential) exempt from allowing marijuana growing. Golden Oaks is nearly built out and is not a good fit for commercial grows.

Thank you.

Debbie Porter
10701 Sharmiden Way
Grass Valley, CA 95949
530-320-2172

From: [Randi Pratini](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: SR 21-0635
Date: Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:03:36 PM

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August 2021

Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Ave
Nevada City, CA 95959

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Again, I strongly suggest that you vote “NO” on [SR 21-0635](#).

Thank you,

Randi Pratini

From: [Benjamin Lord](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: please vote "NO" on SR 21-0635.
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 8:10:52 AM

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Thank you,

Ben L.

From: [L Kogut](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: Please, please, please, say NO on SR 21-0635
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 9:15:28 AM

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From a concerned Nevada county property owner,

Larissa Kogut

From: [Lydia Watson](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Lydia Watson](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Nevada County Board Meeting Aug.10 2021
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 9:43:18 AM

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District 2 Resident

Dear Board members,

I also deeply oppose any drone surveillance. This is government over reach to say the least and a complete invasion of privacy.

Best,

Lydia Watson

From: [Darlene Hall](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: Proposed flying of drones over private property SR 21 - 0635
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:40:20 AM

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I have just been made aware of the county's intention to use drones to spy on its citizens under the guise of searching for cannabis growers. In a year filled with government sliding down an increasingly slippery slope, this just adds to further invasion of privacy and an assault on our fourth amendment rights guaranteed to us as citizens.

Of all the problems in Nevada County, I can think of about 100 things that are more concerning to me than what people are growing in their backyard. How about the homeless, the crime, the people shooting up heroin in broad daylight all along Ridge Road with not a sheriff in sight?? How about not being able to go out after dark because of the danger in our streets and a lack of police presence?

How about doing something that you actually have to work on and not pawn off on some creepy robot technology that invades the privacy of ALL of your constituents? This is disgusting and unconstitutional and I am requesting you vote no on SR 21 - 0635.

Thank you
Darlene Hall

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From: [Randi Pratini](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: SR 21-0635
Date: Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:02:22 PM

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Thank you,

Randi Pratini

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Drones
Date: Sunday, August 8, 2021 10:16:15 PM

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Hello,

As a person who values privacy, I do not support any drones flying around where I live.

I can see the property clearly, and do not see any pot farms here on Rough and Ready highway.

Invasion of my privacy is very important to me, and is my constitutional right to have privacy. Having

a police drone flying around where I live violates my right to privacy. I am not a criminal, and I am a

navy Vietnam war veteran. I know my rights and do not support any drones flying around where I live.

That is trespassing, and will not be tolerated. If you fly a drone, make sure it stays on the Rough and

ready highway and not on anyone's property unless you have a warrant. You took an oath to support

the constitution, just like I did when I served my country for six years. Honor your constitutional oath of

office, and my rights to privacy.

Karl Meyers

From: [Meredith McKelvie](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: No on SR 21-0635
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 7:27:46 AM

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Thank you,

Meredith McKelvie

From: [Holli Diel](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: "NO" on SR 21-0635 - Sheriff's Department already has a drone!
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 7:39:48 AM

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There are **BLATANTLY OBVIOUS PRIVACY and PROPERTY** rights concerns in regards to SR 21-0635!

Although initially proposed to regulate cannabis grows, let's make it abundantly clear that the recommended ordinance amendment will address **ALL CODE VIOLATIONS**, not just the enforcement of cannabis cultivation.

Drones will be a hugely invasive tool that no doubt will be abused by code compliance! Code compliance is already overstepping their authority and this new amendment to the existing ordinance will give them more legal leverage to violate our personal and property rights with **NO** recourse.

The Sheriff's Department already has a drone they can legally use, if/when necessary.

Holli Diel - District 3

Give me liberty or give me death!! Unless there's a virus with a 99% recovery rate in which case strip me of my freedoms, my job, my constitutional rights, fine me, and put me under house arrest!

"The urge to save humanity is almost always a false face for the urge to rule it." - H.L. Mencken

"We are living in an age where simply exposing your face is a revolutionary act!

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." - John Adams

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From: [Georgia Green](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Time to Shut Down the Campsites
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 8:15:30 AM

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Hello,

We are rural Nevada City residents, deeply concerned about the state of our wildfire vulnerability. As we now know to be true, the River Fire was started at a campsite. This fire, and future (inevitable) fires, can be prevented by eliminating overnight camping during the height of fire season.

We live directly uphill from Scott's Flat Lake campgrounds. We go there regularly & have seen people lighting fires, running generators, being drunk/reckless ... it's a recipe for yet another disaster. Since the campgrounds were already shut down for the Covid pandemic, we don't think it would be a big problem to reinstate that policy - still allowing boat ramp usage for local residents and day use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Also, for the record, we also oppose the use of UAS / drones for code enforcement as it is a violation of our privacy and private property rights. We swim naked our pool - it's just creepy!! Please don't.

Best,
Georgia Green



From: [peacenunite](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Vote "NO" for SR 21-0635
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 11:09:46 AM

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Thank you,

Amanda Liberty

From: [Rick Porter](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: Concerned resident
Date: Monday, August 9, 2021 11:53:22 AM

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Richard Porter

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