

## **Letter to the Editor – Important Notice**

To All Nevada County Residents,

Nevada County is and has been under a State of California mandated rezoning of properties. As a part of the certification process of the 2009-2014 Nevada County Housing Element, the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) required Nevada County to identify potential properties for rezone to accommodate low income housing. Following the certification of the Housing Element by HCD in July of 2010, the Nevada County Planning Department went through an extensive outreach process with property owners to find owners willing to be part of the process. A total of 39 properties were eventually reduced to 18. The County was then required to contract for and conduct an Environmental Impact Report covering those 18 properties. It has been estimated that the County has spent approximately \$300,000 so far in this process.

In order for properties to accommodate the needs of the State mandate, the final chosen properties must be rezoned to a minimum of 16-units per acre. The County has almost completed the entire process and is nearing the final selection of those properties that will be rezoned to accommodate State needs. The final vote on which properties will be included will be conducted at the Nevada County Board of Supervisors scheduled meeting at 1:30 PM on November 10, 2015, 950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City, CA 95959. This is a very important issue for the County with far reaching affects for all residents for many years to come.

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