



**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/oda/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: Fish First: Cathe' (Catherine)

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

Street: [REDACTED]

City: Rough + Ready Zip: 95975

Mailing Address, if different from residence address:

Street:

City: Zip:

Phone number: [REDACTED] E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Supervisorial District (1-5) 4

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

I OWN A FIVE ACRE FARM IN ROUGH AND READY. I RAISE PIGS, SHEEP, CHICKEN, DUCKS, RABBITS AND FRUIT TREES. I HAVE ALSO FARMED ON OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY THRU LIVING LANDS AGRARIAN NETWORK, NOW SIERRA HARVEST. THIS IS THE THIRD FARM I HAVE OWNED. I AM ALSO AN AG INSTRUCTOR. I TEACH PERMACULTURE - A FORM OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE. I AM ALSO A PERMACULTURE LAND CONSULTANT, AND HAVE VISITED HUNDREDS OF FARMS AND HOMESTEADS IN NEVADA COUNTY.

- 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.

- SIERRA HARVEST - CO ORGANIZER OF SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND FARM CONFERENCE
 Research appropriate keynote speakers, write contracts, master of ceremonies; choose local farm workshop speakers + organize their talks, etc.
- SELF: PRACTICAL PERMACULTURE FARM - sell heirloom American Guinea hogs, duck chicken eggs. Teaching + Demo Farm and Permaculture Land Consultant

- Please describe your relevant qualifications to serve on the Community Advisory Group representing agriculture. I HAVE A VERY BROAD BACKGROUND IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, AND KEEP UP TO DATE ON THE LATEST SCIENCE. I AM VERY WELL NETWORKED IN THE LOCAL AG COMMUNITY HAVING WORKED WITH MANY LOCAL FARMERS AND HOMESTEADERS. I HAVE TAUGHT HUNDREDS OF AG STUDENTS IN THIS COUNTY. I LISTEN TO LOTS OF GROWERS' FEEDBACK. MANY OF MY STUDENTS ARE NOW LOCAL FARMERS. I UNDERSTAND ISSUES FACING LOCAL FARMERS.
- Please explain why you will serve on Nevada County Community Advisory Group representing agriculture..

I AM AN AVID SUPPORTER OF LOCAL AGRICULTURE. I HAVE THE SKILLS TO HELP DEVELOP A STRONG LOCAL FOOD AND FARM COTTAGE INDUSTRY AS A BASIS FOR A NEVADA COUNTY SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY, THAT IS NON POLLUTING, CREATES MANY JOBS, AND ENRICHENS THE LIVES OF PEOPLE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTY.

- 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. *I have an open and transparent communications style. As a previous Nevada County court mediator, I have seen miracles happen when all sides involved actively listen to each other. I am known for building bridges between different political parties and finding what we have in common. I have taken many classes on Non Violent Communications, etc. In Permaculture, we look at current problems and brainstorm solutions. I am always looking for innovative new ways.*

Association/Organizational Experience

- Please describe any experience you have participating in a group advisory, committee or decision making process.
 - *Sierra Harvest - co organizer of yearly ag conference*
 - *Previous member of Broad St. Commons Co Housing Board*
 - *Previous Board of Director of a Food Cooperative*
 - *Co-organizer of Weston A Price Foundation*
 - *Co-organizer of Nevada County Natural Beekeepers*
 - *Co-organizer of Rough + Ready Orange Food + Farm Forum*
- Please list any of your past or present affiliations with associations or organizations.
 - *Co-organizer + Master of Ceremonies - Nevada County Sustainable Food + Farm ~~Forum~~ Conference*
 - *Co-chapter Leader - Weston A Price Foundation "Food, Farms + Health"*
 - *Co-organizer Rough + Ready Grange*
 - *CA Native Plant Society*
 - *North America Fruit Explorers (NAFEX)*
 - *CA Rare Fruit Growers*
 - *Master Gardeners of Nevada County - Director of Speaker's Bureau*

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]
 [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:
 - Professional Diploma of Permaculture Design for Permaculture Education and Permaculture Site Design - Permaculture Institute of North America 9/9/2016
 - Advanced Water Management - Permaculture Research Institute 5/31/06
 - Practitioner's Award in Applied Permaculture 9/8/11
 - Permaculture Design Course July 24 '07
 - UC Davis Master Gardener Fall 1998

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

x Cathee Fish 7/17/17 (Copy of signature required if submitted electronically)
 Catherine Fish