

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:11 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Subject:** FW: Measure W

District 1 resident (not verifiable)

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**From:** corinne miles [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 11:12 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Measure W

To: Board of Supervisors: Who do you represent? I was under the assumption it was the people who elected you. With the failure of your Measure W--- I am assuming you would work with the wishes of the people who you are supposed to represent. Am I not correct ? Or is there another way that you have figured out that democracy works? Please let me in on your secret- I am sure there are many other constituents who would like to know also. Some of the ideas you have proposed are ludicrous. I will not grow my gardens under artificial lights when God provided a sun to grow them---free of charge!!! (Unless somehow you are in with the profits of PG&E. Is this the case or am I mistaken here? You were not elected to attend to you own agenda---you were elected to represent ALL the people. Please set your own agenda aside and work with everyone. The co-operatives must stand. People must have growing access. Yes, there are issues such as residential grows which may affect close neighbors. These issues must be ironed out. And I believe we can come to some compromises if both parties come to negotiations with an open mind. Thank you for your time. Very Sincerely, Corinne Miles District One

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:17 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Alison Barratt-Green; Rick Haffey  
**Subject:** FW: Problems I see with the set backs of the new ordinance .

District 1 resident

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**From:** Travis Wood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 4:03 PM  
**To:** Nate Beason; Richard Anderson; Hank Weston; Dan Miller; Ed Scofield  
**Subject:** Fwd: Problems I see with the set backs of the new ordinance .

Richard suggested I send this to all of you guys. Nate has already seen it .

**From:** Travis Wood <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** July 24, 2016 at 1:17:52 PM MDT  
**To:** Nate Beason <[nate.beason@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:nate.beason@co.nevada.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Problems I see with the set backs of the new ordinance .

First I'll explain how no grows on a 2 acre parcel would ever be in compliance with the ordinance, even though the ordinance seems to permit grows on these parcels:

### The Impossible Scenario

The setback for a 2 acre parcel is 150 feet. In order for one to legally grow, the distance from the outer boundary of their grow space must be at least 150 feet from all property lines. We will examine this with a hypothetical parcel. We will start off with a square. A square is the shape that allows the property lines to be the maximum distance apart. If you try to lengthen the distance between two property lines and keep the area (the acreage) unchanged at 2 acres, you must shorten the distance between the other two property lines. A square parcel is thus the ideal condition; the best case scenario for compliance with the county's ordinance.

We can find the length of each line of a square using the formula: Length (L) = Square root of the Area (A), or  $L = \sqrt{A}$ . For our 2 acre parcel, we will convert the acres to square feet, so  $A = 87120$  square feet. Take the square root of that, and  $L = 295.16$ . That is the length of 1 side of the square, and thus is also the distance between two parallel property lines on our parcel.

The setback distance is 150 feet, so if we want to grow, our grow space must be 150 feet from all property lines. The midway point between the two parallel property lines is  $L / 2$ , or  $295.16 / 2$ , which comes out to 147.58 feet. Now, we have to be 150 feet away from both property lines (all 4 actually), but we cannot be, because the setback limit is 150 feet. If we are 150 feet from one

line, it will put us within 145.11 feet of the other line. Also, since this is a square, midpoints from both sets of parallel lines put us directly in the center.

Ok, you're thinking, this is a square parcel you're talking about, but in reality there are no square parcels, they're mostly rectangular or rhombus shaped. Well, in a rectangle, two of the lines will be even closer together than our 147.58 feet in the ideal condition, even though two of the lines will be farther apart, so at no point between those two lines will compliance be possible. Same with a rhombus-shaped parcel. A parallelogram has two of the lines necessarily closer together than the ideal condition as well. As you can see, there is no possible configuration of a 2-acre parcel where compliance with this ordinance is possible. Grows are banned on 2-acre parcels, even though the ordinance might at first glance lead you to believe they are permitted.

Also, in the example above, the 147.58-foot midpoint between the two parallel property lines is a single infinitesimal point, meaning we haven't accounted for the amount of space the grow area will occupy. That is important, because the setback is measured from the outside of the grow area to the property line. That brings us to the next condition:

### **Impossible in Practice Scenario**

Let's do the above with a 3 acre perfectly square parcel.  $\sqrt{130680\text{ft}^2} = 361.50$  feet. Divide that by 2 to get the midpoint and you have 180.75 feet between 2 property lines. Well that seems ok, right? Because if the setback is 150 feet, that means you have 30.75 feet of "play" in the center of the property. A grow is possible on this parcel, it seems. And it is, if there doesn't happen to be a pond there, or a creek, or a driveway, or a swimming pool, or that spot on the property simply gets no direct sunlight, or some other surface feature that precludes use of the land at that 30.75-foot square. However, no parcels in the county resemble the ideal condition, they are rectangles and rhombuses and other polygons almost entirely. The property lines of parcels in the county can thus vary from the ideal condition by only 30.75 feet before compliance becomes mathematically impossible because of the setbacks. But worse, we can't consume that entire 30.75 by varying the shape of the parcel, because we need space to grow. Thus, a deviation of the property lines from the ideal condition of 15 feet leaves you with an awkwardly shaped 15 x 15 foot space in the dead center of the property at which compliance is possible. Any more than that, and growing even 6 plants probably isn't possible. I question whether or not 12 is possible even in a 30.75 x 30.75 foot square in the ideal condition. That is an aside though, the real point is that I am quite certain parcel shapes in the county deviate from the ideal condition much more than 15 feet, or even 30 feet, which makes compliance at this acreage actually impossible in all but the ideal condition and slight deviation therefrom.

### **Large Parcels**

The situation with small parcels applies to large parcels because at > 5.0 acres, the setbacks increase to 200 feet, meaning you have to have over 400 feet of space between at least two property lines. At greater than 10.0 acres, the setbacks increase to 300 feet, meaning you have to have over 600 feet of space between property lines. Of course you need more, because in all those instances you have to also have enough space to grow.

I have 8 acres. Due to the shape of my parcel, there is no place on my property where compliance with the ordinance is possible.

The increasing condition also creates just odd situations. A person with 4.99 acres will actually have more grow space available (in the ideal condition, of course) than someone with 5.01 acres, because the person with 5.01 acres has a 200 foot setback, and thus at least 400 feet of total required space between property lines, while the person with 4.99 acres, a parcel of nearly identical size, requires only 300 feet of total avoidance. That makes no sense. The same situation arises between 9.99 acre parcels and 10.01 acre parcels.

Why can't the setbacks be measured from the garden on one property to the dwelling on the neighboring property, including the outdoor living areas?

Thanks ,

Travis

Grammar and spelling errors thanks to my iPhone you can also reach me at 949-309-6416

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:36 AM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana ordinance

Dist 1 resident

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**From:** Elaine Meckler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 4:19 PM  
**To:** Nate Beason; Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Hank Weston; [richard.anderson@nevada.ca.us](mailto:richard.anderson@nevada.ca.us)  
**Subject:** Marijuana ordinance

Gentlemen:

I agree with these changes or additions to your Supervisor's draft version recommended by the review committee.

1. Leave the school setback at 1,000 feet as in the original ordinance instead of reducing it to 600 feet.
2. Cultivation should not be permitted anywhere except in RA , AG, AE and TPZ zones and should be a maximum of 12 plants. If the purpose is to serve LOCAL medical marijuana needs this number of plants should be sufficient. Note here: The defeated Measure S requested a 12 plant maximum. There is a 6 plant maximum for medical marijuana in Colorado.
3. All grower group proposals would trigger CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) and in some circumstances a 20 plant maximum could also trigger CEQA. (environmental reviews for noise, air quality, traffic, etc.).
4. A permit fee of \$5,000 is recommended per patient with a doctor's recommendation (Fresno County charges \$5,000.) The fee system should cover 100% of all costs associated with this program with no burdens on taxpayers.
5. Immediate abatement for grows with no permits
6. Expedited abatement for out of compliance grows with permits.
7. Growers without permits and with gross violations would trigger a 5 year restriction on obtaining permits.
8. Fines and penalties should be established at \$1,000 per plant per day to begin immediately and accumulate if a hearing is allowed.

Thank you for all your work.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Meckler

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:34 AM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: MMJ Ordinance

Dist 1 resident

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**From:** Norm Sauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 5:49 PM  
**To:** Nate Beason; Hank Weston; Ed Scofield; Richard Anderson; Dan Miller  
**Subject:** Fw: MMJ Ordinance

May it please the Board:

The recently released Article 5 "Marijuana Cultivation" Ordinance and proposed changes have been reviewed. The Findings and Purpose of the Ordinance makes clear local control of MJ cultivation is within your jurisdiction, and that it is wise to keep in mind that federal law lists MJ as a Schedule I drug that has no currently accepted medical use. Since this lack of medical acceptance isn't so in California, it is important to focus on Medical Use, not Recreational Use of MJ which has a recognized high potential for abuse. In addition, the ordinance recognizes and lists the adverse impacts from MJ cultivation at subsection J which I again request you keep in mind.

It is a given that a single MJ plant grown in Nevada County can yield \$3,000 or more in salable MJ. A single plant can easily use up 80 to 100 square feet of ground space and rise to 8 to 10 feet in height.

Given the above, the following is suggested as a reasonable approach to be incorporated into the ordinance with respect to cultivation of MJ:

- (a) Allow 100 square feet per plant for outdoor grows (10' X 10');
- (b) Limit the number of plants per scrip to six;
- (c) Limit the number of scrips on 20 acre improved parcels to four;
- (d) Hence, 24 plant limit per 20 acre improved parcels (4 scrips X 6 plants = 24 plants X 100 square feet =2400 square feet);
- (e) Recognize there are 43,560 square feet per acre and that 20 acres totals 871,200 square feet;
- (f) Add to the ordinance that no more than .003% of 20 plus acre improved parcels can be used for MJ cultivation (2400 square feet divided by 871,200 square feet is .00275%); and
- (g) each improved parcel should be recognized whether or not contiguous to another improved parcel.

Given the high value per MJ plant grown in Nevada County it is suggested there be a reasonable permit fee charged for any and all MJ cultivation in an amount that is fair, plus \$200 per plant which should be tagged and a GPS reading given of the contiguous area of cultivation of each of the tagged plants.

With respect to the zoning areas of cultivation, it is recommended TPZ be eliminated as this zoning permits timber production only, and timber production is profitable, has tax breaks and provides an increased risk of wildfire.

Last, I suggest the term "violation" of the ordinance be clarified and defined. Is the reference to each MJ plant, an MJ contiguous grow area, or what?

For myself, I am heartened by the good work the Board has achieved in this difficult area. It is clear from your good work so far that the Board is cognizant of the past 50+ years of legal stability re MJ, and the flux to be addressed in the recent past and the near future while making current decisions.

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The ideas above are presented with an idea of reasonable control of medical MJ while restricting or eliminating recreational MJ profiteering.

Your willing and humble servant,

Norm Sauer



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:30 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Medical Cannabis Patient

Could be a resident of either District 1 or 2

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**From:** Eugene Evans [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 4:20 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Medical Cannabis Patient

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing this letter to state my opposition to the County's proposed interim ordinance. I urge you to rescind Measure W and Ordinance #2405, implement the Stakeholder's recommendations, and immediately convene an expanded, balanced committee to craft a permanent ordinance that creates a path for licensed, commercial production.

On June 7th, the Board of Supervisors asked voters in part, "“Shall an ordinance be adopted which bans outdoor cultivation, commercial cultivation and other commercial cannabis activities.” Nevada County voters rejected this proposal by 20 points. The proposed interim ordinance is even more restrictive than the existing ban that was voted down through Measure W. Please honor our vote and adopt the Stakeholder's recommendations. The patients of Nevada County deserve safe access to their medicine.

I am a medical cannabis patient that uses high CBD tincture for pain management. I suffer from chronic pain in my upper spinal cord caused by a motorcycle accident over two decades ago. I am able to lead a productive life with the aid of this non-psychoactive and non-addictive CBD medication which was not the case with pharmaceuticals like opiates. My wife has a condition called lymphedema for which she has found juiced raw cannabis even more helpful than tinctures in preventing debilitating inflammation. Significantly large quantities of fresh cannabis plants are required for this regimen (one to two ounces per juicing) which does not have psychoactive effects since THC only becomes psychoactive once dried. Going to Roseville or Sacramento to purchase tinctures is a time constraint and too costly. We need to be able to get our medicine locally.

Please shift your focus from futile attempts at prohibition, and embrace this large part of our local economy through licensing and regulation. It is the will of the voters and the desire of the many patients who benefit from this medicine.

Thanks for your time.  
Eugene Evans

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:28 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Ordinance - Please keep your promise to rescind outdoor ban

District 1 resident

**From:** Scott V Young [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2016 11:52 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Marijuana Ordinance - Please keep your promise to rescind outdoor ban

Dear NC Board of Supervisors,

I am a voter in your district, a public high school teacher, a rural land owner interested in rural land quality and preservation, a father of 5 kids between the ages of 14 and 23, and a 17 year resident of this county. I voted no on Measure W, and **DO NOT SUPPORT** a ban on cannabis cultivation, outdoors or indoors.

Like most people in this county, I support intelligent, transparent, collaborative governance. When Measure W failed, I assumed the BOS would keep their promise to rescind it, and to convene a meeting of local stakeholders to re-write a more enforceable, practical, and fair set of cannabis regulations. It appears you have not done this, or not worked hard enough at it to achieve a meaningful compromise.

Please, honor your promise. The county needs the BOS to focus on public lands destruction, the meth and opioid epidemics, fire prevention, preserving open space and other issues far more important than banning cannabis.

In addition, if the marijuana legalization measure on the state ballot passes in November, as it is expected to, the County's regulations will have to fall into line, or the county will face extraordinary legal costs as a result of the ban. Consider the people's money carefully - that is one of your sworn duties.

Thank you for hearing my opinion. I would appreciate a response.

Scott V Young  
[REDACTED]

## Lelia Loomis

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Policy

District 1

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**From:** Robert Lobell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2016 12:25 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Policy

Dear BoS:

I sincerely believe that your current position regarding the cultivation of medicinal cannabis is wholly inadequate. I suffer from parkinson's disease, and cannot grow cannabis on my own property due to homeowners association restrictions. I urge you to adopt a standard that reflects the overwhelming No vote on measure W, as well as reflecting the interests of the public who voted you in as their representatives.

Thank You, Robert Lobell. [REDACTED]

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 1:26 PM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Revised Marijuana Ordinance

**From:** CSTJ [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 10:29 AM  
**To:** Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Hank Weston; Richard Anderson; Sheriff  
**Subject:** Fw: Revised Marijuana Ordinance

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**From:** CSTJ <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016 3:18 PM  
**To:** [nate.beason@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:nate.beason@co.nevada.ca.us)  
**Subject:** Revised Marijuana Ordinance

To : Nate Beason, County Board of Supervisors, District 1

I am writing to you in support of the revised Marijuana ordinance drafted by the Board of Supervisors. Despite the failure of Measure W, I am confident that most residents of Nevada County want strict ordinances that protect our environment, our children, our tourist industry, and our community as a whole.

There are some recommendations for additions/changes to the proposed ordinance that have been assembled by a group of interested residents/voters, and I will attach those (strong) suggestions below. . . .

1. #1. Leave the school setback at 1,000 feet as in the original ordinance instead of reducing it to 600 feet.
2. #2. Cultivation should not be permitted anywhere except in RA , AG, AE and TPZ zones and should be a maximum of 12 plants. If the purpose is to serve LOCAL medical marijuana needs this number of plants should be sufficient. The defeated Measure S requested a 12 plant maximum and there is a 6 plant maximum for medical marijuana in Colorado.
3. #3. All grower group proposals would trigger CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) and in some circumstances a 20 plant maximum could also trigger CEQA. (environmental reviews for noise, air quality, traffic, etc.).
4. #4. A permit fee of \$5,000 is recommended per patient with a doctor's recommendation (Fresno County charges \$5,000.) The fee system should cover 100% of all costs associated with this program with no burdens on taxpayers.
5. #5. Immediate abatement for grows with no permits
6. #6. Expedited abatement for out of compliance grows with permits.
7. #7. Growers without permits and with gross violations would trigger a 5 year restriction

on obtaining permits.

#8. Fines and penalties should be established at \$1,000 per plant per day to begin immediately and accumulate if a hearing is allowed.

I have been very pleased to see the aggressive enforcement enacted by Sheriff Royal in the past few weeks. We need to make sure that he has all of the tools at his disposal to assure that once an ordinance has been adopted, the Sheriff's office will be able to enforce the ordinance with vigor - without any "gray" areas which could be up for debate. I support Sheriff Royal and the Board of Supervisors in their efforts to make Nevada County a safer and more inviting place, and to assure that we no longer have a reputation as being a safe haven for marijuana growers, particularly commercial growers.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, due to a prior commitment - so I wanted to be certain to send you this letter of support in advance of the meeting.

Thank you!

Terry McLaughlin



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:36 PM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Support of Interim Marijuana Ordinance  
**Attachments:** Dear Supervisors Beeson and Weston.docx

Dist 1 resident

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**From:** Pete & Nancy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016 10:11 PM  
**To:** Nate Beason; Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Hank Weston; [richard.anderson@nevada.ca.us](mailto:richard.anderson@nevada.ca.us); Nate Beason; Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Hank Weston; Richard Anderson; Sheriff  
**Subject:** Support of Interim Marijuana Ordinance

Supervisors Beason, Scofield, Miller, Weston, Anderson, and Sheriff Royal:

Please see attached letter regarding the interim marijuana ordinance.  
Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our thoughts and suggestions.

Sincerely,  
Peter and Nancy Brost  
[REDACTED]

July 20, 2016

Dear Supervisors Beeson and Weston,

Thank you for your hard work and patience in developing an interim marijuana policy for the County. Most of us in the community are very concerned with this developing marijuana culture and the many negative effects it is having. We believe you feel the same way and are developing a new draft policy that is as restrictive as possible, and it's appreciated. With that in mind, we would like to offer several additional thoughts for your consideration. We have discussed these with many friends and associates who also strongly support them.

1. Leave the school setback at 1,000 feet as in the original ordinance instead of reducing it to 600 feet.
2. Cultivation should not be permitted anywhere except in RA, AG, AE and TPZ zones and should be a maximum of 12 plants, vs. 16. If the purpose is to serve LOCAL medical marijuana needs this number of plants should be sufficient. In the defeated Measure S, growers requested a 12 plant maximum, so why isn't that number acceptable today? Colorado currently has a 6 plant maximum for medical marijuana that's acceptable there. The growers demands for continuously larger grows puts in question, and as most believe, that these demands are more about money than the need for medicinal marijuana for local patients.
3. Do not arbitrarily waive CEQA requirements. State that CEQA MAY be required in some instances, and if so, proponents are responsible. It appears all, or most, grower group proposals would trigger CEQA, and in some circumstances even a 20 plant maximum could also trigger CEQA. (Environmental reviews and disclosure for noise, air quality, soil disturbance, traffic, and other associated impacts).
4. It is imperative that this program pay for itself without additional burden to taxpayers, and without taking existing County personnel from their current duties. Permits and fees are a necessary component for both patients and growers. A permit fee of \$5,000 is recommended per patient with a doctor's recommendation

(Fresno County charges \$5,000.) The fee system should cover 100% of all costs associated with this program.

5. As with permit fees, consequences and \$ fines must also be a critical component of this program. These must be established and must be punitive enough to eliminate the desire to violate, given how lucrative this industry is. Immediate abatement of plants should also take place for grows with no permits.

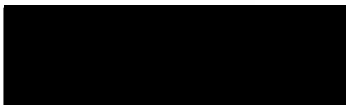
6. Expedited abatement and fines must take place for out-of-compliance grows with permits.

7. Growers without permits and/or with gross violations should trigger a 5 year restriction on obtaining future permits.

8. Fines and penalties should be established at \$1,000 per plant per day to begin immediately and accumulate if a hearing is requested and allowed. Square footage enforcement has not worked in the past. Enforcement by numbers of plants is straight forward and not arguable. We don't need additional ambiguity in enforcement.

It is important to note that Measure W was passed by the constituents of Districts 2, 3, and 4, so you have significant support in this endeavor. We thank you for listening, and appreciate you considering our thoughts.

Peter and Nancy Brost,



Copies to:

Supervisor Scofield  
Supervisor Miller  
Supervisor Anderson  
Sheriff Keith Royal



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 9:27 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Acceptable Ways of Meeting the Needs of All Community Members - Cannabis Cultivation in Nevada County

Dist 1 (not able to verify)

**From:** Stephanie Alaimo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:54 PM  
**To:** bdotsupervisors; Nate Beason  
**Subject:** Acceptable Ways of Meeting the Needs of All Community Members - Cannabis Cultivation in Nevada County

Hello again, Supervisors.

In case you have forgotten me, I live on New Rome Road in District 1. I would very much like some acknowledgement of my communication with you. I happen to know that you have collectively opened my emails over 30 times, because I use business tools that track such things. While I understand that you are busy, THIS is the issue that you should be busy with!

Here are links to how things are working in other areas. I hope that you will be inspired to look these links over, and to reformulate your proposed ordinances. I am OPPOSED to the 300 foot set backs. I am OPPOSED to the ban on green houses. Green houses keep plants out of the public view, and help to mitigate the concerns that some might have. Why would you ban them? They are clearly an EARNEST attempt on the part of growers to compromise and meet the needs of their neighbors.

I am also OPPOSED to the ban on residential grows. Residents need medicine too!

• <http://www.times-standard.com/article/NJ/20160414/NEWS/160419946>

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/cannabis/enforcement\\_complaints/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/cannabis/enforcement_complaints/index.shtml)

<http://www.planning.calaverasgov.us/MedicalCannabis.aspx>

<http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/article/NP/20151107/NEWS/151109874> <http://www.wildcalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Final-Compliance-Manual-2-22-16.pdf>

[http://www.canorml.org/news/A\\_SUMMARY\\_OF\\_THE\\_MEDICAL\\_MARIJUANA\\_REGULATION\\_AND\\_SAFETY\\_ACT](http://www.canorml.org/news/A_SUMMARY_OF_THE_MEDICAL_MARIJUANA_REGULATION_AND_SAFETY_ACT)

I am OPPOSED to any ordinance which continues the ban on cannabis cultivation. I have little respect for sneaky government, and feel that we already have far too much of it nationally. I hope that you, as a board, are not sneaky!!! I still have faith, but please do not prove me wrong!

I was Very disheartened when no Sheriff or Board members showed up at the Town Hall meeting that was held this week. People in this county are looking for a workable, sustainable solution. Please be a part of our solution. No one in this community wants to create enemies. All are interested in working together to be good neighbors, good patients, and good caretakers.

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Stephanie Alaimo  
Sociologist, Qualitative Market Researcher, Analyst  
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[REDACTED]

**Lelia Loomis**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Acceptable Ways of Meeting the Needs of All Community Members - Cannabis Cultivation in Nevada County

District Undetermined

**From:** Stephanie Alaimo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2016 8:30 AM  
**To:** bdotsupervisors; Nate Beason  
**Subject:** Re: Acceptable Ways of Meeting the Needs of All Community Members - Cannabis Cultivation in Nevada County

I'd like to share with you the perspective of some community members - I found this on Facebook.

"I'd like to point out that these setbacks are misleading, and are effectively double what they are stated to be. This is because you have to measure from 2 property lines, since you have to be the setback distance away from all property lines. So a 150 foot setback is effectively 300 feet total, 150 from each line. This creates a condition where it is impossible to comply with the ordinance at even large parcel sizes. For example, an ideal square 10 acre parcel would have 4 property lines of 660 feet in length. This would leave the grower with a 60 foot square dead center in the middle of the property where one would be able to grow and be in compliance with the ordinance. Now, since no properties are perfect squares, you're going to have 1 or more property lines closer together than 660 feet, if we're keeping with the example of a 10 acre parcel. The 300 foot setback from all lines will create strange polygons in the middle of properties where growing would be legal. It is not possible in most cases to work within the ordinance. If someone has ArcGIS they could demonstrate this effectively with graphics. The math is indisputable, but some people require pictures in order to understand things."

It seems to me that this is an attempt to allow only the wealthy, who can purchase LARGE parcels of land, the ability to grow. This is discriminatory and wrong. It also leads me to believe that the Board is allowing certain Cannabis interests into the county - namely, they are preparing the way for large agro-business cannabis producers. Once large companies throw some money at the county, they are likely to see ordinances continue to change in their favor.

We have seen what happens to agriculture when large agro-business takes over.

Imagine our forests turned into fields of cannabis. That is where this ordinance is leading us. If small growers are permitted to grow on their parcels, we will not see the clear cutting of forests, as small grows fit into small spaces, and do not require clear cutting.

Stephanie

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On Thu, Jul 21, 2016 at 2:54 PM, Stephanie Alaimo <[stephanie.alaimo.research@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.alaimo.research@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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## Lelia Loomis

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Subject:** FW: Acceptable Ways of Meeting the Needs of All Community Members - Cannabis Cultivation in Nevada County

District Undetermined

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**From:** Stephanie Alaimo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:54 PM  
**To:** bdotsupervisors; Nate Beason  
**Subject:** Acceptable Ways of Meeting the Needs of All Community Members - Cannabis Cultivation in Nevada County

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## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:41 PM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: No on W and New Cannabis Ordinances

**From:** Stephanie Alaimo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:33 PM  
**To:** bdfosupervisors; Nate Beason  
**Subject:** Re: No on W and New Cannabis Ordinances

Also, a ban on greenhouses is not appropriate.

On Thu, Jul 21, 2016 at 2:30 PM, Stephanie Alaimo <[stephanie.alaimo.research@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.alaimo.research@gmail.com)> wrote:  
To the Supervisors -

I have just seen the new proposed ordinances. While 25 plants is indeed an effort to compromise with growers, the 300 foot setbacks are not acceptable. This will bar nearly all people from growing, even on properties as large as 10 acres. Given that most parcels in Nevada County are irregularly shaped, most land owners will still not be able to grow on their property, even if it is large.

I hope that this was simply a mistake or over sight that you plan to correct! Continuing the ban with this sneaky, deceptive ordinance is not at all democratic.

Stephanie

On Tue, Jul 19, 2016 at 3:51 PM, Stephanie Alaimo <[stephanie.alaimo.research@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.alaimo.research@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Also forwarding this message from my father, who has been a business owner and has employed many people for his entire career. He has been more harmed than healed by pharmaceutical medicines. In the past two years, he discovered that cannabis calms his Chron's symptoms far more effectively than any of the chemicals he has ever been prescribed, with far fewer side effects. This year was the first year that I have ever seen my father able to eat a Thanksgiving dinner.

Again, cannabis heals many illnesses, which afflict business owners, employees, hippies, children, and veterans alike. Please support patients. Please support growers. Do not make us all dependent on drugs which make us even sicker.

Thank you for your consideration. I would appreciate a reply, so that I know my voice has been heard.  
Stephanie

"I have crohns disease and was diagnosed in 1975. I have been through surgeries and all of the classes of medications for the illness. I have suffered and been subjected to the side effects of steroid therapy and biologicals including avascular necrosis, osteopenia, increased risk of infection, cancer and many others from the plethora of medications I have been prescribed. Besides the terrible side effects the drugs are only marginally effective.

I am writing to you today to see if the committee has any plans to change its position on Medical Marijuana.

There are many studies and real world stories of people including myself that are helped with Cannabis. The following link is one of many that can be found to show how Cannabis is effective in controlling crohns disease without bad side effects.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23648372>

As an explanation how Cannabis can be so effective for seemingly unrelated diseases please view these articles.

<http://reset.me/story/beginners-guide-to-the-endocannabinoid-system/>

<https://www.learngreenflower.com/articles/130/45-ailments-treatable-with-cannabis?gfm=true>

A pro Cannabis policy with reasonable regulations that allows for the growing of medical cannabis on small tracts of land will be most helpful to your electorate. I feel certain that being on the right side of this issue historically will best serve your constituents.

Please take this email as a serious attempt to reach out to the Committee and ask for your support in making the zoning and regulations compassionate to the many people like myself that are helped with medical cannabis."

On Tue, Jul 19, 2016 at 10:42 AM, Stephanie Alaimo <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
Hello Supervisor Beason,

I live in District 1 on New Rome Road. I have been following the No on W and subsequent conversations closely. I support cannabis grows and cultivation in Nevada County.

I believe that the current proposed ordinances for grows are far too restrictive. The set backs, the required parcel sizes, the zoning requirements, the square footage of gardens and the number of plants are all far too limiting. These ordinances are so strict, that they actually result in a continued ban for most residents. Nearly 60% of the county voted against the ban. I hope that the Board of Supervisors will listen to the voters, and that they will create ordinances that do not effectively continue the ban. I hope that we live in a truly democratic county, where a vote still counts.

I am concerned because we do not have dispensaries here, so many people need to grow their own medicine. I am also concerned because outside of environmental degradation, which should be controlled, plants do not cause a nuisance. I think that abatement should ONLY be nuisance and complaint driven. If growers are good neighbors, I do not see what the problem could possibly be.

I also know that cannabis could be a large source of revenue for this county. I am sure you are also aware of the experience of Calaveras county. I am sure you are also aware that Nevada County growers supply dispensaries in other counties, which then collect taxes on the products. I am sure you are also aware that some Nevada County patients travel far distances to purchase their medicine in other counties, giving their tax dollars to other communities. Why should we let this revenue go to other counties? This makes no sense.

I am an MS patient. I have been able to live without the pharmaceutical drugs that cause liver damage, and which cost over \$4,000/month, because of cannabis. I am nearly finished with my PhD, and I work as a Market Research Consultant for some very large companies. Cannabis patients are patients like any other patient. This medicine allows me to live a normal, productive, and achieving life. I am fluent in French, I play the violin, and

I dance. I understand that the cannabis ban may be more about stigma than anything else. This stigma is as unfair as it is untrue. Without cannabis, I would likely be crippled and living on disability. I prefer to take my medicine, run my small business, write my dissertation in my free time, and contribute to society. Please allow Nevada County growers to continue to provide me with medicine so that I can continue to live, love, and contribute. Please allow me to grow my own medicine in the future, so that I can find the strain most adequate to my needs.

Furthermore, cannabis is a very effective treatment for PTSD, a condition which effects many, many veterans. The DEA has finally approved clinical trials for these patients (<http://www.maps.org/news/media/6141-press-release-dea-approves-first-ever-trial-of-medical-marijuana-for-ptsd-in-veterans>). I hope that if you do not value my health and life, that you might value the health and life of veterans, who have served our country and made immense sacrifices for all of us.

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## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:40 PM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Ordinance

Dist 1 resident

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**From:** Bob Hren [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 7:56 AM  
**To:** Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Hank Weston; [richard.anderson@nevada.ca.us](mailto:richard.anderson@nevada.ca.us)  
**Subject:** Marijuana Ordinance

I support the supervisor-drafted ordinance, and urge that the growers' proposed changes not be considered. CEQA laws must be upheld for all, not just for developers of projects. The defeat of Measure W was not a mandate to the growers to get all they wanted.

Further, I would like to see permits only for people holding valid prescriptions, high fees to cover all costs to administer and enforce, and steep fines as well as expedited abatement of violating grows.

Thank you for your hard work and steadfast leadership on this.  
Bob Hren



## Lelia Loomis

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: marijuana grow ordinance

District 1

**From:** Joe Cavanaugh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 4:34 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** marijuana grow ordinance

I am writing in response to the current debate regarding acceptable boundaries for growing marijuana. Contrary to what it appears from all of the vocal drug advocates (euphemistically referred to as "farmers!"), I absolutely support the limited growth proposal submitted by the board of supervisors. Not only do I feel strongly about being a "NIMBY" regarding this issue, I would take it a step further and say "NOT IN ANY BACKYARD!" I believe that clear boundaries are absolutely essential to protect the privacy, health and safety of *all* Nevada County residents, in spite of the continuous badgering of "farmers" who only have their own narcissistic agenda in mind.

I have had the personal experience of being forced to purchase a piece of property (for an amount 3 times the assessed value of the property) to protect my daughter and grandchildren from a potential neighbor intending on financing that property through growing and selling marijuana. They knew they had us in a corner because of our concerns, and kept increasing the price to get maximum price, with little or no regard for the impact they would have on my family living next to a drug-manufacturing "farm"--for pure financial profit!

In hope you stand firm with your position.

Gratefully,

Joe and Carol Cavanaugh  
[REDACTED]

## Lelia Loomis

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: interim ordinance

District 1

**From:** Anje' Waters [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 4:47 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** interim ordinance

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to express my grave dissatisfaction with your proposed interim cannabis ordinance.

I listened to the Town Hall meeting and I shocked to learn of the proposed interim ordinance.

You publicly pledged to resind the ban if Measure W lost. What you are proposing is worse than what we voted against.

Please honor your promise by rescind the ban (Measure W) and adopt the Stakeholder's recommendations.

I have live in Nevada County since 1984.I am a low income senior patient who needs this medicine. No other medicine works for my condition. No MD has been able help me other than prescribe opioids. which make me sick and suicidal.

The only way I and many others can afford this medicine is to grow my own or have someone in a collective to grow it for me. Under your proposal, I cannot do either even though I live on 5 acres outside of town.

Please be reasonable and compassionate and allow for all patients access to this medicine by being to grow our own or have a collective grow for us.

I would appreciate a response.

Thank you,

Mr. Anje' Waters  
[REDACTED]

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:38 AM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Ordinance

**From:** Paul Mellette [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 1:28 PM  
**To:** Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Nate Beason; Hank Weston; Richard Anderson  
**Cc:** Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** Marijuana Ordinance

Dear Supervisors

We are writing you to voice our support for the Urgency Ordinance you will be voting on 7-26-16. While we feel Measure W would have been preferable we appreciate your efforts to protect the citizens of Nevada County. This ordinance is more than liberal enough. You will undoubtedly get flak Tuesday from people who want to grow more but please hang tough for the rest of of Nevada County citizens.

Paul and Sharon Mellette  
District 2  
[REDACTED]

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:37 AM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Upcoming meeting - Measure W

District 2 resident

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**From:** sheri\_trailgearusa.com [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 3:09 PM  
**To:** Nate Beason; Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Hank Weston; Richard Anderson; [heidi.hall@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:heidi.hall@co.nevada.ca.us)  
**Subject:** Upcoming meeting - Measure W

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

Nate Beason, District One  
Ed Scofield, District Two  
Dan Miller, District Three  
Hank Weston, District Four  
Richard Anderson, District Five

950 Madiu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Supervisors,  
I am signing this letter to state my opposition to the County's proposed interim ordinance and am asking that you rescind Measure W and Ordinance #2405, implement the Stakeholders' recommendations, and immediately convene an expanded, balanced committee to craft a permanent ordinance.

On June 7th, the Board of Supervisors asked voters in part, "Shall an ordinance be adopted which bans outdoor cultivation, commercial cultivation and other commercial cannabis activities."

Nevada County voters rejected this proposal by a margin of 20%.  
The proposed interim ordinance is more restrictive than Measure W. Please honor our vote and adopt the Stakeholders' recommendations.

Please follow the vote of your constituents and keep to your promise.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sheri Fogarty  
[REDACTED] District 2

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:39 PM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Marijuana Ordinance - July 26 BOS mtg

Dist 2 resident

From: Sue [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 7:44 AM  
To: Ed Scofield  
Cc: [nate.beason@co.nevada.ca](mailto:nate.beason@co.nevada.ca); Hank Weston; Dan Miller; Richard Anderson  
Subject: Proposed Marijuana Ordinance - July 26 BOS mtg

Dear Supervisor Scofield,

As a resident of District 2 for 35 years, I am extremely concerned with the devastating consequences resulting from the marijuana industry flourishing in our county. From the significant negative influences this drug has on children and their future lives, to the undeniable criminal element it has attracted to our county and with the significant harmful environmental impacts it has left on our land and waterways.

I believe it's very unfortunate that Measure W failed. As an alternative, I do strongly support the current ordinance proposal with changes as presented by Supervisors Beason and Supervisor Weston and County staff which will limit these grows within our county's borders and provide for reasonable regulations over this activity. Thank you for dealing with this challenging issue on behalf of South County and for all the county's residents. I sincerely appreciate all the work the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Royal and county staff have undertaken knowing that you have been on the receiving end of some pretty ugly verbal assaults from some in the community.

Sincerely,  
Sue Horne

Sent from my iPhone

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:31 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Outdoor cannabis

District 3 resident

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Natina Pistone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 9:35 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Outdoor cannabis

Please reconsider this ordinance I own my home with a 3.7 acres and it is zoned agriculture and you're telling me that I cannot grow a few medicinal plants outside.... It is AG. ZONED, I sustained a brain injury from a car accident a year and a half ago doctors wanted to put me on antidepressants Xanax and a bunch of other horrible pharmaceuticals, medicinal oil is the only thing that helps me i've been unable to work since the accident so I can afford to do indoor please allow something in your ordinance for people like me thank you Sent from my iPhone

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:24 PM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Ordinance on Medical Cannabis

**From:** Nicole Raglan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:13 AM  
**To:** Nate Beason; Hank Weston; Richard Anderson; Ed Scofield; Dan Miller  
**Subject:** Ordinance on Medical Cannabis

Dear Supervisors:

I write to ask you to stop passing ordinances that go against what the community at large has voted against. Your duty is not to your personal opinions, the minority complaining or to what LE is asking you to help them enforce.

- a. Withdrawing the ban on outdoor cultivation.
- b. Allowing reasonable cultivation on rural parcels - in line with the new State ordinance (MMRSA) to provide for patients unable to provide for themselves - 12, 25, or 50 plants depending on lot size.
- c. Allowing all individuals to grow for personal use - 100 sq feet.in all parcels with mitigations for odor, etc.
- d. Providing reasonable setbacks measured from garden perimeter, not from property perimeter
- e. Acknowledging the commercial nature of grows-- for profit or non profit.-- per MMRSA.
- f. including a statement of intent of a MMRSA compliant ordinance by March 1, 2017; including a comprehensive stakeholder process to arrive at a community-wide consensus on the growing, processing, and distribution of medical cannabis in Nevada County.

This will indicate to the public that you are willing to move on from a position of abolition to one of accommodation to Medical Cannabis patients, growers, and processors.

It baffles my mind that each one of you will swear by your patriotism and that you believe in the constitution, but every comment I have read and the push for going against the voters is the least American thing that you can do. It is shameful that in 2016 a board of supervisors will blatantly ignore the will of the people. The only reason for this is ignorance of how a democracy works or malicious intent.

Thank you.

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Nicole Raglin  
[REDACTED]

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:46 AM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Measure W amendments

Dist 4 resident

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**From:** Wade Freedle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2016 10:19 AM  
**To:** Nate Beason; Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Hank Weston; Richard Anderson  
**Subject:** Measure W amendments

I would like to register my complete support for the recommendations forwarded to your office by Fran Freedle on behalf of the organization that favors elimination of marijuana in Nevada County. In regard to the specific proposals we would like for you to consider on 7/26/16, I believe the requirement for permitting is the most important. In fact, the entire system for pot regulation implies a system of permitting. Thanking you for your consideration I am, - Wade Freedle



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 9:58 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana cultivation ordinance

Dist 4 resident

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**From:** Lana Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2016 6:08 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Marijuana cultivation ordinance

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The majority of the people have spoken and are now trying to work and communicate with you for valid alternatives that will help rather than hinder this wonderful county of ours and yet you are still wanting to exert some sort of power over the people's voices.

I am not saying this out of disrespect for your jobs and the hard work you do for this county, I realize your positions take time and much effort and I do understand that one cannot "please" everybody. But what you are proposing is not beneficial to this county nor we, the people who live here. We can all see this happening: decreased economics, increased crime, decreased police attention to where it should go--the "bad boy" growers who destroy land and cause crime in our county, the meth and other hard drug problems, etc. etc.

Please reconsider your ordinance and work with the people who know more about the subject of marijuana, cultivation, the phenomenal health benefits as a natural alternative to the toxic prescription drugs so many are dying from, and yes, even the recreational aspect.

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We are never going to solve the drug addiction problem, it must begin in the family--and sadly, the family has practically fallen apart in today's society--don't get me started on that one.

I have been blessed with 6 children and 11 grandchildren, so far, who are all happy and healthy, thank God, and they were raised in a zero tolerant drug/alcohol family environment. Yeah, I was not stupid, I knew most of them would eventually try something in their younger days and some of them did but fortunately they retained the respect for themselves and their parents to stay accountable and responsible for their actions. Beyond that, I realize sometimes it's a crap-shoot, some wonderful parents end up with an unhealthy, addicted child and some crazy, horrible parents end up with a healthy, responsible citizen as a child, who knows...

What I am asking you is to reconsider the ordinance and really listen and communicate with the county's growers--most of them are responsible citizens of this county, most of them are extremely generous people with this county, and they are not the ones who are causing the trouble. Please provide the time for our police to go after the huge growers who do not belong in this county of ours, the drug "lords", the meth labs, that is a huge problem here.

I sincerely appreciate your efforts on this matter, I'm sure it has not been easy to try and appease everyone.

Thanks

Lana

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:09 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis ordinance

District 4 resident

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jon Salyer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 23, 2016 7:31 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Cannabis ordinance

We support your proposed solution on marijuana grows in Nevada County. 25 plants is more than enough for several individuals. We already have several grows on our street. One with 40 large plants. How can we retain our property values and our rights to a safe neighborhood? We have lived here over 30 years.

Jon and Joan Salyer.

Sent from my iPad

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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I have been blessed with 6 children and 11 grandchildren, so far, who are all happy and healthy, thank God, and they were raised in a zero tolerant drug/alcohol family environment. Yeah, I was not stupid, I knew most of them would eventually try something in their younger days and some of them did but fortunately they retained the respect for themselves and their parents to stay accountable and responsible for their actions. Beyond that, I realize sometimes it's a crap-shoot, some wonderful parents end up with an unhealthy, addicted child and some crazy, horrible parents end up with a healthy, responsible citizen as a child, who knows...

What I am asking you is to reconsider the ordinance and really listen and communicate with the county's growers--most of them are responsible citizens of this county, most of them are extremely generous people with this county, and they are not the ones who are causing the trouble. Please provide the time for our police to go after the huge growers who do not belong in this county of ours, the drug "lords", the meth labs, that is a huge problem here.

I sincerely appreciate your efforts on this matter, I'm sure it has not been easy to try and appease everyone.

Thanks  
Lana

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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*R. Haffey*

**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 1:24 PM  
**To:** Alison Barratt-Green; Rick Haffey  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana policy that protects all Nevada County citizens  
**Attachments:** mj photo.jpg

*cc: CEO  
Counsel*

-----Original Message-----

From: fran freedle [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 1:11 PM  
To: Dan Miller; Richard Anderson; Hank Weston; Nate Beason; Ed Scofield  
Subject: Marijuana policy that protects all Nevada County citizens

The attached photo is exactly WHAT WE DON'T WANT!

Nevada County deserves a policy that reflects the majority of the community, whether or not they came out to vote in June. Voters in my District supported the outdoor ban.

If this is truly about providing accessibility for patients to have medical marijuana, then 12 plants should be the absolute maximum permitted anywhere it is grown. This is a generous amount and any more suggests that there is support for commercial purposes - there is not.

We suggest allowing outdoor grows only in RA, AG, AE, FR and TPZ zones which will protect all the residential and business related zones.

We suggest that we work to determine the actual need and base a limited number of permits/registrations for patient nexus grows. Once this number is determined, we should grant permits annually at a cost of \$5,000, a fee already is in use in another county.

Permits should comply with all of our county regulations, and violators should be subject to \$1,000 per day per plant fines. Gross violators would no longer be eligible for a permit for five years. We've got to get tough to get a handle on this problem.

We should not reduce any setbacks when our children are at risk, and grows should be 1,000 feet from the property line.

If an environmental review (CEQA) is not conducted, I fear the county will be subject to some substantial legal costs. Adding 12 plant grows throughout the rural county will surely impact our water, wildlife, dust, noise, traffic and create noxious odors that affect our quality of life.

Bottom line, I am concerned about the fire risk that all of this brings to my area of the county and I don't think it can be discounted.

I support your efforts to adopt an ordinance that helps those with medical needs, but the above will help to strengthen enforcement that, unfortunately, past experience dictates.

I intend to be at the BOS meeting on July 26 to express my concerns and offer recommendations to make the ordinance stronger.

Thanks for your consideration.

Fran Freedle  
District 4







## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:27 PM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Ordinance

Dist 4 resident

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**From:** Linda Erdmann [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 9:11 AM  
**To:** Hank Weston; Nate Beason  
**Subject:** Marijuana Ordinance

Hello Hank and Nate,

My husband and I are writing in support of your efforts to draft an urgency medical marijuana ordinance pursuant to the defeat of Measure W. We were proponents of Yes on W so are greatly disappointed it was defeated, especially since our residence is in an area attractive to growers.

We have seen the suggestions from the citizen's committee regarding changes to your proposed ordinance and are in agreement with their suggestions. They are as follows:

Leave the school setback at 1,000 feet instead of reducing it to 600 feet. There seems to be no rationale for the change, and we are most concerned about our youth and their exposure to marijuana.

Cultivation should not be permitted anywhere except in RA, AG, AE and TPZ zones and limited to 12 plants maximum. If the local growers are sincere about meeting only the medicinal marijuana needs of the local community, this should be sufficient. Colorado limits are six plants and the defeated Measure S supported by the growers requested a 12 plant limit.

There are some problems with CEQA and it's requirements and leaving the plant limit at the 12 plants maximum would mostly avoid any of these complications.

We also request a permit fee structure per patient with a legitimate doctor's recommendation (suggested \$5,000 as in Fresno County) to cover 100% of all costs associated with this programs with no burdens placed on the taxpayer.

The abatements in the past under the old ordinance were very problematic. We support immediate abatement for grows with no permits and expedited abatement for out of compliance grows with permits. Growers with permits and gross violations should be subject to a 5 year restriction on obtaining permits.

Lastly, fines and penalties should be established at \$1,000 per plant per day to begin immediately and accumulate if a hearing is allowed. Any plants found growing at this time would be illegal and those growers should face a penalty.

We appreciate all you are doing and realize that this has been a very contentious and stressful

time for our community. We are hopeful these issues can be resolved, but still believe this is about more than medical marijuana and abuses may continue to the detriment of the community.

Bob & Linda Erdmann (District 4)





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County Counsel

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Nate Beason, District One  
Ed Scofield, District Two  
Dan Miller, District Three  
Hank Weston, District Four  
Richard Anderson, District Five  
950 Madiu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Supervisors,

I am signing this letter to state my opposition to the County's proposed interim ordinance and am asking that you rescind Measure W and Ordinance #2405, implement the Stakeholders' recommendations, and immediately convene an expanded, balanced committee to craft a permanent ordinance.

On June 7th, the Board of Supervisors asked voters in part, "Shall an ordinance be adopted which bans outdoor cultivation, commercial cultivation and other commercial cannabis activities."

Nevada County voters rejected this proposal by a margin of 20%.

The proposed interim ordinance is more restrictive than Measure W. Please honor our vote and adopt the Stakeholders' recommendations.

Sincerely,

Bochir Wagner

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July 21, 2016

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NEVADA COUNTY  
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To: The Honorable Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
Nate Beason - District One  
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Hank Weston - District Four  
Richard Anderson - District Five

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cc: CEO  
County Counsel

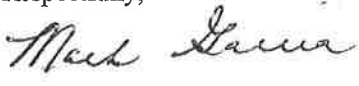
Dear Supervisors,

My name is Mark Garcia. I have been a Nevada County resident my entire life and have lived here since 1970. I am a property owner and have always paid my taxes diligently, and on time. My parents, as well as myself, have been business owners in this community and I continue to this day, to live and work here in Grass Valley, where I am responsible for the Transportation of the elderly and disabled people who live here. I am also a 1998 recipient of a Certificate of Recognition from the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for my service to this very community.

I have never used marijuana, however in the course of my daily occupation I work with people who are sick and some of them are terminally ill and they have chosen to use this medicine. I can testify that it does help to alleviate their symptoms. Although I do not personally use marijuana myself, there may come a point and time in my life where I may find it medically necessary, and should that time ever come I would like to know that I can exercise my rights as a tax paying, voting property owner and do so legally, without fear of reprisal and persecution, or the fear of losing the property where I was born and raised--where my grandmother lived and died, where my parents both lived, and where they both died in my arms.....where my son was born and raised.....my son who is now 27 years old.....my son who is at this exact moment of my writing this, is checked in as a patient Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital waiting to find out if he has a terminal illness--Specifically Multiple Sclerosis. With all due respect, I should not have to choose between following a poorly thought out law over the life of my Son.....and no one else should be asked to make that choice either.

Please due your elected duties and rescind Measure W immediately and replace it with a sound and reasonable ordinance.

Respectfully,



Mark Xavier Garcia

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

cc: CEO  
County Council

July 19, 2016

To: The Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
Nate Beason, Ed Scofield, Dan Miller, Hank Weston, and Richard Anderson  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

**RE: Opposition of the Interim Medical Marijuana Draft Ordinance and Demand for the Immediate Repeal of Measure W**

My name is Jaclyn Ellis. I am a registered Nevada County Voter, and I voted NO on Measure W, because, Not only did I feel this was a sneaky, underhanded maneuver by the current Board of Supervisors, to pass a poorly written, ill-considered measure without adequate public input, but also because I was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and rather than poisoning my body with toxic chemotherapy and burning my skin and damaging my DNA with high doses of radiation, I made the educated decision to put my life in the hands of local collectives that provide me with, FREE OF CHARGE, the CBD rich medication which is the only thing keeping my deadly disease at bay.....and so I say this with a heavy heart: You should be ashamed for failing to perform your duties as public officers and should be stripped of your authority to do any more damage to this community. I find it disturbing that the personal opinions of a City Councilwoman cause such a public outcry when the reality is that nobody died as a result of her colorful opinions. However your policies will *actually* cause people to die. If people like me cannot access their medicine legally and affordably, they *will* die, and now their blood will be on your hands. I cannot understand why this is not making national news as well. It should be. Perhaps someone will see to it that it does.

I truly, with all my soul, wanted to believe you, as elected public officials, would recognize and respect the political process and that you would do the honorable thing once faced with your own failure to incite the masses to pass something as mediocre as your defeated Measure W, but now it appears as if the Board is planning on going back on its word to repeal their sorry excuse for a legal measure, *even after* it is publicly broadcast ore' hill and dale that Measure W was unable to get the needed votes to support a poorly planned agenda. It is now well known that Measure W **Failed!!!** And with a resounding "**NO!**" the exceeding majority of our voting populace has made their position, and their desires clear as one voice, and yet our representatives have come back to our collective meetings to now tell us that your newly drafted ordinance will have done nothing to improve upon your last poorly written, uninformed initiative, and will in fact, be even worse than your original proposal, which was already so preposterous, I find it painful to believe that is even possible.....and although I am sure that this was your intent and that you are all somewhere now, even as I write this, smugly laughing behind your closed doors where you have already made up your minds whilst patting each other on the back for being so clever, I certainly wouldn't be Congratulating yourselves and popping the corks on those celebratory bottles of bubbly *just* yet, because you most certainly will NOT be receiving any accolades from anyone that I know of at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting, which I do indeed plan on attending on July 26. If you weren't trying to put half the county in jail and/or seize their property based on some new rules you just pulled out of thin air to try to make a buck, I might actually feel sorry for you--but considering the fact that you have already failed once at designing a progressive medical marijuana policy, and *also* considering that it now appears as though your second attempt is an even more *purposefully* miserable failure, and *also* considering your unwillingness to budge is now viewed as a direct insult to those who have spent their precious energy these last several months and years fighting for the inalienable rights and the very lives of their sick loved ones (not to mention an insult to all patients AND Non-patients alike), then one must *also* consider that the current set of circumstances we now find ourselves mired in, are the direct reflection and result of YOUR, the current Board of Supervisors', outright public refusal to listen to, and honor the wishes of the majority of those who voted you into office, and so I believe you will surely, eventually reap your just reward . As such it seems logical

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:19 PM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: please confirm receipt of Marijuana Ordinance Statement  
**Attachments:** BOS Final 21 JULY 2016.pdf

Dist 4 resident

From: "Silver Wings" <[REDACTED]>  
To: <[clerkofboard@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:clerkofboard@co.nevada.ca.us)>  
Subject: from Adora McNeil Statement regarding Medical Marijuana Ordinance  
Date: Thu, 21 Jul 2016 12:30:58 -0700

Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board County of Nevada County  
950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 200  
Nevada City, CA 95959  
(530) 265-1481  
[clerkofboard@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:clerkofboard@co.nevada.ca.us)

Dear Ms. Hunter, I have written a Statement for the Board of Supervisors. Please forward to all 5 District Supervisors. I need to know that you have received this electronic communication. I have attached my Statement in (2) ways: Pdf file and word document.

Thank you very much,  
Adora McNeil, [REDACTED] resident home-owner Disabled American Veteran

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a disabled US woman veteran, authorized by federal law to participate in my State approved Medical Marijuana Program. I am writing this Statement to urge your reconsideration of the County's Article 5. Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance. I implore you to heed our CA Constitutional requirement of impartial, non-partisan consideration for the majority of your voters, post Measure W's defeat. Disabled Veterans reside amongst your majority of voters, as do thousands of medically and financially challenged medical marijuana patients. Your MJ Ordinance must recognize this demographic population! The Compassionate Use Act of 1996 is a positive law which not only defends the seriously and critically ill from legal prosecution, but also provides for the safe and affordable access, consumption and cultivation of medical marijuana. Your medically disabled voters need not seek the Board of Supervisor's permission to consume and cultivate medical marijuana when California law provides that legal right. Your responsibility is to uphold your Oath of Office to support our legal and civil rights. Do craft an Ordinance which provides for the greatest civil liberties that Americans are guaranteed. Do craft an Ordinance that protects the sick and needy from unnecessary arrests, fines and civil asset forfeiture of their homes and property. Do craft an Ordinance that carefully considers precedent law, See People v. Kelly (2008) 47 Cal.4th 1008, 1043, 1049. For the more financially able and ambitious members of our community, there exists the lawful opportunity to cultivate medical marijuana on a commercial basis. California provides legal pathways thru local permits and state licensing found in the MMRSA. You must also consider this voter demographic when crafting an Ordinance. The opportunity exists for our men and women to engage in regulated commerce, sanctioned by state law. Let these men and women work! To deny their labor constitutes a terrible breach in our Constitution. To deny the opportunity to become legitimate businessmen and women is to deny the rights that your Veterans have fought and died to secure.

Respectfully,

Adora McNeil, 21 July 2016

Penn Valley, CA resident-homeowner

Sergeant, USAF 1980-1986

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:12 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Brian/Michele Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 1:47 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Cannabis

Hello, thank you for reading my email. My son age 24 is totally disabled. He suffers with life threatening seizures, he is tube fed, legally blind and 24/7 care. He has been fed Cannabis through his feeding tube made into a tincture for almost three years now. His seizures have decreased from 8 a day to 1 or 0. He is now able to see because the cannabis takes the pressure off of the optic nerves. I am a mother trying to save my son's life. We exhausted all the pharmaceuticals with not one working for him. Instead of having my son's brain cut out we elected to try Cannabis. He's alive and has not only had a major decrease in seizures, his cognitive ability has gone from age 6 months to a 4 year old. Cannabis is saving our son's life. His doctor's are amazed at his progress. I think it is very important for you to know that not everyone that uses Cannabis is a criminal. Not everyone that grows is a bad person. Not everyone uses it to get high. If you had a loved one who was dying what would you do? Please think about my story as you make your decision regarding Cannabis. I love my son and he has educated so many people about what Cannabis has done for him. My son cannot talk or walk but his presence speaks volumes. He's alive because of a plant.

Thank you for your time,

Michele Smith

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:19 AM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Interim Marijuana Ordinance  
**Attachments:** Board of Supervisors\_Nevada County\_Letter-July 24.pdf

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 5:42 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors; Dan Miller; Nate Beason; Ed Scofield; Hank Weston; Richard Anderson; Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** Interim Marijuana Ordinance

Dear Placer County Board of Supervisors,

Please see the attached letter from your community concerning the Interim Nevada County marijuana ordinance item on your agenda for Tuesday, July 26th. We appreciate you addressing this important matter for Nevada County and its communities.

Kind Regards,

### **PROTECT PLACER Coalition Against Commercial Marijuana**

A coalition of residents, parents, educators, firefighters, law enforcement, business owners, environmental conservationists, and community leaders in Placer and Nevada Counties

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# PROTECT PLACER Coalition Against Commercial Marijuana

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July 24, 2016

Placer County Board of Supervisors:

The Protect Placer Coalition Against Commercial Marijuana is a group of Placer and Nevada County residents and organizations opposed to the intensification of a legalized commercial marijuana industry. Our mission is to inform and protect the communities and resources of Nevada County and preserve our exceptional community culture, our public health and safety and our valuable environmental resources. Our coalition was formed because of substantial community opposition to commercial marijuana production from parents, educators, law enforcement, firefighters, community leaders, business owners, and youth organizations.

We understand that Nevada County needs an ordinance to clarify marijuana policy in the wake of Measure W, and we believe the proposed Urgency Ordinance more than meets the interim needs of cultivators. We are deeply concerned about establishing any more permissive ordinance that will increase the already prolific marijuana production in Nevada County, or the immediate conversion of forest and land resources, the impacts of which are largely unknown and will likely include many negative results as evidenced by other communities that have experienced increased marijuana production. Specifically, as interim and ultimate ordinances are considered by the Board, our concerns are as follows:

- Nevada County would be among the first few California's counties to "jump in with both feet" to legalized commercial marijuana production when so little precedent has been set, and when there are many consequences we cannot predict. Our concern is not centered on personal medical marijuana use. We are gravely concerned, however, about growing an excessive legal commercial marijuana industry in our exceptional county.
- There is very clear evidence from other counties in California, as well as counties outside of California, that the following three things happen when commercial marijuana is allowed to increase:
  1. The number of marijuana grows increase;
  2. The size of marijuana grows increase;
  3. The number of illegal, existing grows, does not decrease
  4. Access by local youth increases
- Regardless of potential rules for permitting commercial production, marijuana is still a federally controlled Schedule 1 drug. With other examples in California to learn from, it is clear that commercial marijuana production would foster more illegal drug trade in Nevada County that includes much "harder" drugs. This kind of industry draws people from outside our county who are willing to break the law. This has been evidenced in other areas and is already happening in



Nevada County as parties across the country seek to descend on Nevada County and increase marijuana cultivation. There is not a shortage of medical marijuana in California, and additional production in Nevada County would simply fuel illegal trade and drug cartels.

- Those that are growing illegally will likely continue to do so, as there is little incentive for them to come “out of the shadows.” Examples elsewhere have shown illegal production does not decrease when permissive cultivation rules are adopted. A permissive or unclear ordinance will increase marijuana production in our county and the detrimental effects, including increased youth access and use, increased crime, and increased DUI accidents, only making Nevada County less attractive to the families and businesses we want to attract and keep here!
- There is increasing documentation about the unanticipated negative impacts of various loosening marijuana restrictions, including increases in homelessness and burdens on medical emergency facilities. Black market sales also increase when marijuana prices increase because of taxation, as it can be purchased cheaper illegally, further driving illegal drug circles. Nevada County must consider these costs and potential ways to offset them as a part of any ordinance permitting commercial cultivation.
- Marijuana production has highly detrimental impacts on our natural resources, forest and watersheds. The concept of setbacks and limited production on larger parcels still creates a web of non-point source pollution and irrevocable damage to forest lands. Considerable thought should be given to zoning requirements for any commercial cultivation, avoiding residential and rural residential areas when you exposure is greatest and also avoiding productive forest lands where development puts those resources at risk for erosion, pollution and wildfire in remote areas that are the most difficult to respond to in emergencies.
- Even if recreational marijuana is legalized in the November election, the issue of growing and distributing in Nevada County is an entirely different one. The California Use of Marijuana Act (Parker Initiative) that will be on the state ballot in November still allows for counties and other jurisdictions to decide how they want to approach marijuana operations. Limiting them in Nevada County now will prepare Nevada County regardless of the November election outcomes.
- Marijuana produced commercially in our county will necessarily need to be transported out of it, across county lines and jurisdictions that have either banned marijuana production or otherwise have different regulations. We would therefore be creating more illegal activity in our state, and particularly in areas proximate to our county. Because of the patchwork nature of marijuana laws in our country and state, Nevada County would, without doubt, become a target or major center for drug trade if permissive laws are established
- The following problems and complaints have been associated with marijuana production:
  - Drug trafficking organizations
  - Home invasions/burglary
  - Increase marijuana production
  - Aggressive dogs
  - Watershed erosion/pollution
  - Increased traffic
  - Butane honey oil labs
  - Nuisance complaints (smell)
  - Dead or sick animals
  - Wildfires

The ultimate ordinance should seek to address all of these issues in ways that are clear to residents and code and law enforcement personnel with clear and swift penalties for those that choose to break the rules.

Our Coalition believes a Nevada County marijuana ordinance should be developed to:

- **Ban marijuana dispensaries mobile and stationary**
- **Avoid all cultivation in all residential and rural residential zones**
- **Limit indoor cultivation by plant number, square footage, and height in permanent, permitted structures properly ventilated to prevent public nuisance and secured to prevent youth access and theft**
- **Limit outdoor production in ways that encourage indoor production, which is more secure and less impactful on environmental resources.**
- **Avoid all cultivation in important resource areas that could be dramatically and negatively impacted through forest conversions and other impacts in remote resource areas.**
- **Require adherence to current state and local laws with regard to land use and forest conversion.**
- **Consider limits on commercial cultivation permits to protect local growers and avoid significant increases in commercial cultivation and expansion from outside interests that do not have Nevada County's best interest in mind**
- **Seek clear and consistent rules in order to avoid confusion and create clarity for code and law enforcement.**

An ordinance, including these provisions, must be protective of our public health and safety, our natural resources, and our children and education systems. Thank you sincerely for your attention to this important issue. We appreciate your efforts and urge you to protect Nevada County's character, communities, and resources.



**PROTECT PLACER Coalition Against Commercial Marijuana**

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**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:20 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Setbacks  
**Attachments:** 300ft2.jpg

Identity of sender unknown

**From:** Freedom Grower [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 6:19 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Setbacks

This is where you could grow on a 10 acre square ... I can't not grow one plant on my 13 acre rectangle ... This looks to be of design to be more restrictive than measure W while appearing to honor your moral obligation ...

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:39 AM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: stakeholders ordinance

**From:** oz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 23, 2016 4:27 PM  
**To:** Dan Miller; Ed Scofield; Hank Weston; Nate Beason; Richard Anderson  
**Subject:** stakeholders ordinance

Please adopt the temporary ordinance that the stakeholders group proposed. It is better for the people than the one the board proposes.

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All's Well in the Land of OZ

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:29 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Medical Cannabis Patient

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**From:** Theresia Heinzle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 4:42 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Medical Cannabis Patient

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing this letter to state my opposition to the County's proposed interim ordinance. I urge you to rescind Measure W and Ordinance #2405, implement the Stakeholder's recommendations, and immediately convene an expanded, balanced committee to craft a permanent ordinance that creates a path for licensed, commercial production.

On June 7th, the Board of Supervisors asked voters in part, "Shall an ordinance be adopted which bans outdoor cultivation, commercial cultivation and other commercial cannabis activities." Nevada County voters rejected this proposal by 20 points. The proposed interim ordinance is even more restrictive than the existing ban that was voted down through Measure W. Please honor our vote and adopt the Stakeholder's recommendations. The patients of Nevada County deserve safe access to their medicine.

I am a medical cannabis patient with a condition called lymphedema. High CBD tinctures are helpful in preventing debilitating inflammation, but juiced raw cannabis is even more effective. Significantly large quantities of fresh cannabis plants are required for this regimen (one to two ounces per juicing) which does not have psychoactive effects since THC only becomes psychoactive once dried. My husband uses high CBD tincture for pain management. He suffers from chronic pain in his upper spinal cord caused by a motorcycle accident over two decades ago. He is able to lead a productive life with the aid of this non-psychoactive and non-addictive CBD medication which was not the case with pharmaceuticals like opiates. Going to Roseville or Sacramento to purchase tinctures is a time constraint and too costly. We need to be able to get our medicine locally.

Please shift your focus from futile attempts at prohibition, and embrace this large part of our local economy through licensing and regulation. It is the will of the voters and the desire of the many patients who benefit from this medicine.

Thanks for your time.

Theresia Heinzle Evans

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Eve Diamond  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 8:23 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Subject:** FW: Preview of my comments to the Board  
**Attachments:** BoS comments, 72616.pdf

**From:** Patricia Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 6:00 PM  
**To:** Eve Diamond  
**Subject:** Preview of my comments to the Board

Gentlemen,

I thought I'd take a last stab at stating my case before the vote on Tuesday. I urge you to reconsider your stance on this Interim Ordinance. If you can't see your way clear to pass the Stakeholders' recommendations, please consider reverting to Ord. #2349 while we work out the permanent ordinance.

I have attached my prepared statement to the Board for you to review that might add some food for thought. If I sometimes come off as unrelenting, it's just my passion because while others are fighting for their livelihoods, I am fighting for patients' lives.

Patricia Smith  
Nevada County Chair  
Americans for Safe Access

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over, but expecting different results. This Interim Ordinance fits that definition to a T. By your own admissions, the tactics used in the past to control cannabis cultivation have failed and this interim ordinance doubles down on failed policy.

Given the opportunity, most people want to be compliant, but they need you to provide them a pathway by giving them an ordinance that isn't full of poison pills. It's time for a new approach that provides solutions rather than one that creates new problems.

The Stakeholders' have offered solutions based on data obtained from meetings with opposition groups to listen to their concerns. We have conducted surveys, online polls, circulated form letters, and quizzed our members to get a clear idea of how the community wants cannabis regulated. Has the County done any research outside of their bubble to determine what their constituents want?

The Board passed a Resolution of actions they would take if W failed. It read:

"If the Ballot Measure is not approved by a majority of the registered voters voting on the measure, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors **to reject the Ballot Measure, to repeal the ban on outdoor cultivation of marijuana** and to consider and adopt other outdoor regulations at the next available meeting after the results of the election have been certified by the County Elections Official."

Although the County may have met the letter of the law, they have not met the spirit of the law.

When asked if there were plans to implement a fine structure during the Measure W campaign, we were told that no plans were in place to levy fines against cultivation.

Turns out, this was the MO the whole time. This Interim Ordinance contains three pages outlining cultivation, but dedicates 9 pages to fines and enforcement. I believe any fines on this magnitude should be put off

until a permanent ordinance that encourages compliance is in place - or you should place this issue on the ballot and let the people decide if these fines are reasonable like we do with tax increases.

My biggest objection to this Interim Ordinance is that it does not repeal the ban as promised because more people are prohibited from growing now than they were under Measure W. This ordinance bans cultivation in all Residential neighborhoods, when before W, everyone could grow 12 plants indoors or in a greenhouse. This will primarily hurt low-income patients who tend to live in apartments or mobile homes; or the elderly, especially those in convalescent homes and retirement communities.

The Stakeholders' agreed to ban or restrict outdoor cultivation in residential neighborhoods if Collectives on larger AG parcels could grow for those patients, but the offsets are not equal when ResAG lots need 10 acres, and AG parcels require over 5 acres before you can grow anything outdoors.

As if this wasn't bad enough, there are **deceitful poison pills** that make compliance impossible because the **setbacks from property lines meet or overlap** making it illegal to grow virtually anywhere. I live on a typical 10 acre parcel that measures 1100' by 400' and the 200 foot setbacks would meet in the middle on my property leaving exactly nowhere to grow 12 plants for myself and Silas Hurd.

Although you say you want to make sure patients can get their medicine, your actions do the opposite. You have banned the most needy patients from being able to grow their own medicine, you've banned collectives from being able to grow for them, and you've banned dispensaries from being able to provide medicine. I'm sorry, but this ordinance is a farce.

The **fines** you are imposing are **exorbitant and discriminatory** when they are not coupled with an ordinance that supports compliance. Anyone, anytime, anywhere who cultivates cannabis could fall into this financial quagmire.

I'd like to remind you that this Board has passed regulations without giving consideration to the hardships they impose on low income patients. In 2012, patients were required to **install professional fences** with a locking



gate, then you banned outdoor cultivation making those fences unnecessary. In January, you decreed that only indoor cultivation would be allowed requiring patients to purchase **expensive lighting systems**. A mere six months later, you ban indoor cultivation in residential neighborhoods and you also required **professional nursery-style greenhouses** to grow 12 plants outdoors, which are no longer necessary. Can you imagine the frustration of patients just trying to comply with your rules?

What this all comes down to is, how will this Board chose to govern? Will you help your constituents come into compliance or will you create more obstacles to ensure they can't?

The political winds have shifted in Nevada County and I hope you gentlemen will change with the times. For now, I urge you to reject this flawed ordinance, adopt the stakeholder's recommendations and convene a committee to start work on a comprehensive permanent ordinance that encourages compliance.

## Lelia Loomis

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Measure W & #2405

cc: CEO  
Counsel

District Undetermined

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**From:** Joe Bago [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 10:00 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Measure W & #2405

Dear Supervisors, It is with much regret I have to write this letter to you. I bet you do not even read it but I must write despite. I find your position short sighted and out of touch with the residents of Nevada county.

I find it mind boggling that you fail to do work required to find middle ground as requested by the voters of Nevada County. On June 7th the voters of the county turned out in record numbers for a primary election specifically to make a statement to your tyranny. The point was "Shall a Ban be adopted which bans outdoor, commercial cultivation and other commercial cannabis activities" by a margin of over 20% the people said NO. I bet you thought you could sneak it through in a primary election as normally few vote in primaries.

I am a cancer patient and I have been to the various public meetings you have held at the Nevada County government office.. The overwhelming support against your "I know better" decisions and always enacting ordinances by emergency action is just wrong. I have to drive 110 miles round trip to buy the only medicine that prevents me from having to sleep on the bathroom floor after chemo in another city.

You should be ashamed of yourself's to conspire against the majority of peoples in Nevada county. The voter turn out is "A fluke" you say, really??

I implore you to craft a sensible ordnance to satisfy the majority's wishes. Look to Calaveras County as example. By permitting agriculture operations in a sensible way they have pulled in millions just in application fee's. We can use this opportunity to fall in line with state law and keep the money here in Nevada county and do something for our youth. Keep it out of the city's, Lake of the Pines, Alta Sierra, Wildwood have home owners associations. They can rule themselves.

To add I have lived in here in Nevada county for 9 years and each time you violate our rights my home value decreases.

I implore you to appoint impartial representatives to craft rules and due work required as we the people pay you the salary and other per diem perks.. Mr Beason and Mr Weston have no place based on your on the record verbal comments. One has already lost his seat and is a lame duck.

Jon Vanderclute  
A registered Republican & Conservative living in Nevada County

## Lelia Loomis

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Fail, fail and fail again

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**From:** Hank Weston  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 9:22 PM  
**To:** Amanda Uhrhammer  
**Cc:** Nate Beason; Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Fail, fail and fail again

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**From:** Barbara Jones <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 7:44 PM  
**To:** Hank Weston; Dan Miller; Ed Scofield  
**Subject:** Fail, fail and fail again

You have disappointed , lied to , and let down the majority of Nevada County voters....AGAIN....and I will sound negative about it because your actions are negative and intolerable. I am so angry with your lack of integrity and your failure to live up to your word....let's not forget you have ignored the word of the very voters that pay your salary. The grand jury report that pointed out the failures of the BOS is reinforced by your failure to respect your constituents. Why do you waste our time....asking for public input you ignore, create an expensive election that you ignore the results of (and stop with the fraud comments.....you were wrong about how you thought the community would vote....your slanderous remarks about this make you look ridiculous.) You agreed to work with stakeholder and AGAIN ignored the will of the voters. Maybe you find failure acceptable....I do not and if I had an employee with a history rich in failure, I would have to fire them for incompetence. I do not think you need to fail OR be incompetent...I think all you need to do is stop making this a PERSONAL issue and start respecting the majority of the community. I wish I didn't have to nag you (as I would other employees) to do the job you took an oath to do but you leave me with no options. The public will be out in full force on Tuesday....but I'm sure you'll ignore them again. I am sickened by the waste of time and energy you encourage.

## Lelia Loomis

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green  
**Subject:** FW: Extremely Disappointed in Draft Ordinance

District Undetermined

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**From:** Richard Anderson  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 6:37 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** Fwd: Extremely Disappointed in Draft Ordinance

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Max Rudsten <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** July 21, 2016, 2:41:46 PM PDT  
**To:** <[richard.anderson@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:richard.anderson@co.nevada.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** **Extremely Disappointed in Draft Ordinance**

Supervisor Anderson,

I voted no on Measure W, and DO NOT SUPPORT a ban on cannabis cultivation, outdoors or indoors.

Like most people in this county and in my community, I support intelligent, transparent, collaborative governance. When Measure W failed, I assumed the BOS would keep their promise rescind it, and to convene a meeting of local stakeholders to re-write a more enforceable, practical, and fair set of cannabis regulations. It appears you have not done this. The draft that was released today draws an even larger line in the sand and for that I am saddened.

Please, honor your promise. The county needs the BOS to focus on public lands destruction, the meth and opioid epidemics, fire prevention, preserving open space and other issues far more important than banning cannabis.

I would rather have a good ordinance fail than a bad one succeed. The people spoke and it's time for you to listen. A well-thought out regulatory framework will pave the way for a better future for all of us. Please do the right thing by putting an ordinance in place the follows that of MMRSA which was passed in the State thanks to a variety of invested stakeholders.

Max