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First of all, I would like you to share this with every board of supervisor member, thank you.

I am writing this in response to the January 10 board of supervisors meeting in connection with the cannabis referendum that is up for vote. I live in [REDACTED], which is a private road neighborhood. Our CC and Rs say single-family dwellings and we pay for our own roads. The board of supervisors have allowed commercial cannabis farms to be in our area because we are zoned ag. It is also a desirable area because it has larger partials and NID water. This has impacted our roads and our way of life greatly. If the cannabis farmers are allowed to manufacture and to sell with a storefront on their property that will increase our traffic tremendously. Commercial businesses should be in commercial areas. Manufacturing and distribution of cannabis is a commercial business. It does not belong in neighborhoods where people live. I feel this is really an unacceptable situation that you are putting me along with my neighbors in. This is where we live day in and day out and to be having storefront commercial businesses is unacceptable in my opinion.

One other issue is that if the cannabis farms aren't making the amounts that they think they should, growing more won't help, hence the expansion of grow areas being a bad idea.

A question I have for the Board of Supervisors is, how much income are these businesses really bringing into Nevada County. I for one would like to see the hard net dollars associated with these businesses.

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From: [Sebastian Gotla](#)
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January 8, 2023

Board of Supervisors
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Sent via email: BOS.publiccomment@nevadacountyca.gov

Good Day Supervisors,

My name is Sebastian Gotla and I have had the great pleasure of growing up here in Nevada County and having called Nevada City home for well over 30 years. I'm the owner and operator of [REDACTED], a medicinally minded Cannabis farm just a few miles from here on the outskirts of town. Our small 5,000 sq. ft Sun Grown farm takes great pride in cultivating plants that help improve the quality of people's lives. We've recently become OCal certified, which is the California Department of Food and Agriculture's comparable to Organic Standards certification.

Being a Nevada County native licensed cannabis farmer, it is important to me that cannabis - just as any industry operating here, treads a light footprint and does not have a significant impact on our community. I encourage this board and county staff to continue working with stakeholders of the cannabis community, and concerned or frustrated neighbors to find simple solutions to concerns as they arise.

As you've heard in today's presentation, the licensed and permitted Cannabis Community is asking for your support in approving these practical and common-sense updates to the current cannabis ordinance. Nevada County has chosen to regulate cannabis farming and incorporate our crop as one of the county's economic drivers. When the ordinance was approved in 2019, it was with the understanding that it was not final and that additional license types and amendments were going to be made over time. And now, with changes to the ordinance in front of you, is the time. The county has invested significant resources to build a cannabis program and the proposed ordinance amendments would provide us the tools to create sustainable business models. I'm here today to help voice this support on behalf of not only my farm, but other local family farms as well. I'd like to specifically address item # 5, to Allow a percentage of the Support Area to be used for Mature Canopy Growth.

The support area of our farm has already been approved by a number of agencies including the CDFW, The

State Waterboard, DCC and the Nevada County CDA for cultivation and has been in use now for over 4 years - since we were originally permitted in 2019. We are simply asking to cultivate mature plants in these areas, rather than only immature plants. There wouldn't be any additional impacts to our farm, to our land, or to our neighborhood. The infrastructure is already permitted and in place. The simple difference is allowing flowering plants vs non flowering plants. This is a straightforward ask that would enable us to increase our on farm efficiency within our current business model.

If we're allowed to use the immature canopy area for mature plant cultivation, we'd be able to increase our farms productivity by up to an additional 49%. The additional increase in production could potentially add an additional \$150,000 in revenue to our business, which then immediately trickles down into our local community. This additional revenue would increase the salaries of our farms 3 employees, it would increase the salaries of the local farm labor contractor we hire, and it could also add an additional \$3800 annually to the local county cannabis tax, to which Foothill River Farms already pays around \$10,000 annually.

Please help support our businesses by adopting the proposed ordinance changes, and to allow a percentage of the Support Area to be used for Mature Canopy Growth.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sebastian Gotla



January 10, 2023

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

My name is Lex Corwin and I own and operate a farm called [REDACTED]. We are a licensed 10k sqft farm on a 57-acre plot. I am a member of the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance and am represented by Supervisors Bullock on the board. I am here today to register my support for the adoption of the cannabis ordinance on Jan 10th. The most important proposed ordinance change, to me personally, is the expansion of canopy size for farms on large parcels over 50 acres. I feel this incremental and reasonable increase will help my business as currently we only grow between 20-30% of our required biomass for my brand, Stone Road. We are a medium-sized brand that is based here in CA and sold in over 300 stores. Keeping more business in the county will employ more local workers and add additional tax revenue for the county.

In 2016, at 23 years old, I started my cannabis business here in Nevada County. Since then, we have expanded operations in other states such as Michigan, Massachusetts, and Oklahoma. We are currently working on expansion in New Mexico and NY as well. As a queer led business, we have gained traction for the founding farm values of organic and small-batch which were established here in Nevada County.

The canopy expansion is important to the growth of my business as the more flower I am able to grow in the county the more jobs I can create in both cultivation and manufacturing and the more tax revenue I can generate for our local community. Seeing that our acreage requirements are still among the most conservative in the state - I think it is a reasonable ask for this increase.

I would also like to register my support for grandfathering in the setback requirements for existing farms. We have spent over a million dollars on our design and build out and these new setbacks would be a detrimental blow to our businesses.

I would also like to register my support for allowing a percentage of support area to be used for additional mature canopy. While I am grateful for the generous amount of support area allowed in the current regs - giving farmers the option to best allocate their square footage will allow them to best optimize their business.

I thank the board for their time and invite all of you to come to tour my farm anytime this Spring or Summer. I'd love to show you how we are stewards of the land and preserving it for future generations.

Lex Corwin