

THE BYRNE COMPANIES

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Ms. Julie Patterson-Hunter  
Clerk of the Board  
950 Maidu Ave.  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Via E-mail

Re: Application of Rich Johansen for Planning Commissioner, District IV

Dear Julie,

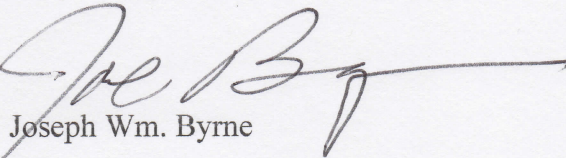
It is my pleasure to recommend Rich Johansen for the position of Commissioner on the Nevada County Planning Commission for District IV.

Rich has been an organic farmer in Nevada and Glenn Counties for a number of years. By definition, an organic farmer has to respect and nurture the Earth, knowing the benefits from utilizing it correctly and the dangers for abusing it. Rich can bring this background to the Commission as he reviews land use decisions.

Rich has also been involved in numerous community activities over the years, in particular focusing on agriculture and conservation. He is a long time member of the County Agriculture Commission, a founder of Nevada County Grown and served on the Community Task Force to assist the Board in developing its Cannabis ordinance. Additionally, like myself, Rich was a long term Board Member and is a Past President of the Nevada County Land trust (now the Bear Yuba Land Trust).

I am confident that Rich will bring the same level of engagement and fairness to the Planning Commission as he has in the past to his work and volunteer positions. I believe that he is an outstanding appointment. Feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Joseph Wm. Byrne

CC: Rich Johansen  
Sue Hoek