

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:47 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Cannabis Licensure

Dist 1 resident

From: Heidi Hall
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:40 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: FW: Cannabis Licensure

From: Tina Hylton [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 12:29 AM
To: Heidi Hall <Heidi.Hall@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Cannabis Licensure

Greetings Heidi,

I wanted to send you a personal email as you are my supervisor in District 1. I actually just moved to Nevada City proper, after living on acreage in Nevada County for over a decade, on the outskirts of town, Grass Valley and Rough and Ready.

Although I am no longer involved with the cannabis industry, I feel it vitally important for our legislators to understand the impact that the licensing will have upon our community. We are at a transitional moment, where the industry is changing drastically, and the need for proper cultivation protections and dispensary arrangements must be in place.

I want to encourage the Board of Supervisors to vote in order to protect our local farmers, business leaders, and investors who have been working hard to comply with the local ordinances and meet the requirements necessary for our residents and tourists to have safe and legal access to their cannabis needs. I am strongly requesting that the businesses up for cannabis licensure are guaranteed the follow through, respect and support of our county officials so they may conduct professional business for the needs of our community.

It is absolutely necessary that we recognize the majority of our demographics in Nevada County are in favor of cultivation and dispensing of cannabis.

Thank you so much for your time and for serving our community.

Christina Hylton

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:58 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Mali Dyck; Sean Powers
Subject: FW: Cannabis Businesses

Dist 1

From: Kristin Welch [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:27 AM
To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>; [REDACTED] Evans Phelps
[REDACTED] Ed Scofield <Ed.Scofield@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Cannabis Businesses

To the Nevada City Council and the Nevada County Board of Supervisors,
Again, I write to you to express my support for the permitted Cannabis businesses in our town and county. The future is now in the cannabis industry. As a Broad St. merchant, I have clearly seen the positive effects of the industry on my business. I know there are many responsible, engaged, community members who are ready and waiting for the opportunity to become legitimate, license holders so they can participate in this thriving industry and continue giving back to their community. I believe our town is on the brink of an exciting tourism explosion with the Arts Cultural District designation, the new ownership of the National Hotel, the exposure in publications such as Sunset Magazine, and more. The licensing of Cannabis businesses is another wise and progressive way to move forward with the times and stay engaged in the industry that California has been a leader in for decades. I urge you to not get dragged down by the fear and misinformation of those who choose to hang on to the "reefer madness" mentality. There has been so much time and energy devoted to working together to find thoughtful paths forward so we don't "miss the boat" financially as a community and leave the people with positive intentions no way forward, thereby forcing the illegal activities to continue. The licensing of dispensaries and other brick and mortar cannabis businesses with well thought out business plans is a great way to re-educate the public. I urge you to embrace the cannabis industry and help set forth the guidelines, regulations and standards which will shed light on all the positive aspects of the industry and forge a new and exciting reputation for both the plant and our community!

Sincerely and with respect,

Kristin Welch, owner

Mama Madrone's eco-emporium

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Kristin Welch, *proprietor*
Mama Madrone's
eco-emporium
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:02 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Today's Meeting

Dist 1 resident

From: Heidi Hall
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:39 PM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: FW: Today's Meeting

From: brandy reaves [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:37 AM
To: Heidi Hall <Heidi.Hall@co.nevada.ca.us>
Cc: Ed Scofield <Ed.Scofield@co.nevada.ca.us>; Hank Weston <Hank.Weston@co.nevada.ca.us>; Richard Anderson <Richard.Anderson@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Today's Meeting

To the Board,

My name is Brandy Reaves and I have been a Nevada County resident since 1989. I currently reside in District 1 where I have owned a home for 14 years and where all three of my children attend the local public schools.

Although I am not personally seeking a cultivation permit, I am aware of the impact that the marijuana industry has on our community and am saddened and nervous at the prospect of losing an industry that has, in many ways kept our community thriving while so many others have suffered.

I understand the residential communities who are adamant that cannabis is a nuisance. I understand the concerns that NID has about water consumption and run off, etc. I also understand that eliminating the farmers that WANT to work in a regulated environment and who WANT to build their businesses in Nevada County, will NOT eliminate the "dead skunk smell" or unregulated water usage, it will only force them to relocate while the unregulated farmers continue to operate as they have for decades.

We MUST allow those who want to operate legitimately and within regulation to do so. We MUST allow all types of permits WITHOUT placing a limit on how many can be issued. We should be encouraging EVERYONE who wants to cultivate within the parameters of a license to do so, as THOSE are the farms who will be operating on appropriate parcels with proper zoning, NOT in Alta Sierra or Lake Wildwood or next to our schools or churches.

Our community cannot afford to lose these farms and brands whom support our local economy in SO many ways.

I encourage you to be part of the change that will launch Nevada County into the new age of a regulated and sustainable cannabis culture rather than force us back into the dark age of prohibition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brandy Reaves

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:29 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Subject: FW: Cannabis issue

Dist 1 business owner

From: Bernadette Taplin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:16 PM
To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ed Scofield <Ed.Scofield@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Cannabis issue

To Nevada City Council,

I own Mana Beads in Nevada City. I support the regulated Cannabis businesses who established their companies in Nevada City and Nevada County. The Cannabis Industry is a part of many of my customer's, interest, income and trade. The economy created by the cannabis industry feeds the local downtown merchants' stores and restaurants. The cannabis industry solidly supports so many people who suffer debilitating pain and suffering. I sell CBD in my shop, it warms my heart to be part of relieving unnecessary suffering in our community and beyond.

Cannabis is not an evil drug. Yes, it is abused just like many drugs, but lets not loose sight of all the good it can do for a plethora of people in great need. It is timely to give choices to people, since the pharmaceutical industry is spiraling out of control- out of the reach due to cost for so many. Lets do the compassionate thing and leave options open for everyone. Just because it might not be in your medicine cabinet, doesn't mean it doesn't work for others. We have to respectfully honor individuals choices concerning their healthcare.

I have visited other States that have legalized cannabis. People are not running amuck on the streets, you don't see people in the streets smoking cannabis, life carries on as normal. Dispensaries carefully monitor their employees, the businesses are well maintained, they are run like any other regulated business - even more focused than liquor stores! You see people bring kids into liquor stores, but never into a dispensary. That should give us all pause. Dispensaries take their responsibility to the community seriously. They generate much needed tax revenue, volunteer in their community, and are your neighbors. I encourage you to listen to the representatives of the local cannabis industry. They are moving ahead and doing their part to do the right thing for our community in a safe, legal and responsible way. They aren't supporting the Black Market that has driven cannabis for decades prior to state wide legalization.

I am in favor of regulation and in support of a regulated Nevada City Cannabis companies with diverse license types in areas that are not frequented by children. Please share this letter to your constituents and make a note, local store owners are in support of the regulated Cannabis shops in Nevada City, and Nevada County.

Thank you for your consideration,
Bernadette Taplin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Street
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

No trees were killed in the sending of this message, but a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced.

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:46 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Cannabis Cultivation

Dist 1

From: Heidi Hall
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:38 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Fwd: Cannabis Cultivation

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Ave Guevara [REDACTED]
Date: 2/14/18 7:35 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Heidi Hall <Heidi.Hall@co.nevada.ca.us>
Cc: Ed Scofield <Ed.Scofield@co.nevada.ca.us>, Hank Weston <Hank.Weston@co.nevada.ca.us>, Richard Anderson <Richard.Anderson@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Cannabis Cultivation

To the Board,

As a Nevada County resident since 1989 and currently residing in the District 1 where I have owned a home for 14 years, my 2 daughters have graduated from local public schools, attended Charter schools and now my 5 grandchildren attend local public schools and participate in various sports activities.

I understand the residential communities who are adamant that cannabis is a nuisance, and in some cases this is a very valid stance. I also understand the concerns voiced by NID regarding water consumption and run off. All these considerations need to be addressed along with an outline of working together, not fighting against the wave of the future. The cannabis industry for medical use IS the wave of the future. It is as vital as growing organic foods for those who value good health and alternative medical options.

Having worked for the local family owned Weiss Brothers Nursery for several years, and still doing business with them, both the owners and myself, in our discussion of local farms operating within the appropriate zoning and guidelines agree that this industry has saved our community during the times of economic downturns. Emil Baldoni has told me that the farmer clientele that do business with Weiss are a wonderful, respectful, educated and a vital part of our community that he is pleased to do business with, and if not for this customer base, "Weiss would have closed down years ago".

This is a huge statement, and one that reflects the reality of many local, small businesses which are the bread and butter of our entire community.

We must therefore, have our county be a leader on this issue, and although I am not seeking a permit or am a

farmer, we must allow those who are in compliance who are small farms to cultivate within these parameters. I am saddened and appalled at the thought that this opportunity for Nevada County to lead and hold the torch of working together is threatened and would force us into the dark age of prohibition regarding the Cannabis Industry. Let us move forward and work together.

Ave Guevara
EMPOWER YOUR LIFE



Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:49 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Permits

Dist 1

From: Heidi Hall
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:37 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Fwd: Permits

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: JDennis [REDACTED]
Date: 2/14/18 7:35 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Heidi Hall <Heidi.Hall@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Permits

Dear Heidi,

I am a Nevada City resident, homeowner and business owner.

Because of the positive impact the cannabis industry has already had on our community, (increased tourism and money spent in our local businesses), I am in favor of commercial cannabis permits.

While the perception (I don't know the stats) is that crime has increased in our town I believe it's not coming from people smoking pot.

Methamphetamine and alcohol abuse seem to be the bigger problem. People smoking pot get the munchies and then spend even more money in our town's restaurants and markets.

I see it as a win-win for Nevada City!

Best regards,

Julie Dennis Fox
Natural Community Review, LLC
[REDACTED]
Nevada City, CA U.S.A.
[REDACTED]

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:17 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: The Phoenix Rose plea for new regulated Cannabis businesses in our town

Dist 1

From: Isaac Rappaport [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>](mailto:bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us)
Subject: The Phoenix Rose plea for new regulated Cannabis businesses in our town

To Nevada City Council,

Greetings, I am a downtown merchant who owns The Phoenix Rose [REDACTED] in downtown Nevada City. We have been in business in Nevada City for 5.5 years and employ 3 employees besides my wife and myself. We also own a warehouse/distribution facility for our clothing which is located in Grass Valley. I am feeling to contact you and speak on behalf of my shop and my company. I am greatly in favor of the regulated Cannabis businesses establishing their companies in Nevada City, as well as Nevada County at large. The Cannabis Industry is a part of many of my clientele's income and trade. We cater primarily to the local residents of this county and see a significant ebb and flow in the local economy based on this emerging industry. The economy created by this industry feeds the local downtown merchants' stores and restaurants, as well as alleviates pains from neighbors and friends. I am in favor of regulation and in support of regulated Nevada City Cannabis companies with diverse license types. Please share this letter to your constituents and make a note, local store owners are in SUPPORT of the regulated Cannabis shops in Nevada City, and Nevada County at large.

This is a crucial time for us all to get behind this sort of legislation and regulation and turn it to the benefit of our local economy. In general we are seeing challenging financial times within our community and beyond, and so we hope that decisions will be made based on the well being of the local economy with a growth mindset paving the way to a flourishing economy.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Isaac Rappaport
Jessica Bottomley
Owners/Designers
The Phoenix Rose
[REDACTED]

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:15 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Cannabis Ordinance Comment from Growing Community for Tuesday's Feb. 13th BOS Meeting
Attachments: Letter to County of Nevada_Growing Community_ Feb 2018_final.pdf

Dist 1

From: Jason Rainey [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] February 13, 2018 10:03 AM
To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Cannabis Ordinance Comment from Growing Community for Tuesday's Feb. 13th BOS Meeting

Dear County of Nevada Board of Supervisors,

Please find attached a comment letter from Growing Community offering considerations for a Cannabis Ordinance and implementation of recommendations from the CAG.

Kind regards,

Jason Rainey
President, Board of Directors
Growing Community



February 12, 2018

To: Nevada County Board of Supervisors
From: Growing Community, a mutual benefit not-for-profit organization
RE: Cannabis Ordinance Comment for Tuesday's Feb. 13th BOS Meeting

Dear Supervisors,

We write today to introduce you to the new, local, not-for-profit organization, Growing Community, and to encourage you to be assertive and prompt in promulgating a County ordinance that will foster robust, regulated, legal cannabis commerce in Nevada County.

Growing Community is based in Nevada City and was incorporated with the Secretary of State of California in August of 2017 as a not-for-profit mutual benefit corporation with a mission to “provide health and wellness services, promote environmental stewardship and to reinvest in the community through philanthropy and innovation.” Recognizing the pending state legalization of cannabis—both the unique opportunities legalization affords to our region and the very real threat posed by profit-seeking outsider “cannabis industry” speculative investors—leaders from our local and long-established conservation, river protection, and disability rights organizations came together with a vision for a cannabis dispensary business model that could ensure true community-based and community-benefit outcomes for our home region.

Growing Community is presently governed by a diverse, deeply-rooted and all-volunteer Board of Directors who developed a bold business plan: help spur the creation of a Nevada County-based Community Fund by directing 100% of net profits to support public benefit organizations and agencies that work at the intersection of ag land conservation, watershed health, human services and sustainable and legitimate cannabis businesses. Our local-investment and local-leadership model was presented to the City of Nevada City and garnered overwhelming support from a wide diversity of civic leaders and community stakeholders, despite a majority on the City Council endorsing a more conventional business model for their first cannabis dispensary.

The people behind Growing Community are civic leaders that have spent decades initiating collaborative projects and policies with the County of Nevada: building landscape-scale conservation, organizing public-private social services networks for our residents, promoting and protecting cultural and natural resources in our river canyons, and cleaning up illegal cannabis grows on State Park lands, to name a few. Some of us also have deep experience with the botany of cannabis as a medicine for healing a wide variety of common ailments and rare diseases. As individuals, and as an organization, we have not generally raised our voices specifically on “cannabis” topics that come before you. We certainly don’t claim to represent the cannabis “industry.”

Yet, with our deep-rootedness to the community, our collective expertise in building innovative public-benefit organizations, our mission to capture and direct cannabis commerce toward community needs, and our track record for successful partnerships with public agencies and local and state governments, we ask you to take forward steps for the County of Nevada to confidentially seize the opportunities before you.

Regarding cannabis cultivation: Please heed the recommendations that the CAG has provided to open up cottage and small-scale cultivation permits, and to finalize an ordinance that addresses cultivation in time for the 2018 outdoor growing season. We don't have a comprehensive recommendation on the details of zoning types and parcel sizes, but we believe that allowing Residential Ag parcels of over 2 acres would benefit family-scale heritage farmers and we oppose the notion of "caps" on the number of permits. We should all share the interest of transitioning family farmers into legal, tax-paying agricultural enterprises. If locally and state-approved cannabis manufacturers and dispensaries are to utilize local grown cannabis, it is obviously essential for the County to permit cultivation so that demand can be met.

Further, Growing Community would welcome the opportunity to work with the County and our future permitted growers in support of extending the very concept of "transition;" let's work to redefine best practices on these "working landscapes" and bring resources and shared expertise that aim for water neutrality, integrated agro-ecology pest management, soil sustainability, fire-fuel reduction, and collaborations to restore ecosystem function and integrity within our watersheds. Blanket grow-bans can never accomplish these kinds of outcomes in the landscape of uses that has evolved in our County; however, innovative partnerships undergirded by sensible rules and regulations hold great promise. Let's out-compete other growing regions of California with the quality of our cannabis products, and a forward-looking and sensible regulatory framework.

Regarding cannabis dispensaries: We recommend that the Board of Supervisors direct County staff to develop policy options for allowing cannabis dispensaries within unincorporated Nevada County. The County can show leadership among their municipal peers, and also be directive of the business model and constraints you wish to see in a cannabis dispensary. We suggest that you can maintain a strong focus and commitment to purveyors of medical-grade cannabis and wellness services, while also allowing for the competitive advantage that an "adult use/recreational" dispensary permit affords. With acknowledgment of the self-serving nature of this final point: Growing Community would urge any competitive County dispensary selection process to give strong weight to verifiable community benefits and assurances that financial flows—beyond the new County tax revenues—remain cycling through our broader local economy.

Growing Community is a new and unique asset within the network of public benefit organizations and local and state agencies. We seek genuine partnership with any entities and municipalities that see advantage in collaboration toward our triple mission of providing high quality local cannabis medicines to patients, promoting environmentally sustainable cultivation methods, and reinvesting in the community through strategic philanthropy and innovation. We make ourselves available to you—or to your staff—to further elaborate on our recommendations and the unique experience and perspective we could lend to your efforts toward successful, well-regulated cannabis commerce within the County of Nevada.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Growing Community,



Jason Rainey, President

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:50 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Mali Dyck; Sean Powers
Subject: FW: Commercial Marijuana Grows

Dist 2 resident

From: Ed Scofield
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:43 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: FW: Commercial Marijuana Grows

From: Jeraldine Wondergen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 9:59 AM
To: Ed Scofield
Subject: Commercial Marijuana Grow

Dear Supervisor Scofield,

I am writing to you because of my concerns regarding the negative impact large scale commercial marijuana grows will have on our county.

I want to tell you I have lived in Nevada County for over 32 years, am a liberal Democrat and do not have issues with people who grow for their own use, I do however oppose the proposed permits for commercial grows in Nevada County for many reasons.

One concern is the stench grows emit that cause foul smelling air. I can only imagine how foul the air will be if massive grows are permitted.

I am also concerned how the grows will impact our streams, creeks and wells from the use of chemicals on the plants and soils and whatever the grows themselves release during the season and after cultivation.

Another problem is when harvest time comes around I notice an influx of strangers (transients) in our area who set up camp and work grows. Once the season is over, they are gone. These workers do not rent houses, they camp out with little or no sanitation facilities.

I used to take walks in our area, but do not anymore during grow season. I am concerned that I may stumble on a grow and be mistaken for intruders or thieves who are after their plants and might be harmed or shot.

I am very concerned that the beauty and tranquility of living in Nevada County will be severely impacted as people looking to make easy money buy property; set up marijuana grows, and bring transients in to work their crops. These people will not care about their neighbors nor the quality of life for year round residents. I am very concerned what criminal element will come with the seasonal workers who come to tend the farms and do the cultivation, and the damage they may cause to our environment.

I understand this is a heated topic and as I stated at the beginning of this email I am not against the rights of residents to have small grows for their personal use, as that is the law. I am however against the commercial growers and what they will undoubtedly bring to our beautiful county.

Please take my concerns into consideration when acting on the issue of permits for commercial grows.

Regards,

Jeraldine Wondergem

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CA

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:58 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Ordinance discussion for cannabis

Dist 2 resident

From: Ed Scofield
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: FW: Ordinance discussion for cannabis

From: Garrett Stuessy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 8:27 PM
To: Ed Scofield
Subject: Ordinance discussion for cannabis

Dear Mr Schofield,

I live in district 2 of Nevada county, I am a homeowner, taxpayer and voter, and I write to you on the eve of the BOS meeting to voice my support for a local cannabis ordinance that supports small farmers.

'Growers' are often given negative stereotypes; and I write to tell you that many growers are in fact contributing positively to our community, they come from all walks of life.

With a reasonable ordinance in place we can keep out 'oversized grows' and reduce illegal activity, there are many who seek to have legal cottage industry businesses and they should be allowed to follow the path to legitimate status with the state. They will be able to contribute significant amounts of tax revenue to the county, and also continue to support local industry and business with their income. For this we need the county ordinance...

I would recommend that 10,000 square feet of outdoor space with 50-100' setbacks on rural parcels to be sufficient for craft farmers to cultivate. This will therefore exclude the larger and potentially offensive operations from legal status; and encourage those farmers who respect their environment and their neighbors. thank you
sincerely,

Garrett Stuessy

district 2
south Nevada county

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:00 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Commercial marijuana grow permits

Dis 2 resident

From: Ed Scofield
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:58 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: FW: Commercial marijuana grow permits

From: Donna Prince [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2018 8:30 PM
To: Ed Scofield
Subject: Commercial marijuana grow permits

Dear Supervisor Scofield,

We are writing to you because of our concerns regarding the negative impact large scale commercial marijuana grows will have on our county.

We want to tell you we have lived in Nevada County for over 45 years, are liberal Democrats and do not have issues with people who grow for their own use, we do however oppose the proposed permits for commercial grows in Nevada County for many reasons.

One concern is the stench grows emit that cause fowl smelling air. We live in an area of one to ten acre parcels (zoned RA) and have many neighbors who grow marijuana. There are times the smell outside is so bad during grow season we must go back into our house and are unable to enjoy our outdoor living area, including our pool. We can only imagine how fowl the air will be if massive grows are permitted.

We are also concerned how the grows will impact our streams, creeks and wells from the use of chemicals on the plants and soils and whatever the grows themselves release during the season and after cultivation.

Another problem is when harvest time comes around we notice an influx of strangers (transients) in our area who set up camp and work the grows. Once the season is over, they are gone. These workers do not rent houses, they camp out with little or no sanitation facilities.

We used to take walks in our area, but do not anymore during grow season. We are concerned that we may stumble on a grow and be mistaken for intruders or thieves who are after their plants and might be harmed or shot.

Another problem we experienced the past two years is the theft of NID water at our community center. The hall received notice of excessive water usage along with bills for over \$800 a month the past two summers. After thorough checking of our irrigation system we found no leaks and determined thieves were stealing water at night. In 25 years we have never had this problem. This occurred in the summer months, coincidentally during grow season. We installed locks on all the outside water lines last year, but this year the thieves managed to jimmy them and continue stealing water. When talking with NID we were told this is a huge problem throughout the county. We were told to purchase and mount night vision cameras to catch the thieves, so now we must incur this expense.

We are very concerned that the beauty and tranquility of living in Nevada County will be severely impacted as people looking to make easy money buy property; set up marijuana grows, and bring transients in to work their crops. These people will not care about their neighbors nor the quality of life for year round residents. We are very concerned what criminal element will come with the seasonal workers who come to tend the farms and do the cultivation, and the damage they may cause to our environment.

We understand this is a heated topic and as we stated at the beginning of this email we are not against the rights of residents to have small grows for their personal use, as that is the law. We are however against the commercial growers and what they will undoubtedly will bring to our beautiful county.

Please take our concerns into consideration when acting on the issue of permits for commercial grows.

Regards,

Brad and Donna Prince


Grass Valley, CA

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:00 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Cannabis Ordinance

Dist 2 resident

From: Ed Scofield
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:59 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: FW: Cannabis Ordinance

From: Erin Tarr [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2018 9:56 PM
To: Ed Scofield
Subject: Cannabis Ordinance

Hello Mr. Scofield,

I first want to say how much I appreciate your service to our County and all that you have done to improve the lives of your constituents and your community in general. As a member of the Community Advisory Group (CAG), I became well educated on the issues surrounding cannabis cultivation and the positive and negative impacts to our community.

I still believe that reasonable regulation is the highest priority for the recommendations which were created by the CAG. The CAG was created to represent a broad spectrum of viewpoints and business interests throughout the County. It seemed to be a good representation. While we needed to either, 1) move more quickly in our processes or 2) have more time to complete the details of the recommendation, the outcome of the recommendations was incomplete and gave back to the BOS a great deal of tough decision making.

My belief, as a citizen and as a land conservationist, is that requiring only large parcels (10+ acres) to allow any type of commercial license is misinformed and creates many problems for our County in the long term. Cannabis is not a crop/plant that takes a large amount of land to grow and State License types don't even allow vast areas to be cultivated. Therefore, I believe allowing commercial license types for parcels zoned RA and R1 should not be disregarded in the new ordinance. By requiring large parcels, we encourage subdivision of large parcels and increase development pressures on undeveloped lands. In contrast, if we allowed cultivation of small license and cottage licenses (Type 1 & 2) on parcels 2+ acres (Type 1C - specialty cottage) and 5+ (other Type 1 & 2) we could preserve our rural quality of life and help small organic cultivators, who have been operating without incidence, to continue to supply a quality product to patients and an income stream to our community. Requiring cannabis cultivation to only be in our open spaces on large acreage threatens the integrity of our historic agricultural landscapes and increases fragmentation of wildlife migration routes.

Please consider reasonable regulation which encourages the good growers to enter the legal market (like they so badly desire) and allows enforcement efforts to more easily target the 'bad actors'. We

desperately need these sensible regulations for our unique and wonderful community. We are not like any other County and can't be compared to our neighbors. We are one-of-a-kind and we thrive because we lead the way in our policies and thought processes.

Thanks again for all of your time and service to our community. I'm proud to be your constituent.

Erin Tarr



Dist 2
cc: All BOS
CEO CPA
Counsel

Supervisors and Staff:

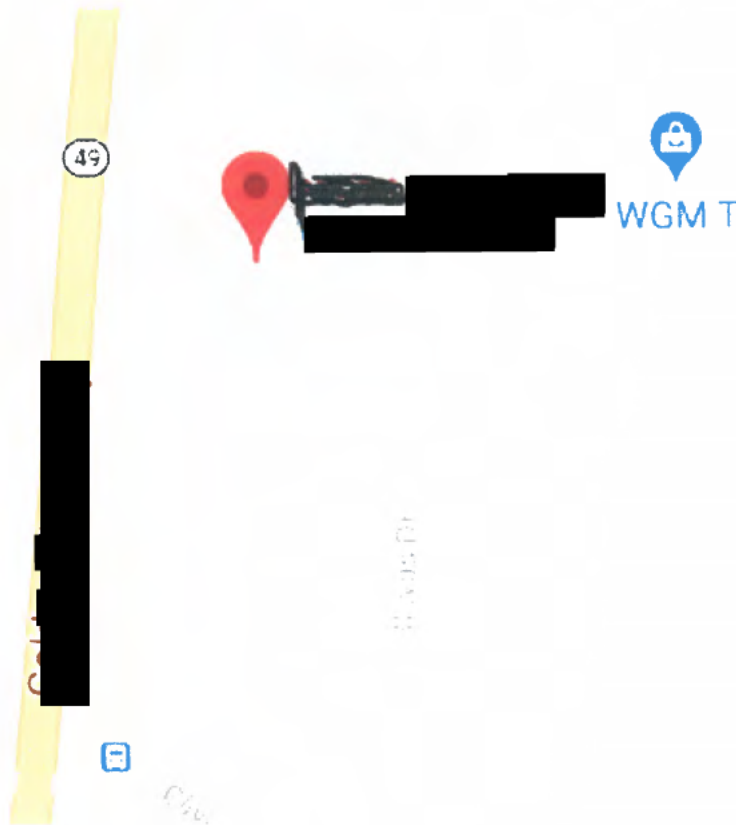
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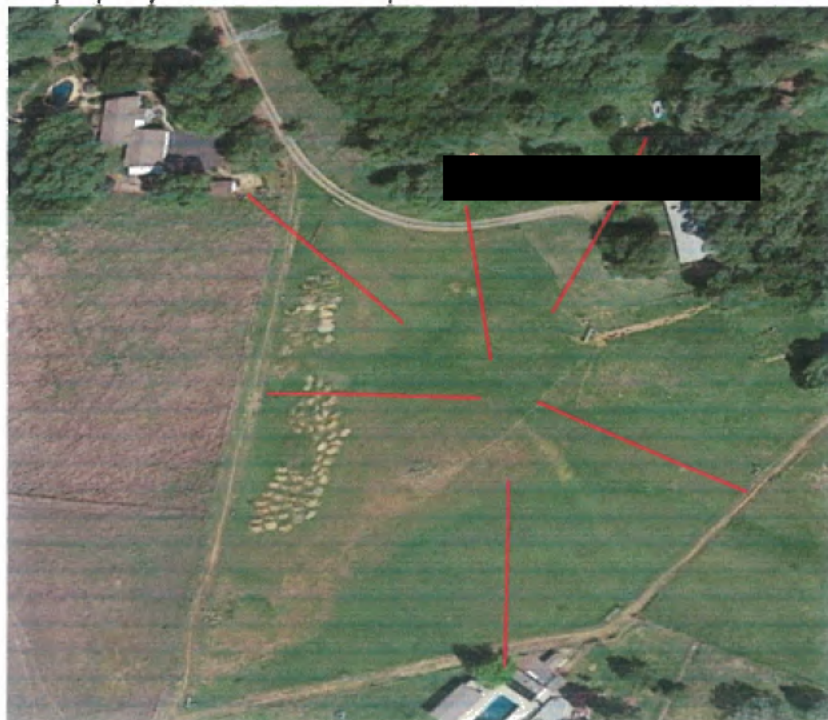
In the writings of ¹²¹113 pages of information presented to the Board of supervisors, and an additional 30 that were hand delivered on Monday February 12, 2018. These yielded 121 different opinions, 35 of these were from a specific neighborhood in Lake of the Pines Estates, and were generated hysteria on a rumored grow on Table Meadow, which is yet to be proven and even called to the property management company (Barrett Property Management) has not yielded and discernible information about some property owner wanting to rent this property to non-Nevada County residents, which would not be allowed either way. This site was visited as they were pouring a new concrete driveway, and the residents (who are on a long term lease) had no ideas on where this information came from, and because of this, and these 35 were discounted and removed from the count. 2 opinions were from the Golden Oaks development, and the remaining opinions were split with 69 (80.2%) with wanting reasonable rules that protect neighborhoods, and the 17 (19.7%) people expressed an opinion, that they wanted no part of any cannabis related activities in Nevada County.

The residents of Lake of the Pines Estates expressed concerns of a rumor of an “absentee landlord” renting his property for a huge grow in the Ranchos LOP area, and as these pictures show there has not been this type of activity within this area, and this appears to the concerns of people in this road reacting to hysterical rumor, with an un-documentable “questionable” creator.

This is said property in May 2017:



Said property - Setbacks based upon a 100' dimension:



Said property November 2016



Said property July 2016



Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:46 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: cannabis ordinance

Dist 3 resident

From: Heidi Hall
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:39 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: FW: cannabis ordinance

From: Carolyn n Cooper [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 11:40 AM
To: Heidi Hall <Heidi.Hall@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: cannabis ordinance

Hello, My name is Cooper Greenwood. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the up and coming cannabis ordinance. We are honest and invested members of this community seeking reasonable and obtainable regulations to operate in a legal and regulated state program.

We have 20 acres of ag land with extensive resources invested into the property. Cannabis cultivation is facing, not only on a state level but also on a county level, very difficult and almost unattainable standards for the small farmer. We the small farmer, which have limited resources, are asking for help within our government to make reasonable regulations that will allow us to operate in the regulated market and not put us under.

Our county, what I believe, is approaching a beneficial opportunity for our community if done properly and reasonably. With reasonable setbacks and reasonable time lines to comply.

My wife and I had a in depth conversation with Dan Miller, expressing our concerns with some of the obstacles facing the small farmer. Unreasonable setbacks, to short of a grace period to build a legal residence (no other ag business is mandated to have a legal residence) and to high of taxes. We are already facing higher taxes on a state level than any other industry.

I agree that commercial cannabis(by definition all transactions involving an exchange of money, even within medical is considered commercial by state law.) belongs in unpopulated ag land. It does not make since to me to pull it out of residential zones then require a legal residence. Cannabis by nature is a seasonal operation, to require a year round residence to operate a seasonal product does not add up. Like other ag products they are allowed seasonal living standards to coincide with the seasonal work.

Please allow reasonable regulations, and listen to the CAG recommendations which were payed by the tax payers and represent the tax payers and not just the opions of the B.O.S.

Thank you, Cooper Greenwood

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:14 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Cannabis Regulations

Dist 3

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:48 AM
To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Cannabis Regulations

ATTN: Dan Miller, Dist. 3, et al

I am a 30+ year resident of Nevada County. I raised my child primarily on "the Ridge," coming from out of the area. What I discovered there were many "pot farmers" who had been living quietly and in harmony with the land - kind and gentle people who were the parents of many of the other children at Grizzly Hill School. Most were actively involved in community, and lived a very low-key life.

As we know, in years hence, many outsiders moved to Nevada County to take advantage of a perfect climate for growing cannabis. Many are "bad actors," who came for the dollars and decimated the land and water. These types have been a blight on the community. Locals have been pushed nearly out by these "green rush" folks.

But where we are now, and where huge amounts of our tax payer dollars have been spent by the BOS, is to come up with a viable, legitimate plan of action to convert our local industry, which none can argue is what has kept Nevada County sustainable over the past quarter century, into one that will prove beneficial for the farmers, patients, merchants and community as a whole.

The State has allowed for both medical and recreational cannabis sales. Nevada County would be fool-hardy to let the opportunity for a regulated commercial cannabis industry to get away from us. We need the money, and the folks here who know this industry inside and out will help to craft a "safe and sane" way of doing business.

The continued regulations against outdoor cultivation must be overturned and thoughtful, and well-considered parameters must be set. Nevada County elected officials and the conservative members of our community need to stop living in fear and embrace the opportunities that exist. Nobody wants this to become the "Las Vegas" of marijuana, with flashing lights and barkers at every business. But a well-developed plan that will allow for the industry to flourish, will bring dollars to our cities, which translate to taxes to improve our infrastructure. This could be a "win-win" if only those who have voted in to speak for us will begin to see the benefits of a regulated cannabis industry, rather than run and hide out of fear of what they think will proliferate, unchecked.

Please be open to change. Start small, and grow, but please open up the cultivation and begin to issue the various license types to those who have been long-time residents, and who are considerate and passionate.

Thank You,

Terri Hicklin,
[REDACTED]

Grass Valley, CA

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:12 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Marijuana regulations

Dist 3

From: Dan Miller
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:55 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Fwd: Marijuana regulations

Please forward to other Supervisors and staff.

Thanks Dan

Begin forwarded message:

From: Debbie Campbell [REDACTED]
Date: February 13, 2018 at 9:58:27 PM PST
To: dan.miller@co.nevada.ca.us
Subject: Marijuana regulations

Dear Dan,

First, I'd like to say thank you for stopping by our house the other day to introduce yourself. It was nice to put a face to your name. We live in the home you said your daughter used to rent on St. Johns.

Second, and my main reason for writing today is in response to efforts being made to promote marijuana permitting within Nevada County. I ask that you resist the push towards permissive cannabis regulations within our county. I understand the limited need for medical usage, but fear the current culture towards open recreational use including production and sales. I have great concerns for our youth, our environment, and safety. I have paid attention to all sides of the arguments. I hope our county is never known as the cannabis capitol of California. Thank you for your efforts to manage this change in the culture of our state and this wonderful place we call home.

Sincerely,

Debbie Campbell

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:19 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Comment for Sup. Meeting 2/13/18 Dist. 4

Dist 4

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

From: Jaimie des Tombe [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I write as a lifetime resident and 3rd generation Nevada County native, and a 6th generation Gold Country native (Placer County). I live in District 4 on the San Juan Ridge. My great-grandparents brought their family to North San Juan to participate in the logging and mining industry, for lack of any other way to support a family of 8. That leg of my family now resides on a well established farm in Chicago Park, but my mother eventually made her way back up to North San Juan with me in the 80's. At this point there were nearly zero jobs available in the isolated rural community, and those that were there mostly remained in forest management, though required great physical skill. My step-father was an underground hard rock gold miner at the 16-1 Mine in Alleghany, where he became disabled after a work related injury. After Prop 215, he became a medical cannabis grower. My husband is also a native of the San Juan Ridge, and his parents moved here from the East Coast in the early 70's.

I know better than most, that the economy in Nevada County has always relied on our ability to harness our natural resources in order to sustain our families. Cannabis has brought a lot to our community, and I really don't want to see it go back to what it was in the 80's and before. Families I grew up with had very little, and due to isolation, it was extremely hard to climb out of poverty. The ability to grow a natural plant partially legally with Prop 215, which had a market, enabled my peers to purchase reliable vehicles, purchase a plot of land, build a home, send their kids to better schools and provide more resources than their families had in generations. It allowed my peers a way out of generational poverty.

Lack of regulation has allowed many abuses to our land and forests, and many from other places have taken advantage of our rich natural resources to create large overblown grows. Forest logged, land plowed over, streams polluted. Community resources drained by otherwise decent humans known as "trimmigrants". The Board of Directors would be remiss in thinking these infractions and abuses will go away with continued prohibition. Regulation and conformation to the California licensing protocols will curtail the harm brought to my rural community by prohibition and will bring established, responsible residents who grow to the forefront of the market and to the tax base. Please do not disenfranchise these well meaning responsible people. Disabling our economy in favor of retirees in other areas of the county who understand very little of where they live and what it takes to be a native of this place and subsist in our local economy, will only hurt families.

My family remains in the forest management business- my husband is a logger, and I am a stay-at-home mom and small business owner. We are landowners, and tax-payers. We have our eyes on this process and look forward to a fair ordinance passing early this spring, allowing responsible growers a way forward in this growing sector of the taxed California economy.

Thank you for your time.
Jaimie des Tombe

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:55 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Nevada county cannabis ordinance

Dist 4

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

From: Hank Weston
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:48 PM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Fw: Nevada county cannabis ordinance

fyi

From: Endependence [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 8:32 PM
To: Hank Weston
Subject: Nevada county cannabis ordinance

Supervisor Weston,

My name is Frank McCarthy. My wife and I have been homeowners in district 4 for 19 years. We are members of SYRCL and the Nevada county cannabis alliance. We raised our son here in Nevada county and we look forward to welcoming him back to the county when he graduates from Humboldt State.

My wife and I grow medicinal cannabis for personal use and for non remuneration contribution to other medical cannabis patients. We want to take our expertise in growing clean sun grown organic cannabis to the regulated cannabis market. We need your help to achieve this goal. My understanding is that you are not running for re-election so I hope you can see your way clear to do the best for our county by voting to make Nevada county a major player in the legal cannabis marketplace.

In order to assist us in our efforts to set up a Type 1 small outdoor cannabis business on our 9.87 AG10 property, we would like to request the following:

1. Since the county spent well over \$100,000.00 on the community advisory group, it would be appropriate and completely defensible to adhere to their recommendations as communicated to the BOS.
2. The county should provide interim licenses for cannabis growers so we can start our state licensing process to enter the legal marketplace. Residents of Nevada county are excluded from the legal marketplace now and we will continue to be excluded until we can obtain county licenses. This is a major hardship for those of us who want to enter the legal marketplace.

3. Garden offsets should be 30 feet from the property line or 100 feet from the adjacent property dwelling area. If the offsets agreed on by the BOS and planners do not work for a particular parcel the parcel owner should be able to get permission from neighboring parcel owners to vary from the official offset.

4. Plant counts and square footage in AG districts should be 50 plants or 10,000 square feet for parcels over 3 acres and more for larger parcels. This will allow adequate garden sizes to make up for the lack of gardens in residential areas.

Many growers I know are interested in forming and joining agricultural collectives which will employ many skilled young people (such as scientists for testing labs, business managers and skilled agricultural workers). This collective model will make Nevada county a magnet for younger people looking for a place to settle down.

I anticipate that our small farm will employ 2 full time employees and several seasonal employees with potential to grow if we can enter the marketplace as soon as possible so we are not put at competitive disadvantage with growers in other counties.

For the future of our county, my wife and I want to encourage you to vote to provide a future for young people in Nevada county by allowing us to cultivate legal outdoor sun grown clean cannabis. Your vote to make this a reality will be a legacy that you can be proud of as you watch our county prosper.

Thank you,

Frank McCarthy

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:55 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Cannabis in Nevada County

Dist 4

From: Hank Weston
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:45 PM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Fw: Cannabis in Nevada County

fyi

From: melissa thomas [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] February 13, 2018 7:33 AM
To: Hank Weston
Subject: Cannabis in Nevada County

Dear Hank Weston and Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

I encourage you to honor the results of recent state and county elections regarding legal recreational and commercial cannabis cultivation.

I am in favor of intelligent, legitimate regulations.

I want them.

We need them.

Yes, this is necessary.

And valuable time and energy has been put into exploring that, and the results have been presented to you.

CAG and Nevada County Cannabis have offered constructive solutions to the conversation.

I, myself, do not have an intent to become a commercial farmer, but I support commercial farming.

To be able to cultivate 6 plants in my garden will suffice for my needs.

I do not support bullying tactics to run our government.

I support an ordinance that allows gardeners and farmers to begin their growing season in an appropriate time according to basic gardening cycles.

That would mean knowing by the end of February what regulations to respond to for the season.

Thank you for your time,

Melissa Thomas

District 4 resident for 35 years

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:48 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: I am in support of allowing Nevada County residents to grow legally with permits

Dist 5 resident

From: Richard Anderson
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:42 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Fw: I am in support of allowing Nevada County residents to grow legally with permits

From: Radha Pearson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 11:10 PM
To: Richard Anderson
Subject: I am in support of allowing Nevada County residents to grow legally with permits

Dear Richard Anderson,

Hi its a pleasure to be writing you, my local board supervisor. I am writing you today because I live in Nevada County on 20 acres in AG zoned property. I am grateful to have nice neighbors. I really enjoy this community. I've lived here for twenty years. I am employed, law abiding citizen, and a tax payer. I am writing you today to encourage you to please consider allowing me to adapt to the state regulations and to grow cannabis legally with permits. I've had a medical permit for years and I understand things are changing rapidly. I do have a lot of questions which is why I will be attending meetings with local organizations to educate me on the process of what it will take to legally abide by the new regulations. From what I understand is that I can apply for a state license. I am an organic gardener. I have a large vegetable garden, and fruit trees. I put a lot of care into the food and medicine I grow. I wish to share my medicine with those who need it for their ailments. I urge you to allow me the opportunity the to grow legally. I know I have a lot to learn, and am eager to learn. I ask that you allow me this opportunity. We need to allow farmers to apply for permits, and there seems to be a lot of regulations. It will take a lot of effort to obtain a permit. Thank you for your time. Please do whatever you can in your power to allow us the right to grow legally in regards to the state laws. Thank you.

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:29 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck; Alison Lehman
Subject: FW: Meeting today.

Dist 5

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

From: Karen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:53 PM
To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Meeting today.

Does the board have any ideas on how and where this will be distributed and sold?
I think this is important to know what property owners intentions are.
Thank you for your input.
Karen Pruss

Sent from my iPhone

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:56 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Support Regulated Cannabis Businesses Locally!

Dist 5 resident

From: Richard Anderson
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:48 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Fw: Support Regulated Cannabis Businesses Locally!

From: Ananda Vaughan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 7:41 PM
To: Richard Anderson
Subject: Support Regulated Cannabis Businesses Locally!

Greetings Richard

I am a business owner and involved community member who lives in your district in Nevada County.

I wanted to contact you and speak on behalf of my business and community. I am greatly in favor of regulated Cannabis businesses establishing their companies in Nevada City, as well as Nevada County at large. The Cannabis Industry is a part of many of my clientele's income and trade. The economy created by this industry feeds the local downtown merchants' stores and restaurants, as well as alleviates pains from neighbors and friends. I am in favor of regulation and in support of regulated Nevada City Cannabis companies with diverse license types. Please share this letter to your constituents and make a note, local business owners are in SUPPORT of the regulated Cannabis shops in Nevada City, and Nevada County at large.

Thank you for your time

Nicholas Vaughan
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:03 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Nevada county landowner

Cannot identify district

From: Heidi Hall
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:39 PM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: FW: Nevada county landowner

From: Joseph Nicoll [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:55 AM
To: Heidi Hall <Heidi.Hall@co.nevada.ca.us>
Cc: Ed Scofield <Ed.Scofield@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Nevada county landowner


Dear Board of supervisors.doc

Please consider this letter when making your decision on issuing cannabis cultivation permits. Nevada county deserves a chance.

Dear Board of supervisors

I have been a land owner and cultivator in Nevada County since 2015. I grew up in Mendocino County, a place where people take pride in the land and its history. I am writing this letter because I have recently witnessed what permitting cannabis cultivation has done for the community and I want to encourage Nevada County to offer the same opportunity to its people. Issuing permits for small size grows up to 10,000sqft will make it possible to regulate the existing gardens in the county. It's going to create jobs, attract tourism and increase tax revenues. Allowing the people of Nevada County, the opportunity to obtain a state license would help save the small farmer, and give the people a chance in this new thriving industry.

People applying for permits are asking to be regulated. They are welcoming state and county inspectors onto their land to ensure that the health and safety of that the community is not compromised. It will get people to work with planning and building bringing existing buildings up to code and make people get permits for further development increasing property values. People will be forced to become stewards of the land.

Licensing small gardens will not only help save the small farmer but create jobs. Aside from the people needed in the cultivation and distribution of marijuana, there will be a need for state and county officials as well. This may include the county planning, building, agricultural departments as well as the state water board and its third party inspectors. All of these people will be working to insure legalization is done properly. If we can create a positive image for our county in the cannabis community it will help to generate tourism which will in turn stimulate other businesses as well. I have seen numerous times people in the wine industry speaking out in favor of cannabis in Mendocino County, stating how it would help bring more people into the tasting rooms and give them a new product to showcase.

Allowing the people of Nevada County a fair chance at this new fast growing industry will have a positive effect on the community. It will keep existing farmers operating and create jobs. It will insure the environment and community come first; weeding out illegal grows in inappropriate places. It's going to stimulate other businesses by attract more tourism, increase property values and tax revenue. Nevada County has the opportunity to custom taylor the ordinance to the community's needs. This includes the creation of exclusionary zone in areas where the people don't want cultivation. There is a lot of work to do drafting the new ordinance in time for the 2018 growing season. We can do it. I believe Nevada County alliance's recommendations to the board are very reasonable and similar to Mendocino County's ordinance. California is moving into a new era with recreational cannabis. We may not see an agricultural product with a market like this ever again. Please give the Nevada County an opportunity to participate.

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:08 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Cannabis Ordinance

Dist 2

From: Ed Scofield
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:57 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: FW: Cannabis Ordinance

From: Josh Emery [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:39 AM
To: Ed Scofield
Subject: Re: Cannabis Ordinance

Forgive me, I forgot to include my location. I am off of [REDACTED] near Lake of the Pines. If you need my address I can provide it, though I would prefer not to if it isn't necessary.

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 8:34 AM, Josh Emery [REDACTED] > wrote:
Dear Supervisor Scofield,

I have two comments on the upcoming cannabis ordinance. I am not opposed to outdoor cultivation within reasonable limits.

Regarding setbacks, I strongly feel that setbacks should be from neighboring dwellings, rather than property lines. I live in an area where neighbors grow, and using property lines for determining set backs would actually have them closer to my house than using dwellings as the basis for determining set backs. With the legitimate issue of smell nuisance being the underlying cause for imposing set backs, it makes sense to me that keeping outdoor grows 100 feet or so from neighboring dwellings addresses the smell concern more accurately than a property line setback.

With regard to water use, while I am not opposed to people growing cannabis for either personal or commercial use, I am quite worried about the potential for grows to drain underground water supplies in areas that do not have access to municipal water or irrigation water. I rely on a well for water for my home, and all my neighbors are on wells. Even though my well produces fairly well, I am ever concerned about it going dry, to the point that I do not have a lawn and only a small patch of outdoor plants. Cannabis is a water-loving crop, and while I support people being able to grow, I strongly feel that I do not want my well to run dry so my neighbors can turn a profit. Thus I propose having a limit for people who will be using well water to grow; wells should have a threshold of being able to produce over a certain Gallons Per Minute in order for well water to be permissible (the exact threshold should be determined by an expert). I would also restrict the number of plants allowed for outdoor grows that rely on well water so as not to endanger neighboring water supplies.

Forgive the long email and I appreciate your time.

Dist 2
cc: All BOS
CEO CPA
Counsel

Supervisors and Staff:

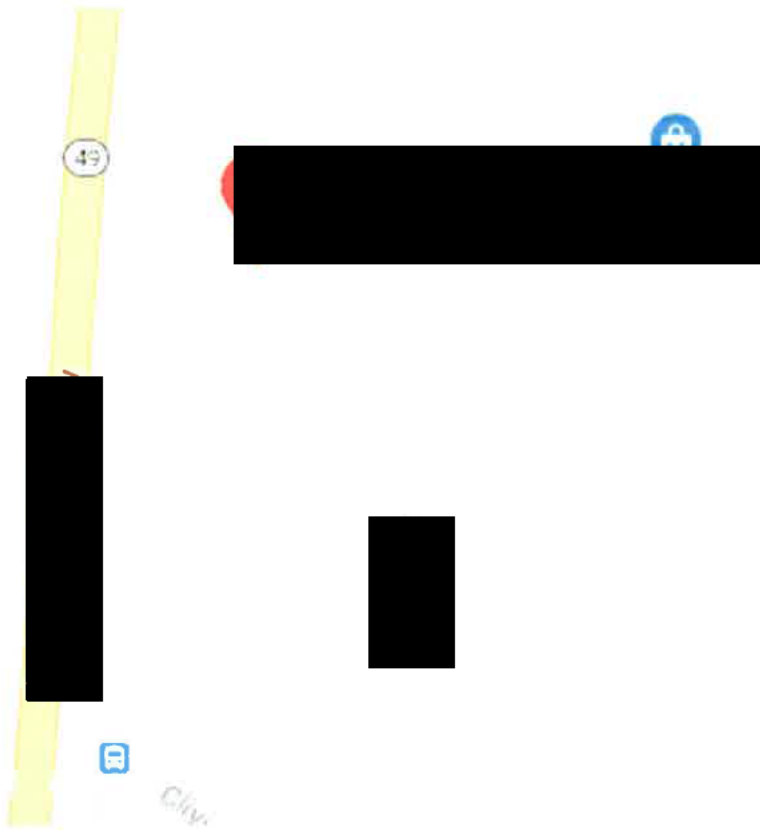
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I hope this clarified any concerns about the writings of these people.

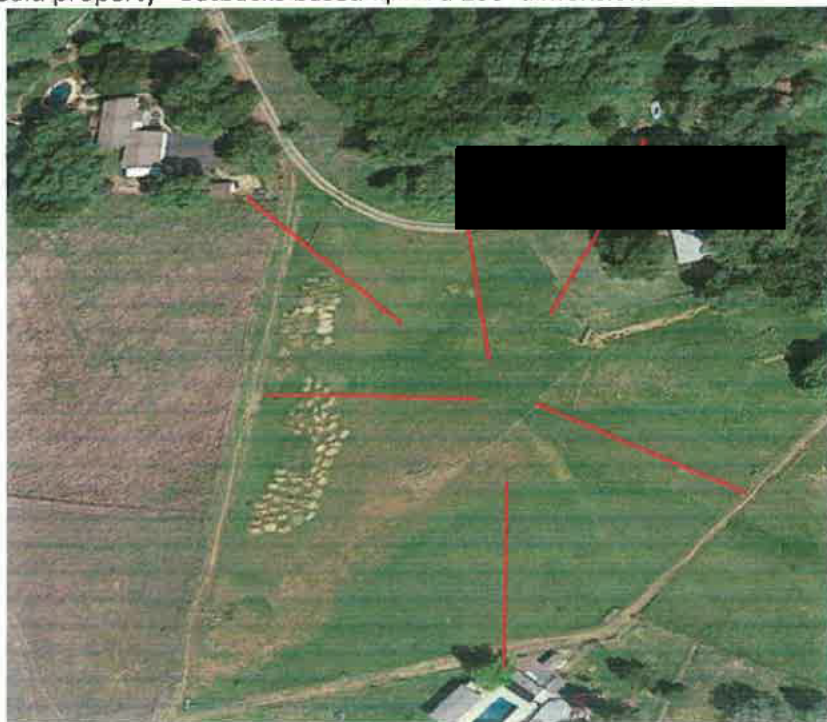
In the writings of ¹²¹113 pages of information presented to the Board of supervisors, and an additional 30 that were hand delivered on Monday February 12, 2018. These yielded 121 different opinions, 35 of these were from a specific neighborhood in Lake of the Pines Estates, and were generated hysteria on a rumored grow on Table Meadow, which is yet to be proven and even called to the property management company (Barrett Property Management) has not yielded and discernible information about some property owner wanting to rent this property to non-Nevada County residents, which would not be allowed either way. This site was visited as they were pouring a new concrete driveway, and the residents (who are on a long term lease) had no ideas on where this information came from, and because of this, and these 35 were discounted and removed from the count. 2 opinions were from the Golden Oaks development, and the remaining opinions were split with 69 (80.2%) with wanting reasonable rules that protect neighborhoods, and the 17 (19.7%) people expressed an opinion, that they wanted no part of any cannabis related activities in Nevada County.

The residents of Lake of the Pines Estates expressed concerns of a rumor of an "absentee landlord" renting his property for a huge grow in the Ranchos LOP area, and as these pictures show there has not been this type of activity within this area, and this appears to be the concerns of people in this road reacting to hysterical rumor, with an un-documentable "questionable" creator.

This is said property in May 2017:



Said property - Setbacks based upon a 100' dimension:



Said property November 2016



Said property July 2016



Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:46 PM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: cannabis ordinance

Dist 3 resident

From: Heidi Hall
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:39 AM
To: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: FW: cannabis ordinance

From: Carolyn n Cooper [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 11:40 AM
To: Heidi Hall <Heidi.Hall@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: cannabis ordinance

Hello, My name is Cooper Greenwood. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the up and coming cannabis ordinance. We are honest and invested members of this community seeking reasonable and obtainable regulations to operate in a legal and regulated state program.

We have 20 acres of ag land with extensive resources invested into the property. Cannabis cultivation is facing, not only on a state level but also on a county level, very difficult and almost unattainable standards for the small farmer. We the small farmer, which have limited resources, are asking for help within our government to make reasonable regulations that will allow us to operate in the regulated market and not put us under.

Our county, what I believe, is approaching a beneficial opportunity for our community if done properly and reasonably. With reasonable setbacks and reasonable time lines to comply.

My wife and I had a in depth conversation with Dan Miller, expressing our concerns with some of the obstacles facing the small farmer. Unreasonable setbacks, to short of a grace period to build a legal residence (no other ag business is mandated to have a legal residence) and to high of taxes. We are already facing higher taxes on a state level than any other industry.

I agree that commercial cannabis(by definition all transactions involving an exchange of money, even within medical is considered commercial by state law.) belongs in unpopulated ag land. It does not make since to me to pull it out of residential zones then require a legal residence. Cannabis by nature is a seasonal operation, to require a year round residence to operate a seasonal product does not add up. Like other ag products they are allowed seasonal living standards to coincide with the seasonal work.

Please allow reasonable regulations, and listen to the CAG recommendations which were payed by the tax payers and represent the tax payers and not just the opions of the B.O.S.

Thank you, Cooper Greenwood

GreenspoonMarder

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cc: ALBOS
CEO
Counsel
CDA

Sarah Smale
Associate Attorney
Cannabis Law Practice
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Supervisor Heidi Hall, District 1
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959
By email to Heidi.Hall@co.nevada.ca.us

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Supervisor Hall,

As a cannabis attorney who has worked in downtown Nevada City for over two years, I urge you to adopt a commercial cannabis ordinance allowing for all license types (in appropriate zones) as soon as practicable. The state has implemented a regulatory framework for cannabis businesses, and the defeat of Measure W indicates Nevada County residents do not want a sweeping cannabis ban in the County. People want a path to compliance—they want to pay their taxes, protect the environment, and provide safe cannabis products within a legal market.

Having attended the final CAG meeting, I was encouraged by the group's reasonable and moderate recommendations, and encourage the Board to give serious weight to those proposals. In addition to the CAG recommendations, I add the following:

1. **Setbacks:** In light of the number of oddly shaped parcels located throughout the County, setbacks are a serious issue. Even large parcels will be rendered ineligible if inflexible setback rules are instituted. To that end, I suggest the Board understand the primary purpose of setbacks is to protect neighbors and, to that end, any new ordinance should implement a variance option or 'neighbor waivers.' Protect individual property rights by allowing neighbors to communicate and waive setback disqualifiers if both parties agree.
2. **Non-Remuneration (gifting for medical purposes):** The CAG recommendations include a blanket disqualification of felons for anyone engaging in non-remunerative cultivation. This is stricter than the state requirements, and will knock out many non-violent offenders. I encourage the County to follow state guidelines related to felony disqualifications – prohibit violent felons, sex offenders, crimes involving fraud or deceit, and other crimes specified in 3 C.C.R. § 8113. However, other felonies should act as disqualifiers only to the extent they are "substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business for which the application is made." This will be the test when a local permit holder applies for a state license, and I encourage the Board to provide a path for non-violent felons to cultivate medicinal cannabis for others.
3. **Provide a Registry or Other Mechanism Allowing Immediate Application for State Licensure:** To obtain a state license, applicants must have local approval, defined as "a written statement or reference that clearly indicates the local jurisdiction intended to grant permission for the commercial cannabis activity or to the person to conduct commercial

cannabis activity at the premises.” 16 C.C.R. § 5001 (12) (Bureau licensees), 3 CCR § 8100(b)(6) (CDFA licensees). The County should quickly provide some form of documentation reflecting an applicant’s ability to engage in cannabis activity for the purpose of beginning the complex path towards state licensure. Pursuing state licensure and local permitting simultaneously will encourage applicants to incorporate both state and local requirements into their operations, prepare necessary documents and plans to the stricter of state versus local standards, and come into full regulatory compliance sooner. Immediately obtaining a temporary state license will also allow local canna-businesses to operate on the state-wide regulated market, subject to regulation and in the daylight.

4. **Allow a Reasonable Time to Come into Building Code Compliance.** Our office has seen first-hand that coming into local code compliance takes time. It is anticipated that the demand for engineers and other necessary consultants will surge if and when permits become available and many of these professionals will book out weeks, if not months, in advance. Further, code compliance requires pulling permits, scheduling inspections, addressing minor deficiencies, etc. Allow canna-businesses to operate in the regulated economy while they come into full code-compliance.

Thank you for your considering this important issue for Nevada County. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I or my office can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Sarah L. Smale
SARAH L. SMALE

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February 12, 2018

Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

RE: Commercial Cannabis Permits

cc: All BOS
CEO
Counsel
CDA

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of District 1 and I strongly support a commercial cannabis permitting system. I ask you to vote in favor of reasonable commercial regulations in Nevada County.

Sincerely,

Kent Ulrich
District 1

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February 13, 2018

Supervisor Dan Miller, District 3
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

RE: Commercial Cannabis Permits

Supervisor Miller,

I have lived and worked in Nevada County for many years. I strongly support the enactment of reasonable commercial cannabis regulations. I ask you to vote in favor of cultivation permits that will allow our community to benefit from commercial cannabis.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Katie Lester
District 3

cc: All BOS
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Supervisor Heidi Hall, District 1
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen Kline
District 1

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Supervisor Heidi Hall, District 1
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becky Smith
District 1

cc: All BOS
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February 12, 2018

Supervisor Ed Scofield, District 2
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

cc: All BOS
CEO
Counsel
CDA

RE: Commercial Cannabis Permits

Supervisor Scofield,

As an active law enforcement officer living in District 2, it is important that you enact commercial cannabis regulations and block growing for commercial purposes in residential areas.

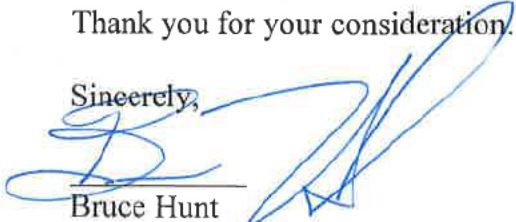
Allowing people to produce cannabis in appropriate zoning keeps them out of residential areas such as mine (Golden Oaks) which you know has been an issue for years.

Secondly, it will help curb the black market association with cultivation, which is vast.

Additionally, law enforcement officials need clear guidance which does not exist at this time. Clear concise regulations will provide this; allowing everyone to know and understand the rules.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Bruce Hunt
District 2

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February 12, 2018

Supervisor Hank Weston, District 4
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

RE: Commercial Cannabis Permits

cc: All BOS
CEO
Counsel
CDA

Supervisor Weston:

I am a resident of District 4 and I strongly support a commercial cannabis permitting system. I ask you to vote in favor of reasonable commercial regulations in Nevada County.

Please contact me at the email below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Meghan Coyner
District 4



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cc: pll BOS
CEO
Counsel
CDA

February 13, 2018

Supervisor Heidi Hall, District 1
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

RE: Commercial Cannabis Permits

Supervisor Hall,

I am a long time Nevada County resident who lives in District 1. I am asking you to support a commercial cannabis permitting ordinance in Nevada County because the benefit to the community that reasonable cannabis regulations will provide is far reaching.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linsey Yogi
District 1

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Supervisor Ed Scofield, District 2
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

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cc: All BOS
CEO
Counsel
CDA

RE: Commercial Cannabis Permits

Supervisor Scofield,

I have lived in Alta Sierra for 14 years and I was on active duty at Beal Air Force Base for over a decade. I ask that you allow commercial *medical* cannabis delivery services in Nevada County because of the many patients who derive benefit from cannabis but cannot travel to a dispensary due to health concerns. This is particularly true in Alta Sierra and other aging communities. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tom Daniel
District 2



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ec: All BOS
CEO
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CPA

LAKE OF THE PINES RANCHOS
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
10556 Combie Road, Suite 6603
Auburn, California 95602

February 12, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors
Nevada County
bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us

RE: Commercial Cannabis growing in Nevada County

The Board of Directors of Lake of the Pines Ranchos Community Services District are strongly opposed to permitting commercial marijuana grows in the Ranchos.

Lake of the Pines Ranchos is a residential community of families, not a commercial agriculture area.

The roads of the District are not suitable for commercial traffic. The roads were not made to meet minimum Nevada County standards

This Board of Directors wants to be put on the record as strongly opposed to commercial marijuana grows of any size in the Ranchos.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continuing service to the people of Nevada County.

Respectfully,



Dan Fitzgerald
Chairman
Lake of the Pines Ranchos Community Services District

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: monica senter [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2018 9:03 PM
To: bdofsupervisors
Cc: Clerk of Board
Subject: Feb 13 BOS discussion of cannabis regulation

Dear Supervisors-

It's time to move forward on the cannabis regulation effort after 2 years of exploring this topic. I realize your task is difficult and that you have quite a diverse community of constituents to contend with. As many others have said, I don't envy your job.

I have lately appreciated a concept from our military leaders in the news, which is that when faced with a difficult or dangerous situation, the modus operandi is to confront the challenge head-on without wavering to simply get the job done regardless of the challenges. That is what you all are being called to do in this historic moment for Nevada County.

Historical Perspective:

We have gone from a suspect urgency ordinance to the voter rejection of said "urgency" ordinance. This rejection by the voters was followed with a de facto ban via an overtly restrictive setback framework. The majority of voters went on to reinforce opposition to cannabis bans by also passing Prop 64 in this county. Cannabis is a reality in our region and voters want access to it and they don't want a ban on outdoor cultivation. This point is inarguable, county voters stopped the ban and voted in support commercial activity and adult use, period.

Meanwhile, prohibitionists challenge the results of the CAG with false allegations of Brown Act violations and insist that the citizens survey in 2017 of 1800 predominantly residential citizens should carry more weight than what voters declared by overturning Measure W and passing Prop 64. A schism in the community has been created and it is your role to help close that schism by observing the will of the people who have VOTED, not a survey of a select group amounting to 3% of registered voters. Shame on anyone who suggests the 2017 Citizens survey is determinative of the public will when we have voted on this issue, twice.

Prejudice and Vitriol are not useful in creating reasonable regulation:

I have reviewed all the emails included in the public correspondence section of the board packet and I am struck that the most frequently expressed concern is with the presence of cannabis cultivation in the most concentrated residential areas. I agree with them. However, I am struck by the vitriol of some of the comments that denigrate all people associated with cannabis, and failing to grasp that there is, in fact, a large group of cannabis cultivators and medicine makers who are ready and willing to comply with state and local regulations. This includes myself and my husband, Wade Laughter- who are active community members in good standing. You must not be blinded by prejudicial and vitriolic attitudes toward cannabis. You are obligated to accept the fact that there is a large group of people in this county who are good people working with cannabis and who have been following state law but for Nevada County's unwillingness to get with the program. I am not ignoring bad actors here, but they aren't asking for permits either.

The way I see it, you have 3 core constituencies to deal with:

1. **Objectly Opposed:** Those who simply oppose cannabis in general, are generally misinformed about cannabis law and cannabis science, yet they stand firm not only in opposition to its presence in their neighborhood but they insist that no one in this this jurisdiction have anything to do with it, absent some medical use but even then, they scoff at the idea that there is legitimate medical use. While opinionated, these folks are misinformed or simply don't agree with state law.

2. **Residential Concerns:** Those who live in neighborhoods where the density and character of the neighborhood are frankly ruined by the presence of bad neighbors looking to grow as much as they can get away with, neighbors and law be damned.
3. **Support Regulation:** Those who support a local cannabis economy and are not bothered by the presence of cannabis activity or culture, when done so responsibly- including clean, safe and respectable cultivation that doesn't harm water and land.

Regulation by ideology solves no problems:

I urge you to do your best to meet the needs of your constituencies without falling into the trap of those who are ideologically opposed to cannabis permitting. I recall that you made a similar decision when you refused to declare that Nevada County will not comply with the new State law on immigration sanctuary. In that case, you had a loud constituency who wanted the state law to be more aligned with their ideology. The cannabis ideology topic is similar here. It would be unfair and a mistake to appease a constituency who don't like that cannabis is legal in our state. It would also be a mistake to consciously or subconsciously buy into the argument that cannabis is not a viable medical product that offers both financial and wellness benefits to many in our own community.

Ultimately, you are called to balance the desires of constituency 2 and 3. The balance is between use and enjoyment of residential life with the use and enjoyment of rural life. Yes, I am oversimplifying, but I know you understand my point because I have been observing all of you evolve in your understanding of this complex topic.

Your Responsibility is to know the essentials of the topic of Cannabis:

The CAG process was needed. As elected representatives, you are called to learn the new regulatory framework and to catch up on the science and authentic medical applications of what is in fact a legal industry in 29 states and there are federal bills in play to fix the federal law. Understanding how the law works now in CA is essential but you must also understand the cannabis business model because this is where the county gets its primary benefit. This is no longer just about medical cannabis use because adult use is legal and there is just no point in debating a topic addressed by state law with very strict controls, stricter than both alcohol and tobacco, both hands down more dangerous and harmful.

Use zoning overlays, do not constrain using zoning alone:

It is your job to balance these competing interests, but better yet it is your opportunity to create a solution that meets the needs of the largest number of people. If gated communities don't want commercial cannabis in their neighborhoods that's easy to regulate by using overlays that reflect the needs of individual communities instead of using a zoning system that is outdated and a messy solution to manage. To meet the needs of authentic medical users in those gated communities, you need to help all understand that indoor growing is cost prohibitive and frankly dangerous if used to make medicine... patients in gated communities need their medicine and medical cannabis is grown outdoors. It is a tenuous argument, at best, that 6 plants outdoors is truly objectionable in residential backyards. (indoor growing is the result of prohibition and not an alternative to outdoor farming). The bad actors in those areas are the problem and they will not apply for permits or look to comply with State law. How to separate 6 plant medical gardens from bad actors? Plant count, that's how. You can meet the needs of this constituency by using zone overlays to preserve the unique neighborhood quality and prohibit any commercial permitting. This way, neighborhoods preserve their quality of life, and other RA areas of more truly agricultural RA zones can be allowed appropriately sized commercial permits. Mendocino County does this. There is simply no reason for the county to avoid using this option. My neighborhood is RA3, we have multiple non-cannabis farms in my neighborhood who are commercial and we bought our property because of this particular character. My husband, Wade Laughter is an expert medical cannabis cultivator with a patients group of over 50 people., We are incorporated under state law. Precluding all RA zones from commercial permits, regardless of neighborhood character is a significant curtailment of our right to property, one of the most precious constitutional rights loved in this county. Overlays is the solution, outright exclusion of all RA zones because some gated communities object is NOT the solution. It is essential that the Community Development Agency does its due diligence in this area. I doubt County Counsel has considered this yet and frankly I have DEEP concerns about that and other points of law she has proffered. Consider engaging an expert in cannabis regulation and land use law to peer

review county counsel's advice. Please INSIST that the county team do its due diligence in this area. There are solutions for all of these concerns, and as elected leaders you must insist that county staff do this completely and accurately.

Excluding non-cultivation permit types invites illegal and dangerous activity:

When it comes to permitting commercial activity, I beg you to take this seriously and if you understand the state framework then you KNOW that allowing only commercial cultivation permits without nursery, distribution, packaging, transportation, testing lab and manufacturing permits then you are just sending all the local income possible out of the county. If you think that not issuing manufacturing permits won't be harmful, just watch how many honey oil labs pop up. Have you looked at the heavy state controls for manufacturing or lab testing? These are technical operations, heavily regulated and it is a direct solution to dangerous home based extraction activity. Again- have you truly talked all of this through? State law offers so many solutions to problems with oil labs- why in the world would you avoid implementing a solution to such a considerable danger? If county staff doesn't have the expertise to understand why the other permit types are necessary, then leverage the community expertise that participated in the CAG or call the Alliance, who has access to experts across the state. Just because you can't see the solution, that doesn't mean there isn't one.

Capping Permits is a form of prohibition that perpetuates black-market activity:

Is it true that you are considering capping the number permits to be issued ? I URGE you to not go down this path- everyone in cannabis community and beyond knows that it is a certainty that if you cap cultivation permits, you will invite black market activity. If folks aren't given a chance at this economic livelihood, they will keep doing what they have been doing until they get busted. If you give current farmers a chance to apply for permits, they will do so with the commitment to follow all regulations required. Overtime, the market volatility and evolving regulations will force many out of the industry. The industry is already struggling with dropping prices, product that can't pass testing, and prohibitive cost to do business. We are not going to blow up and become a Mendocino county. If we want a small farmer/cottage style industry here then make that available to all who will apply. Overtime, many will drop out.. If you don't let the small farm cannabis industry take hold now, you will have significant pressure by big tobacco who will come in and lobby you again and they will have bought up land and bring lobby dollars to Rood Center. I am told one tobacco company is already buying land off Wolf road.. If you want to preserve our quaint rural community feel then you will allow all the farmers to give it a go now and let the market decide who will survive and who cannot.

Denying neighbors waivers due to risk of intimidation presumes all are bad actors:

Regarding the topic of parcel size, setbacks and neighbor waivers- If the goal is to allow neighborhoods to protect their unique character, then you must allow them to play a role in that. What is reasonable on my 4 acre parcel to MY neighbors is not the same as it would be in a more residentially oriented neighborhood. The suggestion that neighbor waivers isn't workable because of the fear of intimidation is simply an invalid reason to prevent neighbors from agreeing amongst themselves what the character of that neighborhood should be. My neighbors on all sides know that we grow cannabis and they not only don't object, they appreciate what we do. They come to us for advice, they want to talk about cannabis with us. Some of you have been here yourselves, and Nate Beason has been here too...We reached out to our neighbors, we told them what we want to do on the property we own and we have relationships with all of our neighbors. There is no reason cannabis farmers and neighbors cannot and should not agree amongst themselves about what is acceptable in that neighborhood so long as the state controls of land and water use is observed. Waivers can easily be a requirement in the permit application that is renewable when the permit is renewable. If properties change hands the waiver can be cancelled pending a new waiver. What is the message we send to residents of this county when we say you can't agree amongst yourselves because some people in some parts of the county might engage in acts of intimidation? The threat of violence or bad behavior is assumed on the part of the County. This is clearly grounded in prohibitionist thinking that is outdated and not an effective deterrent. This as an opportunity to heal the schism created by the ban and bad actors. This is an opportunity to send a message to residents that our County is not here to mediate neighbor disputes and encourage direct communication between neighbors. Denying the option of neighbor waivers is paternalistic and forces more work for the county when really what's needed is a deeper sense of community between cannabis neighbors and non-cannabis neighbors.

Separate bad actors from good:

In the end, if the county embraces permitting as a way to separate the good actors from the bad actors, most of the concern across our county is addressed. The only way to get the bad actors to leave is to offer them a chance at compliance. If they apply, they accept the challenge to play in the legal framework which addresses water, safety and many other local concerns. Those who don't apply are telling you they refuse to be responsible members of the community and they put targets on their heads. If, however, you limit local residents from even trying, they will keep doing exactly what they are doing and play a waiting game with this county. The harm will be to all us in that case. The permitted farmers and the county will take the heat for all the black-market activity that capped permitting invites. Capping permits is a form of prohibition, it will harm us all.

Community Development and County Counsel MUST do their due diligence:

Finally, I URGE you to access the numerous experts in this county on all things cannabis. Amber Morris and Hezekiah Allen are experts in policy and regulation. Numerous Alliance members are experts in organic and regenerative cannabis agriculture and several others are experts at all aspects of medical cannabis genetics, science and medical applications. Please leverage these folks, they want nothing more than to collaborate with county leadership to create a craft cannabis industry that will one day make Nevada County proud.

It is time to step into the unknown, we can end the strife created by the bans of 2016 and signal to the entire community that we are all in this together, we can confront this challenge like the greatest military in the world does- with vision, courage and commitment.

Thank you all for considering my points of view, as a founding board member of the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance, I am one member of a large and growing constituency in this county that will not let this lie. We are here to stay and we are looking to ensure a positive future for Nevada County by closing down the black-market industry and all its ills in this county, we are dedicated partners for you in this effort.

Sincerely,
Monica Senter
District 1

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From the Desk of Terra Hues
District 1

February 11, 2018

Supervisor Heidi Hall, District 1
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

RE: Commercial Cannabis Permits

Supervisor Hall,

I am a resident of District 1. I strongly support a commercial cannabis permitting system.

Please contact me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Terra Hues

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

February 12, 2018

Supervisor Heidi Hall, District 1
Eric Rood Administration Building
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

RE: County Ordinance

Supervisor Hall,

I write today to ask you to approve commercial cannabis regulations to get rid of the black market in this community, and to give clear direction to our valued law enforcement officers.

Sincerely,

/s/ M. Snegg

Mike Snegg
District 1

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Supervisor Hank Weston, District 4
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

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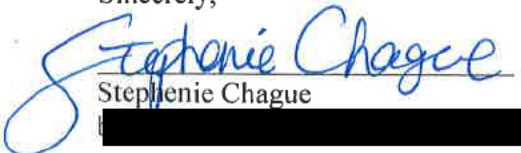
Supervisor Weston:

I live on the North San Juan Ridge in District 4. I have been an active member of the community for the past 10 years; my child attends a local school and I volunteer at several local organizations.

I am asking you to vote in favor of reasonable commercial regulations in Nevada County, and on the Ridge in particular, because it is important to our community. I urge you to please allow for local authorization with the passing of an ordinance.

Please contact me at the email address below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Stephanie Chague
[REDACTED]

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NEVADA COUNTY
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February 12, 2018

Supervisor Hank Weston, District 4
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

RE: Commercial Cannabis Permits

Supervisor Weston,

As a resident of Nevada County, I am writing to convey my strong support for a commercial cannabis permitting system and ask you to vote in favor of reasonable commercial regulations in Nevada County.

Sincerely,

/s/ Reggie Yu

Reggie Yu

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:13 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Make Nevada County Thrive Together

Dist 4 resident

From: Saniah Foy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 9:55 PM
To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>; duanestrawser@gmail.com; evansphelps@gmail.com; reinettesenum@gmail.com; Ed Scofield <Ed.Scofield@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Make Nevada County Thrive Together

Board of Supervisors,

My Name is Saniah Foy and I am one of your District 4 constituent. I live on 10 acres of Ag zoned land. I have been an active member of the community for the past 4 years; I moved to Penn Valley from Truckee to get out cold and to grow my own food. I am very much apart of the community I would like to see Nevada County thrive.

I choice to live here because Nevada County is the prefect climate to grow my own food and cannabis. Wine doesn't grown very well here and to see a place with the prefect climate to cultivate medicine is such a waste. What would be the cost to our community if wasn't here? How much could we gain? What could unfold?

By state regulations standards I am a small cultivator seeking a Type 2 license (or up to 10,000 sq feet). My partner and business partner grown organically with sustainable and regenerative practices. We have been done everything to stay within the county limits and had a officer come by to see our property. With a 10,000-square-foot grow we plan to employ one full-time master gardener as well as 2 support positions. By becoming a locally permitted grower I can receive a state license. However, the market is getting saturated quickly and I am hoping to receive a state temporary license once local authorization is granted. I fear that after the ordinance passes there will be several months that pass until I am granted a local permit. Unfortunately waiting until the summer (or even worse later) for a local permit will put me in limbo from operating my business legally. I urge you to please allow for local authorization immediately with the passing of an ordinance. The income from my cultivation activities is used to pay my mortgage, car payment, utility bills, food, and college.

Thank you for your consideration
Saniah

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:12 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: cannabis ordinance

Dist 4 resident

From: Lauren Wagner [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:39 PM
To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: cannabis ordinance

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of licensing commercial cannabis businesses in Nevada County. Over 60% voted no to the ban on growing and no to banning commercial activity. It is important as elected officials that you listen to the majority votes of your constituents.

I read the recommendations by CAG and in general agree that they are reasonable. With that said, no agreement was made regarding setbacks. Like other forms of agriculture, cannabis does emit an odor, but only during a fraction of the time it is being grown. As you know, an odor is emitted while the flowers are maturing. This stage lasts about 2 months. Odors can vary, depending upon the type of terpenes in the plant. Terpenes are what give all plants their odor and many are the same as those possessed by lemon, pine, clove, etc.

Our county is an agricultural county. We have a Right to Farm disclosure given to buyers when they purchase homes to alert them to odor, noise and other potentially negative things in regards to agriculture. Growing cannabis is no different than raising pigs, cattle, goats, etc. All emit odors. My greatest concern are the setbacks being considered. I own a home on 5.29 acres zoned RA-E. Conforming to this zoning is the allowance of no limit of large animals, with the acreage I have. There is also no setback for the animals to graze on the property. I could have unlimited large animals year round. Certainly they would create an odor as well as attracting flies, mice and rats.

Setbacks will make no difference in mitigating the odor of cannabis (or large animals).

I would like to suggest that you consider a reasonable setback from property lines of 50-75 feet. If the setbacks are greater, such as 100, then many property owners will no longer be able to grow cannabis. Many of our 5-10 acre parcels are rectangular. Mine is 350' wide by 650' long. The measurement of 100 feet from all of my property lines effectively excludes me from growing. I would face problems/barriers such as septic and septic field, well, and location of home, barn, in addition to slope. Others might have vernal pools, streams, or watersheds that can't be disturbed.

Thank you for your time and consideration from your constituents. (district 4)

Lauren Wagner

Julie Patterson-Hunter

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:14 AM
To: All BOS Board Members
Cc: Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Amanda Uhrhammer; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck
Subject: FW: Cannabis Ordinance

Dist 1 resident

From: D [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 12:12 PM
To: bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: Cannabis Ordinance

Dear Supervisors,

I am a lifelong resident of Nevada County and currently reside in Nevada City, I have been a homeowner in our county for over 30 years.

I urge you to move forward with an ordinance as soon as possible and provide a legal permitting process for farmers willing and ready to come into compliance with local and state laws. We have all been working so hard to deal with the community issues via CAG meetings, BOS and City Council meetings, Cannabis Alliance workshops and want to be able to provide medicine for people who need it and choose Cannabis as medicine.

I'm a Medicinal consumer and have spoken publically about the ways Cannabis has improved my health. I have also donated medicine to critically ill children with Epilepsy.

The CAG recommendations are the result of an extensive process that clearly shows - along with Measure W - what the majority of Nevada County residents want.

In regard to the setbacks that will be very difficult for some landowners to comply with due to irregular size, steep terrain and other issues expressed in their letters, I am in favor of looking at these farms on a case-by-case basis, especially if they have their neighbor's support, and allowing variances.

I have heard a rumor that the BOS is going to push for only permitting 20 or more acres in Ag zones, and I fear this will pave the way for large commercial growers to move into our county and I don't think any of us want that!

There are already many farmers with smaller parcels who are good community members, growing responsibly and wanting to continue their business legally in full compliance with the law.

The majority of the arrests we have had over the years are due to huge illegal farms, many of them run by the cartels on National Forest land or people operating HBO labs and engaged in other illegal drug activity, stealing water, using dangerous pesticides, dumping garbage, building unpermitted greenhouses, etc. - they are not the responsible famers who have always been great stewards of their land. I also support a residency requirement.

Please keep your focus on Patient's Rights first and foremost, local business owners & the local economy which we all know thrives from the Cannabis industry, and the will of Pro-Cannabis voters - who are the majority - of our beautiful county.

Thank you for your consideration of my views,
D. A. Gardner

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NEVADA COUNTY
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From the Desk of Terra Hues
District 1

February 11, 2018

Supervisor Heidi Hall, District 1
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

RE: Commercial Cannabis Permits

Supervisor Hall,

I am a resident of District 1. I strongly support a commercial cannabis permitting system.

Please contact me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Terra Hues

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**NEVADA COUNTY
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February 12, 2018

Supervisor Heidi Hall, District 1
Eric Rood Administration Building
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City CA 95959

RE: County Ordinance

Supervisor Hall,

I write today to ask you to approve commercial cannabis regulations to get rid of the black market in this community, and to give clear direction to our valued law enforcement officers.

Sincerely,

/s/ M. Snegg

Mike Snegg
District 1