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Chair, Nevada County Democratic Central Committee

January 3, 2018

RE: CAG and cannabis regulation in our county

To: Nevada County Board of Supervisors and Staff

NEVADA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EACH SUPERVISOR HAS ONE

ec: CEO
Counsel
CDA

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Many of our county voters have been watching the progress of the Citizens' Advisory Committee. We applaud their work, the openness of the meetings, the tone of those meetings and the wide range of stakeholder views that were expressed and taken into consideration. Speaking on behalf of the Nevada County Democrats, we find the recommendations to be generally moderate.

Attached please find letters to each Supervisor signed by some of their constituents. They were signed at a single event; they are not the result of a drive or there would obviously be far far more. Inasmuch as the letter was written and signed before anyone had had a chance to see the CAG recommendations, you will note that many of the points have been addressed in the CAG report.

There are, nonetheless, several areas we'd like to see further clarified or modified. Non-cultivation licenses must be addressed in the first draft of regulations. Producing a valuable crop with no licensed way to manufacture, distribute, test, and sell it would be pointless. Distribution licenses, especially, must be issued from the inception of new county regulations.

As stated in the attached letter, large 'property line set-backs' are simplistic, and unreasonable in the foothills. Please clarify what concerns are met by any set-backs, and target those concerns directly. If the issue is odor, then the current type of required distances from homes makes much more sense. If there are other reasons for set-backs, we urge you to articulate the concern(s) and target them. There should also be a procedure to request variances when they make sense for business owners and their neighbors.

We also want to urge as much outdoor growth as possible because it is less resource intensive, and more natural. Some of our growers will want to be able to use "Organic" labelling. Any property of an acre or larger should be able to have 6 plants outdoors. That would occupy up to about 600 SF. An acre is about 45,000 SF – that's 1.3% of the square footage of the property. That's hardly too much to ask.

We are especially pleased that the proposals reject Type 3 licenses for large, commercial gardens. We support the smaller Type 1 and Type 2 licensing.

Lastly, we urge the Board to support the formation of a Blue Ribbon group to follow through with the CAG's work, providing on-going support and input to you and our county staff.

Respectfully,



December 5, 2017

Re: Nevada County's Cannabis Industry

To: Heidi Hall, Supervisor District 1

Dear Supervisor Hall:

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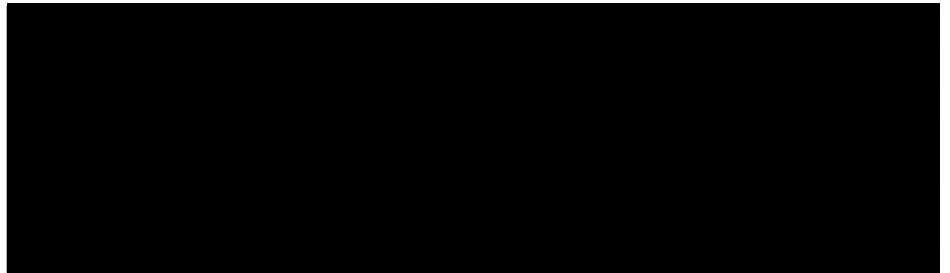
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Ann R. Wallace
David Wallace
Peter Minett



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To Heidi Hall, Supervisor District

Rosalee Goddard,

[REDACTED]

Itana O'Connell

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Quark Mutt

[REDACTED]

Lois Shelton

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Re: Nevada County's Cannabis Industry

To: Ed Scofield, Supervisor District 2

Dear Supervisor Scofield:

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Jacqueline C. Finley
Michael Scavoni
Hal Green
Martha A. Miller
William Cheloch

[Redacted]

(more)

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To Ed Scofield, Supervisor District 2

Wanda Way



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To: Dan Miller, Supervisor District 3

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Carole Chapman

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Marilyn Chambliss

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[REDACTED] ey [REDACTED]

TOM PEPPER

[REDACTED]

CAROL KUCZORA

[REDACTED]

Eric Robins

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Bob Bergstrom

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ellen McDonald

[REDACTED]

Robert Mora

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Max Machly

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April Mada

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Mary Eubanks

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Robert Usa

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Sushila Mertens

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Alas, Mr. Anderson, there were no Bos 5 residents at the single event at which constituents might have signed. This is included so we communicate equally with all 5 Supervisors.