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## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 3:34 PM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Subject:** FW: Medical Cannabis question

**From:** Heidi Hall  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 3:18 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** FW: Medical Cannabis question

Can you forward this to other Supes?

Thank you.

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**From:** Theresia Heinzle [mailto:[theresia.heinzle@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:theresia.heinzle@co.nevada.ca.us)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 4:55 PM  
**To:** Heidi Hall <Heidi.Hall@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Medical Cannabis question

Dear Ms. Hall,

My husband and I have been operating a medical cannabis delivery service in the area. We are constantly working on getting into compliance, which is challenging when the local regulations haven't been put into place yet.

At this time we are seeking county approval to enable us to get a temporary 120 day license from the state. It is critical to many of our patients that we are able to continue meeting their needs. Many of our patients are elderly or critically ill and don't have many options. We work with local MDs and frequently receive referrals from them especially for our line of CBD products.

These are some of the issues we consult our patients on:

Multiple sclerosis, migraines, Parkinson's Disease, PTSD, cancer, pain management, fibromyalgia, Myasthenia gravis, IBS, Crohn's Disease, anxiety, depression, sleep issues, seizure disorders, asthma, kidney disease, schizophrenia, and skin conditions.

I ask you to support stand-alone delivery service licenses for our county. It's a discreet and safe way for local patients to have access to their medicine. This type of model would benefit the county.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Theresia

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:49 PM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana

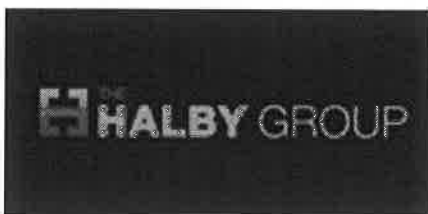
**From:** Anthony Halby [mailto:Anthony@thehalbygroup.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:37 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Marijuana

Ladies and Gentlemen. I'm writing to comment on the latest adventure in trying to regulate marijuana in our county. I have lived here for over 35 years. This is a great community. But if we allow dispensaries, grows etc. we will lose our town to the potheads of the community. Law enforcement, fire, and every other enforcement agency has spoken about all the problems they have with pot grows. I know of good people who are on the fence about leaving our community. This will just push them away. I know of people who have already left, fearing what our community will become.

Yes, there is a State Law. And everyone is looking at the money. But this is more than money. This is quality of life here in Nevada County. I urge you to be as strict as possible when deciding what to do. Should you vote for pot, I for one, will take every incidence (auto wreck, home explosion, shooting) and remind our citizens who voted to have this way of life here.

Please, I urge you, be as strict as possible.

**Anthony W. Halby**  
**President**  
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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 1:10 PM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: CAG recommendations

**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 12:50 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** FW: CAG recommendations

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**From:** Jo Ann Rebane [mailto:joanne@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 5:29 PM  
**To:** Hank Weston; Richard Anderson; Dan Miller; Ed Scofield; Heidi Hall  
**Subject:** CAG recommendations

Comments on draft marijuana ordinance – recommendations of Citizens Advisory Group  
19dec2017 report

I have read the entire CAG Draft Recommendations Report. As a non-recreational marijuana (RMJ) person, I don't see that the CAG recommendations have anything for me. I don't notice any "accommodation" to the non-RMJ community. The recommendations distinctly favor RMJ growers and users.

I see no reason to encourage/allow RMJ to be grown outdoors on any R-1 or RA parcel virtually anywhere in the county.

Most regrettable is the recommendation to permit commercial cultivation and commercial activity with slight regard to the cost of the necessary regulatory and enforcement apparatus the county would require. If the past informs the future, there is no assurance that illegal grows will disappear.

There is no reason to rush into inventing commercial regulations while California as a whole is in the infancy of permitted personal use of RMJ. Let other jurisdictions experiment with commercial RMJ first and learn from their experiences. If Nevada County leaps in as a pioneer, we will no doubt discover mistakes that will need to be corrected later and be costly to correct.

Given the complex tapestry of federal and state laws, I think it would be prudent to let some of those knotty issues settle before proceeding with anything more than allowing 6 plants indoors for personal use.

Jo Ann Rebane  
Nevada City, CA

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 8:23 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Nevada County Marijuana Regulations

Dist 1 resident

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**From:** CSTJ [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 7, 2018 1:34 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Nevada County Marijuana Regulations

To All Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The CAG recommendations that will be presented to the BOS this coming week appear to fail at one of their primary objectives - which is the protection of residential neighborhoods. It is my understanding that all single-family parcels zoned R1 and RA will be allowed up to 6 plants grown outdoors for personal use, and depending upon size, parcels zoned RA would be allowed to cultivate as many as 100 plants outdoors grown commercially! I have a number of friends who live on RA parcels, and not a single one of them supports this type of cultivation - in fact, they fear it and the nuisance, safety and environmental issues, and odors that will result. It is distressing enough to smell the odor of marijuana walking downtown, or standing in a parking lot - we should at least feel safe from this intrusion in the privacy of our own homes and patios.

Despite the legalization of recreational marijuana in the state of California, I believe it is up to the Board of Supervisors in each individual county to determine whether commercial cultivation will be allowed within their county. The majority of residents in Nevada County do NOT wish to see commercial cultivation, massive outdoor grows, and all of the associated problems that accompany them within our county! You have the power to protect the quality of life within Nevada County in regard to this important issue.

In the past two years, three close friends who were homeowners (in some cases owning multiple properties) and responsible taxpayers in our community, moved out of state - and all cited the local marijuana industry as one of their reasons for moving. I have four additional friends (also property owners and taxpayers) right NOW who have either already purchased a home or are actively seeking to purchase property out of state - and all of them have also cited marijuana as one of the driving factors in their decision. I am only one person, and I have personal knowledge of 7 different families . . . How many more residents can we afford to lose who own homes in this county, pay property taxes to support our schools and infrastructure, shop in our local stores, support our non-profits, and benefit our community in so many ways?

Legalization of marijuana is here to stay, and reasonable access to medicinal marijuana for those who truly benefit from it is something to strive for. The ability to grow 6 plants indoors for personal recreational use is a reasonable accommodation to the new California law, which respects the rights of the grower as well as their neighbors . . . remembering always that marijuana cultivation and use remain in opposition to Federal law.

Please make your decisions based upon preserving the quality of life that attracts so many to our beautiful county.

Respectfully,  
Terry McLaughlin  
District 1 property owner and voter

December 5, 2017

Re: Nevada County's Cannabis Industry

To: Heidi Hall, Supervisor District 1

Dear Supervisor Hall:

We, the undersigned, are very interested in the progress the Board of Supervisors is making in their efforts to craft appropriate measures to regulate cannabis in our beautiful county.

### **A well-regulated industry**

Our county has the opportunity to lay the ground work for a well-regulated industry that will support jobs in Nevada County, ensure our quality of rural and semi-rural life, and prove to be sustainable economically and environmentally.

A well-regulated industry will require appropriate permits for all aspects of the industry including growing, processing, transporting, testing and research, and sales.

In addition, we want to see the elimination of all criminal activity relating to cannabis. That will require reasonable, easy-to-comply-with regulations implemented over an ample transition period. Adequate time to bring growers' production into compliance will prove crucial to eliminate criminal behavior, enfranchise all our growers, and force out the relatively few bad actors who desecrate our environment and add nothing to our county's well-being.

Most growers in Nevada County are our friends, neighbors, seniors, and youth<sup>\*</sup>; not carpetbaggers, and not criminals. Many are producing very modest amounts either for their own use, or to supplement their incomes due to the financial challenges of living in the rural mountains of eastern California.

On the issue of production, we urge the Board to issue only Type 1 and 2 licenses for smaller grows. Please do not allow Type 3 licenses which could see substantial expansion into large, production-scaled activity which in turn could lead to our already expensive real estate becoming completely inaccessible to our middle-class workers and their families. Type and 1 & 2 licensure, as currently contemplated, also limits grows to approximately 4% or less of an owner's property.

The present system of set-backs from others' residences makes much more sense than the property line set backs being considered. We oppose those large property line set-backs. It makes no sense to increase set-backs as property sizes get bigger because domiciles are already further apart. And, also because our mountainous properties are not all configured in nice, neat squares. Again, to bring the industry into compliance so we can regulate it, we need easy-to-meet standards.

\* Youth signifies 21-30

Given the extraordinary requirements of indoor grows, we strongly urge the Board not to encourage indoor grows, nor to discourage outdoor grows. Larger indoor grows make sense in our more densely populated areas, but other than that, outdoor growing is more sustainable, and much less demanding on our resources. Individuals with prescriptions should be allowed to grow for their own consumption in whatever way they can.

To summarize, we urge you to adopt measures ensuring:

- A well-regulated industry with a full range of permits for all aspects of the industry
- Current type of set-backs; not huge property-line set backs
- Environmentally sustainable, and economically viable practices
- Type 1 & 2 permits; not Type 3
- Medical users being able to grow for their own use
- An ample transition period
- Clear, simple, and easily met standards
- Ability to grow outdoors, especially in agricultural-residential, and agricultural zones

This period in California and US history give us an opportunity to develop a full range of agricultural products related to cannabis, and establish Nevada County as an important global source with the related economic benefits. If we make excellent decisions now, we can help to ensure that Nevada County will prosper while maintaining its environmental beauty and high quality of life.

Respectfully, your constituents,

Ann R. Hallac  
David Wallace  
Peter Minnett





ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES to the LETTER RE: Nevada County's Cannabis industry

To Heidi Hall, Supervisor District

Rosalee Goddard,

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Itana O'Connell

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Peter Minett

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

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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,



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Hank Weston  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 12:20 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: CAG recommendations

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**From:** gary sobonya [mailto:gary.sobonya@nevadacounty.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 03, 2018 10:47 AM  
**To:** Hank Weston  
**Subject:** CAG recommendations

Hank,

I attended all of the meetings of the Nevada County Citizen's Advisory Group concerning Cannabis regulations and I would like to commend that group for it's thorough, heart-felt work towards adopting sensible rules for our county.

I encourage you and your fellow supervisors to take their recommendations seriously. All sides and opinions were able to voice their concerns, and many of the CAG members remarked that they were amazed at the level of education and enlightenment they received regarding the realities of the Cannabis industry in California today.

The 10,000 square foot limit, (designated small by the state), on commercial cultivation is reasonable. None of us want "mega-farms" here.

5,000 sq. ft. on 5 acres or more in AG zoning is also reasonable.

The one topic the CAG failed to get consensus on was the topic of setbacks. This topic is *crucial* to the bulk of farmers in Nevada County wanting to come into compliance with any new ordinance.

Most small farms in this county are on smaller acreage with odd shaped property lines. 100 or more feet to the property line makes it impossible for many to comply.

All of you have stated that compliance of farmers with any new ordinance is a priority.

With that priority in mind, I encourage you to adopt a reasonable setback to the farmer's property line of 30 to 50 ft. That would encourage, not discourage compliance and would be more in line with other setbacks required by the county.

My last suggestion is to ask the board to issue a statement declaring it's intention to allow permitting of Cannabis cultivation in our county. A generic statement would allow Nevada County farmers to apply for temporary state licenses and not be left behind as the state moves forward with it's licensing program.

Thank You,  
Gary Sobonya  
Nevada County resident for 31 years

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis Odor Management  
**Attachments:** Cannabis Odor Management.pdf; Pass the Sniff Test.pdf

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**From:** Bob Hren [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 7:48 AM  
**To:** Ed Scofield  
**Subject:** Cannabis Odor Management

Ed,  
I have submitted some comments to the CAG process over the past few weeks, and normally would not bother you with one of them as I know you and the other Supervisors can read the consultant's compilation of comments. But the topic of odor management is one where I believe the county's approach of set backs, grow sizes and parcel sizes will never lead to a satisfactory solution, but an alternative method exists to solve this issue. It applies to grows in greenhouses or buildings, and involves filtration of the exhausted air through carbon filters. This is not new, as it has been used in other states like Colorado. What is new is an instrument that can detect levels of cannabis odor. This makes it possible to adopt an odor ordinance, measure for violations, and impose fines for violations. This has been applied in other states and it has been very effective.

An article in a cannabis growing magazine in January 2017 outlines the methods, and I have discussed this approach with the Cannabis Alliance (Jonathan and Diane). In private, they told me this was a great approach, one they thought the growers would embrace. We shall see.

I am attaching a copy of the comment I submitted that should be included in the packet that MIG will release next--not sure of the timing as the August 22 CAG meeting has been postponed. I wanted the Supervisors to be aware of this approach, and I also plan to send this directly to Sean Powers so he is aware of it.

Thank you for your consideration of this.  
Bob Hren

## Cannabis Odor Management

Many people find the odor of ripe cannabis buds to be extremely offensive. "Skunk smell" is the usual term used to describe it. In fact, many people think that Nevada County has lots of dead skunks along the roadways as they drive through our county. Most of those offensive smells are not coming from dead skunks, but rather from legal or illegal cannabis grows.

The offensive odor has caused some people to keep their windows closed day and night, to abandon use of outdoor patios, and to even sell their properties and move out of the county or state to rid themselves of this nuisance. These are significant impacts that rank up there with soil and water pollution or poisoning of wildlife from cannabis grows. The County is not yet on the right path in this area.

The regulations that Nevada County adopts can, if done properly, assure that this nuisance is eliminated. Other states have adopted odor limits and have effectively enforced them with penalties for failure to comply, and Nevada County needs to follow these successful programs. However, so far, the county and CAG have not pursued a proper course in this regard.

The approach taken so far in our county is to keep grows small, set well back from adjacent properties, and on parcels of certain minimum sizes. However, this is a hit and miss and very unscientific method of regulation that will not consistently work. Who really knows how much distance is needed for the skunk smell to mix with clean air in the wind and be sufficiently diluted by the time it reaches an adjacent property or home? There are too many unknown factors for this to be reliable. The intensity of the odor varies by type of species grown and the conditions under which the plants are farmed. The direction and speed of the wind is variable. No scientific studies have been done to precisely allow set backs, grow sizes and parcel sizes to be an effective regulatory approach. Yet, this is the approach the county has taken to date—a failed method. This has been the source of extensive and heated debate among the parties involved with no universally accepted resolution in sight.

It is unfair to the members of the CAG to force them to make a decision on set backs, grow sizes and parcel sizes with such uncertainty and especially when a better approach exists.

Other states, rather than use set backs and parcel size, have simply adopted odor limits. The technology exists to both eliminate odors from grows and to measure the resulting odor at the property boundary with an instrument. By adopting odor limits, the endless debate on grow size, set back distance and parcel size is over. A scientific method of odor removal and detection instruments solves the issue.

Odor removal methods are available for grows in greenhouses and enclosed buildings. Carbon filters are the preferred method of odor removal, though other methods are also available. The measurement device, with a brand name of the Nasal Ranger, has been

sold to growers as well as to cities and counties charged with enforcing odor regulations.

An article in the Cannabis growing magazine Cannabis Business Times in January 2017 provides a good summary of the status of the technology as well as some of the successful regulations that have been adopted in other states. That article is attached to and made a part of this comment. Also, here is the link to the article:

<http://magazine.cannabisbusinesstimes.com/article/january-2017/pass-the-sniff-test.aspx>

For outdoor grows, the only method of limiting the skunk smell is distance. But, that should not change the definition of an offending odor under an odor ordinance. The ordinance should apply to outdoor, indoor and greenhouse grows. The grower can decide if they want to risk an odor violation from an outdoor grow and the resulting fines or revocation of a license for failure to fix the problem.

The CAG and the county must move in this direction to resolve this issue. And back up an odor limit with active monitoring, imposition of fines and abatement of continued violations.

To: Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
Heidi Hall, Ed Scofield, Dan Miller, Hank Weston,  
Richard Anderson

From: Richard and Corlene Mapes-homeowners

~~richardmapes@gmail.com~~  
~~richardmapes@gmail.com~~

Date: December 29, 2017

RE: Nevada County Marijuana Ordinance Draft

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to voice our concerns before making a final decision on the newest draft of Nevada County's Marijuana Ordinance. We voiced our concerns at the last CAG meeting, and were encouraged by its members to email you directly. **Please understand, we are NOT against marijuana and know its importance medicinally, but we are against illegal and out of compliance marijuana grows with no regard to residents whether it is human or animal. We would like to see state run or licensed grows.**

#### **Prior History**

For the past 39 years, we have lived, worked, raised our family, and now have the opportunity to babysit our 11-month old grand daughter on 10 acres off Greenhorn Road in rural Grass Valley. For the last five to six years, with marijuana being legal in Nevada county, our once enjoyable neighborhood with many walking trails, friendly neighbors, and children playing in the great outdoors has become increasingly frightening with many afraid to go into their own yards. On our road of nine (9) homes, there are five (5) illegal and out of compliance grows each with multiple plants. We have had to endure gates on GPS roads, a bear killing, guns pointed at trail walkers (twice), uncontrollable and vicious dogs (one neighbor lost his dog to a pack of pit bulls), neighbors being asked to sell their homes, excessive road use from multiple vehicles with NO attempt for road repair, lying, and anxiety over the constant threat of intimidation and retaliation. The last two years has become the "Wild, Wild, West" with the following story being our last straw.

#### **This December 11, 2017 at 6:30 A.M., we were involved in a home invasion robbery created by an illegal marijuana grow.**

It started with a knock on our door. The man standing there said he was going to our neighbor's house-an illegal marijuana grow with numerous plants. His explanation was that he had gotten his truck stuck and had ran out of gas. He asked if he could buy some gas from me. I gave him gas, told him I didn't want his money, but maybe he could do me a favor sometime. The requests kept coming: a shovel, a chain saw, chains. I looked at their truck and told them they needed a tow truck and went back into my house.

My wife and I were getting ready to get our 11-month old granddaughter. Within minutes, my wife came into the living room, looked out the window and said there was an officer in our front yard with a gun pointed at our house. I saw him, too. I cautiously went out our door with my hands up, and said, "Don't shoot, I live here." Gun barrels look huge when three of them are pointed straight at you with intent to shoot.

When the sheriffs arrived, the three alleged robbers ran through our yard and by our house in an effort to escape. They were all apprehended within hours thanks to the quick efforts of our local law enforcement agencies. The cost of those efforts must be enormous not to mention the on-going costs of prosecution and incarceration (each of the alleged robbers are being held on \$500,000 bail). There were numerous patrol cars, unmarked vehicles, aircraft, and a tow truck along with all their personnel. **This was a terrifying experience for our family and our neighbors. We are now living in fear, and our neighbors are afraid to say anything.**

### **Main Concerns:**

#### **1. Two-Year License Grace Period**

Legal grows should have a permit **BEFORE** starting a business or grow. Grows should have some document to assure neighborhoods that they are in compliance with county regulations.

-As a contractor, I was required to obtain a license **BEFORE** starting a business, and my wife was also required to have a teaching credential before she began her career as a teacher. Businesses also need to declare a fictitious business license in the newspaper. Why would you give marijuana grows a two-year grace period to obtain a license?

#### **2. Five Prescriptions/20 Plants per Prescription with NO license required**

One suggestion from the CAG committee was to allow five prescriptions with 20 plants per prescription to be grown with no license or permit on certain parcels. We believe this part of the ordinance needs to be revisited. All grows should be required to have some type of permit or license with the county or state prior to growing, This just means that Illegal grows will continue, which is NOT working for rural neighborhoods.

#### **3. Growers Need to Fund Their Own Industry**

Code enforcement, law enforcement, and the impact on the District Attorney has created a situation where there are no funds to enforce the rules we have. Two (2) Code Compliance officers are not enough to keep our county's residents safe.



#### 4. Locked Gates

In my neighborhood, numerous locked gates have been installed, not just on driveways but also on GPS roads that have been used for decades by residents, utility companies, visitors, and recently Nevada County Sheriffs and First-Responders. After going to PG&E and the fire department, we learned nobody cares and nobody has jurisdiction.

#### 5. Marijuana Grow Dwellings

Will there still be a requirement for grows to have a permitted and certificated dwelling that is occupied by its owners or renters? That is NOT being enforced now. Three of the marijuana grows in our neighborhood have no dwelling at all and have hundreds of plants.

#### 6. Contiguous Properties

It was also suggested that if a property owner has a permitted residence on one parcel, but owns undeveloped land on an adjoining parcel, the owner would be allowed to grow on both parcels. This would create a loophole for corporations or individuals to have massive grows which also create safety issues that would need to be addressed.

#### Your Current County Code Compliance Mission Statement:

“It is the mission of the Code Compliance Program to work in partnership with the people of Nevada County to promote and maintain a healthy, safe, and desirable living and working environment.”

Through the years, we have trusted that you, our County Supervisors, would make the right choices on this matter, but since the most recent Code Compliance was printed in the Union Newspaper from CAG, we are skeptical. We do not believe this mission statement holds true for us. You as supervisors need to discuss everyone’s health, safety, and welfare, not just the illegal revenue brought into this community by illegal grows, most of which line the pockets of the grower and not for any county maintenances.

My questions to all of you are:

1. What are you going to do to keep us safe with your new ordinance?
2. Are you in support of the transient pot growers or legal residents?
3. How are you going to make sure that the marijuana revenue helps sustain and keep our residents and legal businesses safe, happy, and compliant?

If you have further questions, feel free to contact us at the above emails.



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Dist 2

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:11 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Lehman; Alison Barratt-Green; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Grow South County Ranchos

Dist 2 resident

**From:** Sharon Sanders [mailto:sharon.sanders@co.nv.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 1:18 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Grow South County Ranchos

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I have heard from a few neighbors that there is a proposed commercial marijuana grow planned for a property in the Ranchos in south county.

Previously one of our neighbors had an illegal. The smell was horrendous. The increased traffic on our steep, curvy, normally quiet street was dangerous to any families out walking. And coincidentally, breaks-in and thefts on our street went from little to many. All of the neighbors felt it was a threat to our safety and disrupted our peaceful area. I am a third generation Nevada County resident. We bought our property 40 years ago and built our home there. Over the years we have become appalled at the increased level of crime in our area. There clearly is NOT enough law enforcement staff in Nevada County to match the population growth and the increase in crime.

To allow an operation the size that is being discussed would invite even more crime, traffic and problems to the area. It's not right.

Please do the right thing for the greater good of our community.

Please STOP any size commercial marijuana grows in our community.

Respectfully,

Sharon Sanders

[REDACTED]  
Auburn CA. 95602

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: LOP Ranchos Commercial Marijuana Grow

Dist 2 resident

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

**From:** Jennifer Davis [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 11:08 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** LOP Ranchos Commercial Marijuana Grow

Dear Board of supervisors Nevada county,

Please stop any commercial marijuana grows in our neighborhood. This is not an agricultural community but a residential one. To allow marijuana in our neighborhood is a huge mistake. The impact is harsh on every aspect of our families lives at the present and the future. Thank you!

Best regards.

Jen Davis

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Farm LOP Ranchos

Dist 2 resident

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

**From:** Care Campus [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 9:12 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Marijuana Farm LOP Ranchos

When we opened our preschool here in south county, you required us to get approval from all our surrounding neighbors. I would only think your requirements would be even stricter for a marijuana farm! A five acres marijuana field in our single family home development is not something we approve of. Please do not allow this business to move forward.

Thank you,

Ron and Sandee Gustavson

LOP Rancho resident

[redacted]  
102 Timber Ridge Dr

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:14 AM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Commercial Marijuana Grow in Lake of the Pines Ranchos

Dist 2 resident

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**From:** BARBARA GEIGER [mailto:barbara.geiger@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 12:05 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Commercial Marijuana Grow in Lake of the Pines Ranchos

Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
Eric Road Administration Center  
950 Maidu Ave  
Nevada City, CA 95959

February 7, 2018

Attn. Board of Supervisors

My wife and I have recently learned that a commercial marijuana grow is being pursued by a recent property (25645 Table Meadow Rd, Auburn, CA 95602) owner in the Rancho subdivision of Lake of the Pines. It is also our understanding that the owner will not occupy the property and will rent/lease it out. This is typical of the marijuana grow industry to produce and distribute their product without being affected when crimes occur. As we all know, the medical marijuana industry is booming and the excuses for such large quantities are not legitimate. Much of the product produced is being shipped out of State and out of Country.

Our company, Ace Environmental Management, Inc. participated in the fire cleanups in Nevada County, Yuba County, Butte County and Trinity County. During the site cleanups of many of the properties, marijuana grows were encountered. These properties were stripped of the natural terrain and habitat. These properties were also guarded using illegal fire arms and aggressive dogs.

In addition, ground water supplies have been contaminated from the use of banned pesticides. As you may know, the first thing this property owner did was hook up to the county supplied water system as they know they will be contaminating their own water source as well as neighboring properties.

Many of the Ranchos community owners have expressed their concerns regarding the smell and the crime that it will bring. As you may know this is a cash and carry business. There will be large amounts of cash transactions taking place on this property. This will cause situations where violent transactions will occur.

In addition, this property is located less than one mile from Forest Lake Christian School, where children will be exposed to excessive odor and migrating criminal activity.

In closing I will hold individuals monetarily responsible for my property value and any contamination migrating to my property.

Please take the concerns of the Lake of the Pines Ranchos Residents seriously when making your decision to let this situation progress.

If you would like to contact me directly, please do so at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Major and Barbara Geiger  
Lake of the Pines Ranchos Residents

[REDACTED]  
Auburn, CA 95602

CC; Nevada County Sheriff's Office  
14647 McCourtney Road  
Grass Valley, CA 95949

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 9:08 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Cannibas Regulations Nevada County

Dist 2 resident

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

From: ccharlie@suddenlink.net [mailto:[ccharlie@suddenlink.net](mailto:ccharlie@suddenlink.net)]  
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:37 AM  
To: bdofsupervisors <[bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us)>  
Subject: Cannibas Regulations Nevada County

Dear Supervisors

I am opposed to including any grace period / time for compliance in the cannibas regulations. To do so would prevent control against any type of growing/processing/manufacturing activity and construction. Growers/processors/storage facilities could begin, continue or expand operations during this compliance period. If anyone, including county officials, oppose the construction/operations, the owners/operators could just respond that they are trying to bring their operation into compliance with the regulations.

I am also opposed to any small, medium or large-scale, or cottage cannibas activities in any zoning that is residential, regardless of parcel size. Cannibas and products made from cannibas are not produce. The residence on property regulation would allow growers/processors to hire someone to live on the property, or to rent out the residence, or to let someone live on the property, while the owner lives somewhere else. Corporations, LLC's, investors, absentee owners, would be benefitting without having to live with the impact of their operations/construction.

Thank you,

Cathy Scott  
Lake of the Pines Ranchos  
[6936 Table Meadow Rd](#)  
Auburn CA 95602



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 9:07 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Grow on Table Meadow Rd, Auburn CA Nevada County Lake of the Pines Ranchoes

Dist 2 resident

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**From:** gj kenes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:26 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>; bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca; LOPRanchosNeighborForum Ranchoes <lopranchosneighborsforum@googlegroups.com>; Glenn Kenes <glenn.kenes@ampf.com>  
**Subject:** Marijuana Grow on Table Meadow Rd, Auburn CA Nevada County Lake of the Pines Ranchoes

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please add our name to the list of Lake of the Pines Ranchoes residents who oppose allowing large commercial marijuana growing in our neighborhood.

It has come to our attention that a property on Table Meadow Rd is currently clearing land for this purpose. If Nevada County laws have degenerated in such a way as to destroy the safety and quality of one of its most valued neighborhoods, then I am one of many who will be happy to contribute to lawyers fees to ensure the safety of our neighborhood.

I have full confidence that our voice in Lake of the Pines Ranchoes will not be silenced. We have a strong communication system and belief in our neighborhood.

Rest assured, this will be a success story for us. It may come from lawyers filing lawsuits, picketing, round the clock vigils near the pot grow, media attention or all of the above.

Our neighborhood has a diverse community of differing ideas and values, but we all come together in agreement on this issue. Lake of the Pines, Combie Lake and many other communities will also band with us.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Jeannie Kenes

[REDACTED]  
Auburn, CA 95602

[REDACTED]

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: marijuana farm

Dist 2 resident

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**From:** Kathy Hickam [mailto:w67jeep@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 5:32 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** marijuana farm

It has come to our attention a marijuana farm will be placed on our residential street, Table Meadow Road. Please note, this is a residential street with families and children. The negative consequences of allowing such an industry with unknown risk posed to families as well as known risk of traffic, water consumption, not to mention what this will do to our wildlife population should reverse any consideration to allow such an addition. We are completely opposed to this.

Kathy & Dick Hickam  
[REDACTED]  
Auburn, CA 95962  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:09 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck; Joseph Salivar  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Grow in LOP Ranchos

Dist 2 resident

**From:** Keith Slade [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 6:03 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Marijuana Grow in LOP Ranchos

Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
Eric Rood Administration  
950 Maidu Lane  
Nevada City, CA 95959

February 8, 2018

Dear Supervisors

I want to bring to your attention a matter of great concern. Our neighborhood seems to have a major commercial marijuana grow operation underway. I am a Fire Captain with four young children that has witnessed first hand through my profession and in this neighborhood the distribution and transfer of this so called starter drug. We have already been exposed to crime and violence in this little neighborhood as the result clandestine sales of marijuana. I can only imagine what a large crop backed by huge cash flow would bring. At this point many neighbors are extremely concerned. I can only hope that we have your ear and understand our plight. I am requesting that as a result of the many letters you have and will receive you will take action and protect this neighborhood from the potential darkness it will bring. Keep in mind I suspect they are close to planting. I can hear the heavy equipment daily and have already seen suspicious vehicles in the area.

Thank You for your time and shared concern,

Keith and Kim Slade  
Lake of the Pines Ranchos Residents  
[redacted]  
Auburn, CA 95602

CC; Nevada County Sheriff's Office  
14647 McCourtney Rd  
Grass Valley, CA 95949

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:10 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Please consider

Dist 2 resident

**From:** Deena Spann [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 9:53 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Please consider

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please stop any commercial marijuana grows in our neighborhood.

It has come to our attention that this might be approved and I am opposed to this being approved.

Kind regards,

Deena Spann  
[redacted]  
Auburn, CA 95602

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:10 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARIJUANA GROW REGULATIONS - LOP RANCHOS

Dist 2 resident

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

**From:** Kathy Foster [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:59 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARIJUANA GROW REGULATIONS - LOP RANCHOS

Dear Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

We are homeowners and residents of Lake of the Pines Ranchos, and we are strongly OPPOSED to any changes in regulations or zoning that would allow commercial pot grows in our area. This is a residential community that is not suitable for any commercial operations, particularly marijuana growing, which has its attendant problems, including the noxious odor. There have been illegal grows in our area in the past resulting in increased traffic and speeding on our private roads, and a rash of home break-ins and burglaries. We believe that this kind of commercial activity would lower our home values and greatly reduce the safety and quality of life in our currently peaceful, rural neighborhood.

Kathy Foster and Sam Johnson

[redacted]  
Auburn, CA 95602

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 9:22 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Concerns in the LOP Ranchos about marijuana grow site

Dist 2 resident.

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**From:** Cami Callaway-Higgins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 9:16 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Concerns in the LOP Ranchos about marijuana grow site

February 8, 2018

Dear Board of Supervisors,

This letter is with regard to the potential commercial marijuana grow site on the property at 25645 Table Meadow Rd. in the Lake of the Pines Rancho area.

On behalf of my family and our neighbors, I am writing to communicate that we are strongly opposed to a marijuana grow site being allowed to operate in the middle of our community, and less than one mile from Forest Lake Christian School. We fear that if this project is allowed to continue, that our community will be exposed to more crime and safety concerns. Some of our neighbors have also suggested that large grow sites, such as the one currently being built, have been known to contaminate local water supplies with the use of harmful pesticides. Most of the homes in our community rely on wells for their water supply and this could potentially be detrimental to our health and safety. Also, while it may seem trivial, we are also opposed to the undesirable smell that comes with large quantities of marijuana plants in bloom. A commercial marijuana grow site simply does not belong in the middle of a safe and friendly neighborhood.

While state laws have changed regarding the use of marijuana, this doesn't change the fact that this will bring a different element to our neighborhood. Like many other LOP Rancho residents, my family has been here since the 1970's and we would like to preserve the community we have built.

Our property borders this property on one end and we have been watching the changes... the new owners have completely changed the topography of the property. While we respect one's right to do as they wish on their own property, allowing a commercial marijuana grow site at this lot affects our entire community.

For the safety and well-being of our community, please consider getting involved and stopping this proposed grow site before this project is complete and in operation. From my research, I have

discovered that large scale marijuana operations in California begin planting in late winter/early spring, so this is an issue that needs immediate attention.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Camela Callaway-Higgins & Glenn Higgins  
Property owners at: [REDACTED] Auburn, CA 95602

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**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 2:52 PM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: proposed commercial marijuana grow

Dist 2 resident

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

**From:** hjp2quadz@suddenlink.net [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 2:45 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** proposed commercial marijuana grow

We have been residents of LOP Ranchos for 42 years and are adamantly opposed to this commercial grow. The negative impacts and potential dangers to this family community are obvious plus public safety day and night, school children walking home, and the use of horse trails are only a few of our concerns. Please consider how you would feel if a commercial grow is in your own neighborhood. Jim and Helen Pachaud LOP Ranchos



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 2:53 PM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: STOP commercial marijuana grow operation

Dist 2 resident

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

**From:** Jack McKim [mailto:jackkim@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 2:02 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** STOP commercial marijuana grow operation

Dear Nevada County Board of supervisors. We live in the Lake of the Pines Ranchos and there is a start of a new commercial pot grow operation. This community has many children, families, and pets. This is no place for this type of operation! Almost the entire neighborhood is opposed in severity! Do not let our children families and pets be put in this danger! In the past years pot grow operations have caused a rash of burglaries, dog attacks (of the operation), a rise in crime, and decreased Home values! This area is not commercial! And this will destroy everyone's value of living! Please help us! We have lived here for so long and have been comfortable! We do not want to have this lingering around! We beg of you please stop this!

Jack McKim  
Rely on Reliance  
Reliance Industrial Laundry  
Accounting and service dept.  
[REDACTED]  
Auburn Ca, 95602  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 11:54 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Grow

Dist 2 resident

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

**From:** gwen pettus [mailto:gwenn@lopranchos.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 11:50 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Marijuana Grow

Please add our names to the residents of Lake of the Pines Ranchos who OPPOSE the commercial marijuana grow near our homes.

Thank You  
Robert and Gwen Pettus  
Residents LOP Ranchos

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 11:17 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Opposed to marijuana growing regulations

Dist 2 resident

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**From:** William Spann [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 10:15 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Opposed to marijuana growing regulations

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please add my name to those residents of the Lake of the Pines Ranchos who are OPPOSED to any change in the marijuana growing regulations that would allow a large commercial grow near our home. Further, if a large commercial grow results in a noxious odor problem for my peaceful rural home of almost thirty years, rest assured that I will sue all those responsible for nuisance. This is not the proper location for commercial use. Especially, growing marijuana, which will likely draw unwanted people to our neighborhood looking to steal the commercial crop(s). It is a business and should be located in a business district.

Sincerely,

William R Spann  
[REDACTED]

Auburn, CA 95602  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 10:24 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: LOP ranchos commercial marijuana grow

Dist 2 resident

*Julie Patterson Hunter, CCB*

Clerk of the Board

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**From:** Lisa Rolland [mailto:[lisa.rolland@billrolland.com](mailto:lisa.rolland@billrolland.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 10:13 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** LOP ranchos commercial marijuana grow

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please stop any commercial marijuana grows in our neighborhood. We have had such a grow (illegally) on our street in the past. This resulted in a big increase of burglaries on the street. Our neighborhood is very family oriented and we would like to keep it safe!

Kind regards,

Lisa and Bill Rolland

Lisa Rolland  
Chief Financial Officer  
Bill Rolland, Inc.  
28881 Table Meadow Road  
Auburn CA 95602  
United States of America

916-259-1026

[www.billrolland.com](http://www.billrolland.com)

[lisa@billrolland.com](mailto:lisa@billrolland.com)

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 9:54 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana proposal.

Dist 2 resident

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

**From:** Karen Johan [mailto:kjohan@stglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 9:48 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Marijuana proposal.

Since moving to the Ranchos 3 years ago it seems like there has been one battle after another to keep our family friendly community intact.  
Please do not allow the Marijuana growth to infiltrate our community, what kind of message does this send to our youth (money over neighbors).  
' believe there is a school that is in proximity to the planned growth.  
We are strongly against this proposal.  
Karen Johan George Pruss

Sent from my iPad

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:21 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis Cultivation Nevada County

Dist 2 resident.

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

**From:** cch...@suddenlink.net [mailto:cch...@suddenlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 8:12 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Cannabis Cultivation Nevada County

Dear Supervisors

I am opposed to changing Nevada County's current zoning regarding Cannabis Cultivation on RA zoned parcels under 10 acres. I am opposed to allowing Specialty Cottage, Specialty commercial cultivation, Small commercial, Medium cultivation, and cannabis nurseries on any residential property under 10 acres.

I live in the Lake of the Pines Ranchos. Most of the parcels are 5 acres. We have deeded recreational trail easements for hiking and horse back riding in our neighborhood. The homes are visible and the neighborhood is residential. Fencing is to keep livestock safe and it is transparent. It doesn't block views. There is a huge difference between 6 plants grown for personal use in a small space and cultivation of cannabis to sell or to distribute as medical marijuana. Hundreds of feet of screening fencing and large lighted greenhouses do not belong in residential neighborhoods.

Cathy Scott  
[Redacted]  
Auburn CA 95602  
[Redacted]

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:22 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Pot Farming in South Nevada County: LOP Ranchos

Dist. 2 resident.

Julie Patterson Hunter, CCB  
Clerk of the Board

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

**From:** Mac Pro [mailto:hezy@suddenlink.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 7:30 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Pot Farming in South Nevada County: LOP Ranchos

Dear Board of Sups Nevada County:

Please stop this commercial pot farming in our small community of Lake of the Pines Ranchos. When we came here 30 years ago, the basic CC&Rs did not allow for any commercial business and agriculture.

The impact would not be good on our enclosed community with 5 acres or less. Unfortunately this kind of farming attracts people who want to rob the plants because they are valuable and a drug.

This is NOT an agricultural community, but a residential one. To allow any commercial farming or ranching is a huge mistake. The impact is negative to our home values, which have suffered enough.

Thank you.

Heather Macdonald  
Roger Stevens

[Redacted]  
Auburn, CA 95602  
[Redacted]

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:23 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: [LOP Ranchos Notice] PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARIJUANA GROW REGULATIONS

Dist 2 resident.

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**From:** DEIDRA Head [mailto:jesse3674@island.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 6:43 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>; LOPRanchosNeighborForum Ranchos  
<lopranchosneighborforum@googlegroups.com>; Call Freeman [mailto:call919@sundevil.com]  
**Subject:** Re: [LOP Ranchos Notice] PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARIJUANA GROW REGULATIONS

As I said to Kathy Sherman. They are already clearing land for the pot grow so I would assume they have been cleared for this project by the county. I say we all need to get together to figure out how to keep this from happening. Robert, i am more than happy to contribute to lawyers fees to sue whoever is involved . I know you are a lawyer and I'm totally onboard.  
DEIDRA

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2018, at 11:40 AM, 'Bob Litchfield' via LOPRanchosNeighborForum  
<[redacted]> wrote:

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please add my name to those residents of the Lake of the Pines Ranchos who are OPPOSED to any change in the marijuana growing regulations that would allow a large commercial grow near our home. Further, if a large commercial grow results in a noxious odor problem for my peaceful rural home of almost thirty years, rest assured that I will sue all those responsible for nuisance.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Litchfield, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
Resident: Table Meadow Road  
Lake of the Pines Ranchos

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The reply default has been changed, be sure to choose appropriately who should receive your reply to a message.

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## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:15 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: grow

Dist 2 resident

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**From:** Lynne Sullivan [mailto:[lynne.sullivan@gmail.com](mailto:lynne.sullivan@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 2:09 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <[bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** grow

Hi

I am opposed to a marijuana grow in the Ranchos.

Lynne Sullivan

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:15 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARIJUANA GROW REGULATIONS

Dist 2 resident

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**From:** Bob Litchfield [mailto:boblp161@rocketmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 11:40 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>; LOPRanchosNeighborForum Ranchos <lopranchosneighborsforum@googlegroups.com>; Gail Beeman <gail919@suddenlink.net>  
**Subject:** PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARIJUANA GROW REGULATIONS

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please add my name to those residents of the Lake of the Pines Ranchos who are OPPOSED to any change in the marijuana growing regulations that would allow a large commercial grow near our home. Further, if a large commercial grow results in a noxious odor problem for my peaceful rural home of almost thirty years, rest assured that I will sue all those responsible for nuisance.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Litchfield, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
Resident: Table Meadow Road  
Lake of the Pines Ranchos

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:14 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis Growing Regulations in Nevada County

Dist 2 resident

**From:** Sherman [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 1:20 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Cannabis Growing Regulations in Nevada County

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I understand that the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance has submitted recommendations to the Board for changing the current regulations to allow more large commercial grows on smaller lots than what the current regulations allow. While even I believe the current regulations are a bit too restrictive, I also believe the Alliance's recommendations are far too permissive and will have a negative impact on property owners in neighborhoods and communities with less than 10 acre lots.

Please do NOT accept the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance's recommendations to allow commercial cannabis growing on properties in a residential community of 10 acres or less and please do NOT make the setbacks less than they are currently. We are concerned with more crime, declining property values, noxious odor, and losing the ability to enjoy our beautiful outdoors here in the Ranchos.

The Lake of the Pines Ranchos has already dealt with this problem both with an illegal and a possibly legal co-grower that had about 20 plants which were as far from the property line and neighboring houses as possible, and much further than the Alliance's recommendations. However, that did not stop the noxious smell from interfering with several of the surrounding neighbors' enjoyment of their property, both indoors and outdoors. The smell for much of the summer and fall prohibited them from enjoying sitting outside both day & night, nor could they open their windows at night to make use of cooling with fresh cool nighttime air, instead had to rely on air conditioning day & night.

Also, surrounding neighbors lived in fear of criminals as vehicles would drive in and out all times of night. We've all read the news stories of the burglaries, robberies, shootings etc, associated with large cannabis grows. This is not something that should be allowed in a rural residential area. Our lots in the Ranchos are all 5+ acres, maybe one lot is over 10 acres of steep hillside.

There is already a new property owner that is planning a Commercial Cannabis Grow in the Ranchos. She will not be living there, a tenant is living in the home, so the grower herself will not have to deal with any of the negative impact this will likely have in our neighborhood.

Respectfully,

Kathy and Jim Sherman  
[redacted]

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:14 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose Marijuana Growing in LOP Ranchos

Dist 2 resident

**From:** Adam Sanders [mailto:adam.sanders@mail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:06 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Oppose Marijuana Growing in LOP Ranchos

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please add my name to those residents of the Lake of the Pines Ranchos who are OPPOSED to any change in the marijuana growing regulations that would allow a large commercial grow near our home.

Sincerely,

Adam Sanders  
Resident: Table Meadow Road  
Lake of the Pines Ranchos

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 9:02 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Opposed

Dist 2 resident

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

**From:** Chris Espedal [mailto:[cespedal@yahoo.com](mailto:cespedal@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:38 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <[bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Opposed

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please our names to those residents of the Lake of the Pines Ranchos who are OPPOSED to any change in the marijuana growing regulations that would allow a large commercial grow near our home. As homeowners in the Ranchos for the past thirty-four years, it is disheartening to think of "business" becoming a part of the beauty and fresh air of our residential area.

Thank you.

Larry and Christine Espedal

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 9:01 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Residential Marijuana Grow

Dist 2 resident

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**From:** Mike Tietze [mailto:fgrown5@hglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018 8:28 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Residential Marijuana Grow

Dear Board of Supervisors

We are residents of the Ranchos residential development. We would like to add our voices to those of our neighbors in protest in any change of regulations or law that would allow a commercial marijuana business in our neighborhood. This area is residential—not commercial in any way. We are a very quiet community of families and senior citizens. A marijuana business of any kind or size would attract crime to our neighborhood and create a nuisance due to noxious odors from the growing plants. We want you to know that we strongly oppose this business and will fight legally with our neighbors to stop it.

Sincerely,  
Mike and Lynn Tietze

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Michelle Gysen <gysens@suddenlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 12:32 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Large commercial grow

To whom this may concern,  
I am a resident of the Lake Of The Pines Ranchos and strongly oppose a large commercial marijuana grow to be permitted in this neighborhood.

Thank you for your time.

Michelle Gysen

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Dr. Roholt <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 12:02 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Marijuana Growing Lake of the Pine Ranchos

I am opposed to allow any Marijuana commercial growing licenses in our neighborhood. We live on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Auburn, CA (Nevada County).

Thank you,

Dr. Roholt

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David H. Roholt, DDS  
Pier 210 Dental Group  
635 Mikkelsen Drive  
Auburn, CA 95603  
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**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Jill Lessing <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 11:54 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** LOP Ranchos proposed change to marijuana grow regulations

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please add our names to those residents of the Lake of the Pines Ranchos who are OPPOSED to any change in the marijuana growing regulations that would allow a commercial grow near our home on Table Meadow Road.

Besides siting noxious odors, possible increase in crime and falling property values, this is a FAMILY based community and an inappropriate area for such an endeavor. Yes and we can say NIMBY.

Sincerely,

Paul and Jill Lessing  
[REDACTED]  
Lake of the Pines Ranchos

Sent from myMail for iOS



Steven D. Schisler  
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January 10, 2018

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

From: Steven D. Schisler  
[REDACTED]  
Grass Valley, CA 95949

Re: Cannabis Ordinance

Mr. Scofield,

An objective note from a concerned Nevada County citizen.

In late 1999 I purchased a nice home on property here in Grass Valley after many years of work, to begin to slow down, and raise my family on the end of a private road, quiet, peaceful, very relaxing, in a wonderful setting to continue to raise my family. My property soon became worth just over \$ 750,000.00. Next door was 29 acres with a two horse barn I had hoped to purchase.

Soon thereafter a 65 year old couple moved in to live off his mother's property and converted that horse barn to a small home. Half a dozen years later his mother passed away and he moved into his mother's home on Lake of the Pines. As the acreage next door was rolling hills it was virtually unusable land priced at \$ 275,000.00 which was also my bid.

The land sold for \$ 425,000.00 with almost nothing down to an individual with cannabis growing experience for as you can see well over market value from New Mexico whose wife had recently passed curiously. He stated he was a mechanic, didn't own any tools and always wanted to borrow mine. As I grew up a child of dedicated military serviceman, and we owned a ranch, I am fully capable and own a separate shop full of tools. To that, as I desired to be neighborly, I agreed to help him out when I was home.

This went on and on, a mechanic who owned no tools mind you, so after many, many requests I finally consented to let him use my tools as long as he put them back in my shop when he was done each time. What is that old proverb, "nice guys finish last", maybe not this time.

For example, he borrowed my 6 foot ladder to paint his camo cannabis fence and brought it back broken and never replaced it. I then was forced to throw that ladder away and purchase a new one. I walked over to speak with him about my missing tools and there they were hanging above his work bench and he claimed them as his.

My dogs whom both him and his wife play with, have come home wounded on many occasions. And then twelve months ago my Anatolian Shepherd, my fifth rescue from Sammie's Friends, came home with a very large and deep straight gash over his eye and broken ribs. That was another \$ 1,000.00 expense at the Vet, and my dog had to have tubes sewn into her side to drain the fluid buildup for a month.

Not long after, I came home one evening and found my former race horse I have owned for many years had the same very deep and straight cut over his eye and almost lost his eye. That cost me another \$1,000.00 and I cannot tell you how upset I am about this, but I am sure you can imagine were they your pets, bordering his property of course.

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Believe it or not, two weeks ago I came home to, my home on the end of a very private road mind you, to find four of my 55 gallon garbage cans missing that he is now using for his cannabis trimming. He does grow year round and now I find he is distributing acid locally to associates I am aware of in the community.

The aggravation, the lies, the stealing, the injuries to my pets and livestock... I ask how you would handle this were this your new neighbor when you spend this kind of money on a nice property to retire on in this wonderful community? Personally, I have had enough!

To my point.

Not long ago I understand our Sheriff Keith Royal stated he felt that any facilities for growing pot would have to be 150 feet from any fence line. I urge you to pay close attention to the photos provided. As you can see, this Jon Krekorian who boasts how much he has the city wrapped around his finger, and has put the operation in his co habitants name Donna, has two 5<sup>th</sup> wheel motor homes for his trimmers to live in for many years now just a few feet from my property and fence line. Further, he had added another small building and storage unit that he grows his starter plants in, all less than 40 feet from my property line. Additionally, the garbage and material strewn around outside of my kitchen window continues to mount which is exactly why we need ordinances to protect us from this element.

I have spent thousands in veterinarian bills, have lost many valuable tools and materials, my property value continues to decrease, and of course my aggravation level continues to increase along with my loss of peace of mind.

After significant research, I moved my family to this beautiful community for many of the same reasons you have. I also moved my Financial and Retirement Planning firm to Grass Valley from Burlingame in 2000. I divorced in 2008, and I work tremendous hours with no one to watch over my home, livestock, pets and property, while these individuals whom have been arrested for transporting pot across states lines on several occasions continue to be a burden on our local economy and society, and continues to earn significant tax free income annually while he grows and distributes legal and illegal drugs in our community year round.

I have reported this to the city in the past, where a simple letter was sent to the land owner with no apparent actions what so ever were taken. I am not sure what ordinances are in place today, but there must be some statutes on the books today that prevent this current level of activity. In the same vein, are there not statues that create an appropriate distance from neighboring fence and property lines so as not to destroy my/our reasons for moving to this incredible community. Further, are no consequences for Mr. Krekorian's lack of response to your earlier letter of correction?

I urge you to consider the enclosed photos as evidence of what will happen to the rest of our properties and our community if an appropriate decision is not made with respect creating ordinances determining appropriate setbacks. In an effort to preserve the beauty of our community, our property values, and the quality and character of our local citizens and their piece of mind, which is why each of us moved our families here to begin with.

I am spending thousands having a security system installed as we speak, in an environment where most of us don't even need to lock our doors even in today's age.

The address in question is 18863 Dog Bar Road Grass Valley, Ca 95949.

I can be reached for further comment at the above number.

Respectfully,



Steven D. Schisler

Host of "Managing Your Money"

Founder - Synergy Wealth Management LLC CA

Vice President - American Legion Riders - American Legion Post 130

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## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 12:33 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis recommendations

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**From:** Lisa Baker [mailto:baker7000@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 4:55 PM  
**To:** Ed Scofield  
**Subject:** Cannabis recommendations

Ed,

I live in your district in Golden Oaks Subdivision. PLEASE VOTE NO against allowing cannabis. It is taking over our county, and ruining neighborhoods.

I see in my neighborhood the trimmers coming in now, and people wandering around that do not belong here. I went to dinner in Grass Valley last Sunday night - I don't know if I will go there at night again. Too many people who appear to be under the influence hanging around. Recently at the Safeway on Brunswick, the store was dealing with someone smoking pot IN the store!

Stop the madness before all the normal people move out of Nevada County and you are left with a bunch of pot heads.

Thank you ,

Lisa Baker  
[REDACTED]  
Grass Valley, Ca. 95949

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 12:15 PM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: CAG Cannabis Recommendations

Dist 2 resident

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**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 12:04 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** FW: CAG Cannabis Recomendations

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**From:** Paul Mellette [mailto:~~mellette@ed.scofield.com~~]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 11:09 AM  
**To:** Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Heidi Hall; Hank Weston; Richard Anderson  
**Subject:** CAG Cannabis Recomendations

Dear Supervisors

I am writing you to voice my opposition to the CAG recommendations you are scheduled to receive tomorrow. As reported in the Union, it appears that all parcels could have some type of grow. All parcels of at least 5 acres could have grows of up to 50 plants. This means that the "divisions" in my area (Lodestar, Sunshine Valley and Golden Oaks) could have grows of up to 50 plants on every parcel! Where is the water going to come from for this? Wells in this area are already very stressed. I have already had to have my well deepened to the tune of \$13,000. And so much for smelling the pine trees this fall.

What has happened to the restrictions like having to have a legal residence on the parcel, fencing, no terracing, 20 plant limits on largest parcels, etc. Our divisions were approved by the County to be divided up for residences, not to grow drugs. Also, ANY regulations must have a way to be reliably enforced. I urge you to protect our residences and property values by rejecting the CAG recommendations as way, way too permissive.

Paul and Sharon Mellette  
South County

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**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 11:09 AM  
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Paul and Sharon Mellette  
South County

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 11:31 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: draft letter to BOS concerning pot rules

Dist 2 resident

*Julie Patterson Hunter, CCB*

Clerk of the Board

**From:** Debbie Porter [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Fwd: draft letter to BOS concerning pot rules

Please forward this on to the Supervisors for Tuesday's meeting. Thank you, Debbie Porter

Hello. I am President of the Golden Oaks Homeowners Association. In this capacity, I am turned to when neighbors have concerns about pot grows in here. I have lived here for over 20 years and am very aware of how much the growing of marijuana has increased. So, I have been following the Marijuana issue in our county for years. It is obvious that the amount and size of POT grows have increased each year with little regard being shown for the impact it has on the neighborhoods where it is grown. I live in a rural AG-1 neighborhood with acreages from 10 to over 40 acres. Many of the properties have low output wells with little or no access to piped water. A creek runs through the area (South Wolf Creek) and water has been pumped out of this creek for use as irrigation for pot. We have had 2 big pot busts in here in the last 2 years. There are many grows that are under the radar in here. Neighbors call me complaining about neighbors growing but tell me they are afraid to turn them in. As you know, up to now, all non-compliant grows are investigated on a complaint driven process. One of the important issues for any new regulatory process is to be sure there is a process to make sure compliance is ongoing. Obviously this takes funds and a willingness of growers to comply. To that issue, the asking by the CAG to give growers until 2020 to comply is a blatant attempt to allow those already growing to continue without reducing grow size, set backs or environmental problems. Please don't support this. I accept that CA has legalized POT and allows each person to grow up to 6 plants. The CAG wants much larger plant #'s. Please rein that in.

The smell of Marijuana plants as they mature is overpowering and may be one of the most troublesome of the concerns. It is known that fertilizers and other chemicals are finding their way into the ground water and creeks. Growers also cut down large trees on the properties. I have noticed an increase in algae growth in our creek that is downriver from grows. WE all moved here to enjoy open windows in the good weather. I have noticed an increase of people and cars in our private road neighborhood during planting and harvest times. Worrisome. Anything that is valuable also brings in crime with robbery, honey oil processing, and traffic with selling and shipping product. These are all very real problems that must be addressed. I do not envy your job.

I also recognize the realities of medical marijuana and I believe there is a real benefit here. But, all pot plants need to be regulated.

Stay strong. Think of everyone in our county.

Debbie Porter

10701 [REDACTED]

Grass Valley, CA



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 10:41 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana CAG

Dist 2 resident

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

**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Monday, January 8, 2018 10:36 AM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana CAG

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

**From:** Gene Jovich [mailto:~~mailto:genejovich@yahoo.com~~]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 07, 2018 9:48 PM  
**To:** Ed Scofield  
**Subject:** Marijuana CAG

Hi Ed

Please forward to all the supervisors.

Regarding the CAG presentation coming up. I have attended CAG meetings and I can't believe that the county has spent this amount of time and money on this phony recommendation from MIG. You could have just asked the growers to write their own regulations. There is not a mention of any fine structure or enforcement structure of whatever regulations are set up. Without fines and enforcement the growers will do as they wish as stated in the CAG meetings about the odors. Comments like I can't believe these Nevada County noses and you'll just have to get used to the smell. There were also statements of "if you can't live in your house for 3 or 4 months that's too bad and we can't control the wind for odor direction. I lived thru 3 to 4 months of NOT being able to use my house and I resent the feelings of the growers. I can't live thru another summer of that obnoxious smell. YOU CANNOT let this move forward as the CAG/mig has recommended. It will ruin our county!!!

Gene Jovich  
Alta Sierra  
Sent from my iPhone

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Lee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 7, 2018 7:59 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors; Ed Scofield  
**Subject:** CAG Comments, Observations, Recommendations  
**Attachments:** CAG final input Jan 2018.doc

Please review the attached input prior to the forthcoming January 9th, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting. Thank you.

Lee French  
Resident, CAG Member  
Nevada County District 2

January 7, 2018

**To: The Nevada County Board of Supervisors**

**From: Leland French  
CAG member**

**Subject: Comments and observations on the CAG process and recommendations.**

**As a member of the CAG I realized immediately at the first meeting that the mission we were tasked to accomplish could not be effectively completed in the time frame provided. There were too many subjects to review and comment on and many of the CAG members had little or no background information to make informed decisions. We lost valuable time in providing detailed information to the CAG members which was lengthy and complicated leaving many confused during their voting on the questions proposed.**

**A smaller group dealing with a single subject and reporting to the group as a whole for discussion would have provided better results. To discuss the details of a subject by 16 people left little time for each to effectively analyze, provide input, discuss at length and be able come up with any educated recommendation that would best meet the needs of the citizens.**

**It also appeared that the proposed questions were guided by the facilitator to a preconceived outcome. In several cases and I wondered how some of the recommendations made by the facilitators came to be reported as acceptable to the CAG such as planting outdoor in "R" areas and putting "RA" in the guidelines for "A" properties. This was not approved by CAG yet was submitted by MIG as a recommendation. It also appears that even though we did not want commercial grows in the county it came out as a recommendation.**

Pg. 1 of 2

Very little was said about permits except for aligning with state permits and requirements for various grows in acreage and quantity of plants. It is mandatory that the Nevada County ordinance include permits for all grows including 6 plant indoor cultivation including inspections for compliance on an established schedule. The ordinance should include significant daily fines and penalty's for non-compliance with no grace period provided to bring the grow into compliance by the growers. Without these permits and compliance inspections we will run the risk of fires, and continued violations to the environment and serious consequences to the residents of the county as we are now experiencing.

These are but a few of the problems experienced and we must move on and set our priorities to mitigate the current problems that are negatively impacting all of us. As I see it the priorities are;

1. Children
2. The nuisance caused to the community by odors, environmental destruction, crime, increased law enforcement, etc.
3. A strong and effective permit and enforcement system.

In conclusion, the Board of Supervisors have a very tough decision to make to protect our county from becoming another emerald triangle where the laws were openly violated due to the lack of enforcement. I feel that we received a minimal return on investment with the CAG process, however, it did provide an opening for both sides of the question to become acquainted and open up an avenue for further non-aggressive interchange on the subject in the future. Our responsibility is to the majority of the population in the county which is the homeowner seeking the tranquility, security and quality of life in this most beautiful land in the country and we must protect that with a well thought out new ordinance.

December 5, 2017

Re: Nevada County's Cannabis Industry

To: Ed Scofield, Supervisor District 2

Dear Supervisor Scofield:

We, the undersigned, are very interested in the progress the Board of Supervisors is making in their efforts to craft appropriate measures to regulate cannabis in our beautiful county.

### **A well-regulated industry**

Our county has the opportunity to lay the ground work for a well-regulated industry that will support jobs in Nevada County, ensure our quality of rural and semi-rural life, and prove to be sustainable economically and environmentally. A well-regulated industry will require appropriate permits for all aspects of the industry including growing, processing, transporting, testing and research, and sales.

In addition, we want to see the elimination of all criminal activity relating to cannabis. That will require reasonable, easy-to-comply-with regulations implemented over an ample transition period. Adequate time to bring growers' production into compliance will prove crucial to eliminate criminal behavior, enfranchise all our growers, and force out the relatively few bad actors who desecrate our environment and add nothing to our county's well-being.

Most growers in Nevada County are our friends, neighbors, seniors, and youth;<sup>\*</sup> not carpetbaggers, and not criminals. Many are producing very modest amounts either for their own use, or to supplement their incomes due to the financial challenges of living in the rural mountains of eastern California.

On the issue of production, we urge the Board to issue only Type 1 and 2 licenses for smaller grows. Please do not allow Type 3 licenses which could see substantial expansion into large, production-scaled activity which in turn could lead to our already expensive real estate becoming completely inaccessible to our middle-class workers and their families. Type and 1 & 2 licensure, as currently contemplated, also limits grows to approximately 4% or less of an owner's property.

The present system of set-backs from others' residences makes much more sense than the property line set backs being considered. We oppose those large property line set-backs. It makes no sense to increase set-backs as property sizes get bigger because domiciles are already further apart. And, also because our mountainous properties are not all configured in nice, neat squares. Again, to bring the industry into compliance so we can regulate it, we need easy-to-meet standards.

\* "youth" means ages 21-30

Given the extraordinary requirements of indoor grows, we strongly urge the Board not to encourage indoor grows, nor to discourage outdoor grows. Individuals with prescriptions should be allowed to grow for their own consumption in whatever way they can. Larger indoor grows make sense in our more densely populated areas, but other than that, outdoor growing is more sustainable, and much less demanding on our resources.

To summarize, we urge you to adopt measures ensuring:

- A well-regulated industry with a full range of permits for all aspects of the industry
- Current type of set-backs; not huge property-line set backs
- Environmentally sustainable, and economically viable practices
- Type 1 & 2 permits; not Type 3
- Medical users being able to grow for their own use
- An ample transition period
- Clear, simple, and easily met standards
- Ability to grow outdoors, especially in agricultural-residential, and agricultural zones

This period in California and US history give us an opportunity to develop a full range of agricultural products related to cannabis, and establish Nevada County as an important global source with the related economic benefits. If we make excellent decisions now, we can help to ensure that Nevada County will prosper while maintaining its environmental beauty and high quality of life.

Respectfully, your constituents,

Jacqueline @ Finley  
Michael Scavron  
Paul Green

Martha A. Miller  
William Chaddock

[REDACTED]

(more)

ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES to the LETTER RE: Nevada County's Cannabis industry

To Ed Scofield, Supervisor District 2

Wanda Way



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2018 1:22 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Items to Consider Ahead of 1/9/2018 BOS Meeting

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**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Friday, January 05, 2018 1:11 PM  
**To:** 'Dustin Watson'  
**Subject:** RE: Items to Consider Ahead of 1/9/2018 BOS Meeting

Dustin,  
Thank you for your input. I understand your concerns. I'm unable to give you any kind of time line at this time; however, I appreciate your comments.

Ed Scofield  
Supervisor, District II  
Eric Rood Administrative Center  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959-8617  
530-265-1480

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**From:** Dustin Watson [mailto:dustinwatson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 04, 2018 4:12 PM  
**To:** Ed Scofield  
**Subject:** Items to Consider Ahead of 1/9/2018 BOS Meeting

Dear Mr. Ed Scofield,

My name is Dustin Watson and I am a home/land owner in your district. I am a 31 year old tax paying, law abiding citizen and generally consider myself to be a stand up guy. In addition to these things, I am also a member of the cannabis industry and have been for over five years.

I am writing you today concerning the need for a cultivation ordinance in our county. I currently operate a small cannabis farm on my property and am eager to sell legal cannabis to my retail customers. Not having an ordinance in place makes it impossible for me to supply my longstanding retail customers with my products as all of them are being licensed at a state level and cannot do business with an unlicensed cultivator. My fear is that if I cannot get some type of licensing in place, I will lose the business relationships that I have worked so hard to secure. I understand and appreciate the BOS approach of working diligently to ensure that the needs of all concerned parties are being addressed. However, I fear that moving too slowly may slant the tables against the small farmers in our county, especially those in situations similar to my own.

Below are some things I would like you to consider as you work with your peers to craft regulations in our awesome county:



- Those who want to move forward legally should be encouraged and assisted by the county as soon as we get closer to getting a cultivation ordinance in place
- Farmers willing and eager to walk the path towards compliance must be given a transition period to come into compliance with all building codes
- Make the new local permitting process as transparent and practical as possible for both county staff and farmers who want to establish their legal businesses
- Given the shape of my property, the current setback requirements of 150ft would force me to construct cultivation facilities in a sub-optimal location Therefore, I would like to ask that these be changed to 50ft so that small farmers like myself can use their land in the most appropriate manner, assuming that the end use is safe, environmentally friendly, and not a nuisance to any neighboring properties or thoroughfares
- All cannabis business license types need to be represented in the ordinance in order to have a healthy, fully integrated industry in the area that keeps locals employed here in our county
- Let's get this thing done by March!!! :)

I know that the task of creating an ordinance such as this is not an easy one. I appreciate you and everyone else at the county who are working hard to get things right. I love living in Nevada county and plan to raise my family here. I can only hope that the ordinance that is enacted allows me to continue to work my land and live out my dreams.

Thanks for taking the time to read this note. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you would like to discuss further.

All the best,

Dustin L. Watson

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:21 AM  
**To:** sheri\_trailgearusa.com  
**Cc:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** RE: Growers Ordinance

Thank you for your comments.

Ed Scofield  
Supervisor, District II  
Eric Rood Administrative Center  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959-8617  
530-265-1480

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

From: sheri\_trailgearusa.com [mailto:sherifogarty@trailgearusa.com]  
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:15 AM  
To: Ed Scofield  
Subject: Growers Ordinance

Dear Ed,

As a local homeowner and businessperson, I want to urge you and the board to quickly get reasonable ordinances set up for our local growers. Starting January 1st they need to be able to get licenses, and it's my understanding that to do so they need to have reasonable local ordinances in place.

I want our county to thrive and this is a great opportunity for both tax dollars and property values to both increase. Let's encourage tourism and bring jobs to the county. I would hate to see our county miss out on these financial opportunities. The people spoke when they voted against Prop W. Please represent your constituents and get this sorted out.

Best regards and Merry Christmas,

Sheri

Sheri Fogarty  
[REDACTED]

Grass Valley, CA 95949  
[REDACTED]

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 5:14 PM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Commercial growing of Marijuana is not acceptable in our neighborhood

**From:** Cindy [mailto:cindypeterson@co.nv.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 5:06 PM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors <bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Commercial growing of Marijuana is not acceptable in our neighborhood

I am a residents of the Ranchos at [REDACTED] Auburn Ca that is in absolute opposition of a **large commercial growing of marijuana in our neighborhood. We purchased our property in 2008 because of zoning and ordinances of our community and because we want to be away from commercial growing industries, specifically the growing of marijuana in the Ranchos. We do not want to be anywhere near these plants as they create the unpleasant smell that will prohibit us from open windows of fresh clean air in the hot summer. For this and other obvious reasons, we are in opposition of any growers in our neighborhood, period. Thank you, Cindy Peterson**

Sent from my iPhone

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** Keith Royal; Sean Powers  
**Cc:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana grows

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

**From:** Larry Haynes [mailto:larryhaynes@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 12:23 PM  
**To:** Ed Scofield  
**Subject:** Marijuana grows

Sent from my iPad I oppose all marijuana grows in residential neighborhoods.. As I drive through Alta Sierra, I smell the stink of skunk weed. Very offensive to me. Very strong as you turn onto Lawrence from Brewer. Also as you head down Brewer through the S turn. Two areas going down hwy. 49 before you get to Combie Rd. If they don't follow the outdoor grow law now, they certainly won't follow the new ordinances next year. The sheriff across the street from me, says they don't much about it because it will be legal next year. Again, no grows in residential neighborhoods. Thank You again for listening to me. Have a great day, and thank you for being my district representative. Larry Haynes

Dist 3

December 5, 2017

Re: Nevada County's Cannabis Industry

To: Dan Miller, Supervisor District 3

Dear Supervisor Miller:

We, the undersigned, are very interested in the progress the Board of Supervisors is making in their efforts to craft appropriate measures to regulate cannabis in our beautiful county.

#### **A well-regulated industry**

Our county has the opportunity to lay the ground work for a well-regulated industry that will support jobs in Nevada County, ensure our quality of rural and semi-rural life, and prove to be sustainable economically and environmentally. A well-regulated industry will require appropriate permits for all aspects of the industry: growing, processing, transporting, testing and research, and sales.

In addition, we want to see the elimination of all criminal activity relating to cannabis. That will require reasonable, easy-to-comply-with regulations implemented over an ample transition period. Adequate time to bring growers' production into compliance will prove crucial to eliminate criminal behavior, enfranchise all our growers, and force out the relatively few bad actors who desecrate our environment and add nothing to our county's well-being.

Most growers in Nevada County are our friends, neighbors, seniors, and youth; not carpetbaggers, and not criminals. Many are producing very modest amounts either for their own use, or to supplement their incomes due to the financial challenges of living in the rural mountains of eastern California.

On the issue of production, we urge the Board to issue only Type 1 and 2 licenses for smaller grows. Please do not allow Type 3 licenses which could see substantial expansion into large, production scaled activity which in turn could lead to our already expensive real estate becoming completely inaccessible to our middle-class workers and their families. Type and 1 & 2 licensure, as currently contemplated, also limits grows to approximately 4% or less of an owner's property.

The present system of set-backs from others' residences makes much more sense than the property line set backs being considered. We oppose those large property line set-backs. It makes no sense to increase set-backs as property sizes get bigger because domiciles are already further apart. And, also because our mountainous properties are not all configured in nice, neat squares. Again, to bring the industry into compliance so we can regulate it, we need easy-to-meet standards.

\* Youth here means ages 21-30

Given the extraordinary requirements of indoor grows, we strongly urge the Board not to encourage indoor grows, nor to discourage outdoor grows. Individuals with prescriptions should be allowed to grow for their own consumption in whatever way they can. Larger indoor grows make sense in our more densely populated areas, but other than that, outdoor growing is more sustainable, and much less demanding on our resources.

To summarize, we urge you to adopt measures ensuring:

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- Type 1 & 2 permits; not Type 3
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- An ample transition period
- Clear, simple, and easily met standards
- Ability to grow outdoors, especially in agricultural-residential, and agricultural zones

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Respectfully, your constituents,

Carole Chapman

[REDACTED]

Marilyn Chambliss

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TOM PEPPER

[REDACTED]

CAROL KUCZORA

[REDACTED]

Eric Robins

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Bob Bronstrom

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Robert Mora

[REDACTED]

Ellen McDonald

[REDACTED]

December 5, 2017

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Respectfully, your constituents,

*Max Machly*

[Redacted]

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*April Mada*

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

*Mary Eubanks*

[Redacted]

*Robert Vusa*

[Redacted]

*Sushila Mertens*

[Redacted]

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** James Gilbert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 4:07 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** Cannabis Presentation

Are you best source for copy of cannabis presentation to the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday. Particularly interested in 100 plant proposal for RA lots in the county. I'll be meeting with Public Works on Tuesday and could pick up the presentation copy at that time.

Thanks

Jim Gilbert

Greenwood Forest Estates PRD

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Dist 4

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:46 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on marijuana advisory group  
**Attachments:** FRAN CAG comments August 2017.docx

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**From:** fran freedle [mailto:fran.freedle1234@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 12:39 PM  
**To:** cagmeetingcomments@migcom.com  
**Cc:** Don Bessee  
**Subject:** Comments on marijuana advisory group

I am submitting the attached comments for distribution to the committee.

Thank you,  
Fran Freedle

Comments to the Citizens Advisory Committee (on marijuana). Watching the results of the citizens advisory group on Marijuana policy for Nevada County continues to cause me concerns.

I am concerned that there remains a true conflict of interest that violates The Brown Act. Any person involved in public policy who has a potential financial benefit must recuse themselves from deliberations and physically remove themselves from the dais. There are those in the group who have violated this requirement since their appointment was considered. The consultant has turned a blind eye to this requirement. It should be reviewed by County Counsel, and those in violation should be removed or required to abide by the Brown Act requirements.

While I understand that the group does not make policy, it will be making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and several have obvious bias.

Also, all votes taken should be PUBLIC. That is the meaning of the Brown Act – public meetings are to be transparent and all actions must be visible to the public.

In regard to the odor in our county: While you may think it possible to soften the language calling marijuana something else to make it more acceptable, you cannot hide the absolute stink of marijuana even when plantings are limited to 25 plants on larger parcels in our rural county.

I live in the rural South County –off Perimeter Road – and the stench is getting worse every day as it does every year, but it is worse this year. This should not be so, because we have set strict limits, but I can only conclude that more marijuana is being grown this year.

Each year, and this one in particular, I am sickened by this awful stench. Limiting the product by setbacks, grow and parcel sizes is just not working which is the current policy. My fervent hope is that the committee will recommend to the Board of Supervisors a strong regulation that sets odor limits, much like dust and air quality impacts are regulated with property use. I recommend a reliable odor detecting device, that is available commercially, that will detect odor from all growing conditions – indoor, outdoor, greenhouses. Monitoring should be ongoing and continuous. I would request the device measure at the grow site as there is no reliable way to measure the odor as it dissipates over space. There should be a substantial fine for non-compliance and abatement if continued violations occur.

Fran Freedle

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NEVADA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

To the wonderful supervisors of Nevada County.

These are pictures of my typical clean middle class neighborhood.

CO: A11805  
CEO  
COUNSEL  
CDA



I hope you noticed all my neighbors keep their property clean.

Then you come to my direct neighbor, who grows cannabis. This is the poster child of a un-control grow. I think his property looks like a toxic dump site.



These are what I see from my front windows.

This grower, doesn't follow the rules. One year he had 45 plants. Last year he had 15 plants. Please make sure people grow responsibly.

Thank you,

Harry

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 1:25 PM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Lehman; Alison Barratt-Green; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis regulation setbacks and property line

**From:** Hank Weston  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 1:15 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis regulation setbacks and property line

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**From:** Rolf Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 5:15 PM  
**To:** Hank Weston  
**Subject:** Cannabis regulation setbacks and property line

Mr. Weston,

The purpose of this letter today is to discuss the possible setbacks that Nevada County has granted upon its residents that are involved in the cultivation of cannabis. The set back of 100-300 feet for properties ranging in 2 to 20 causes many more issues for local farmers than it resolves.

We would like to suggest a case by case basis for specific properties that meet *all* other Cannabis Cultivation Requirements.

With the written consent from our neighbors that have no qualms with green houses backed up to property lines the same goals can be achieved without having to tear down existing structures and cut down existing trees for new plots.

We are a non profit organization that grows cannabis and donates to wounded veterans for various medicinal therapies. We are also greatly involved with a local non profit "Sierra Harvest" who supplements school lunches in Nevada County with local, fresh, and organic produce. We proudly use our additional supplies and land to grow vegetables to help our children get a wholesome and healthy meal while at school. Cannabis gives our farm in particular the opportunity to improve the quality of life for hundreds of individuals each year.

By allowing a case by case basis when dealing with current set back regulations we will be able to continue to grow cannabis with the tools we currently have and continue to do even more for, and with our community.

We would greatly like the opportunity to work with our neighbors to resolve these issues and continue to make our community an even better place.

Best Regards,

Rolf Johnson.

Founder:

Grown By Vets



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 1:10 PM  
**To:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Mali Dyck; Sean Powers  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana regulations

**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 12:49 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana regulations

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**From:** Tom Wolfe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 6:40 PM  
**To:** Hank Weston; Heidi Hall; Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Richard Anderson  
**Subject:** Marijuana regulations

Dear Supervisors

First, I live in Rough and Ready so I have already sent several comments to the Honorable Supervisor Weston, however, now I feel the need to reach out to all of you.

I attended a couple of the pot meetings so I know that really these were pro-pot meetings. The sheriffs even let one of the pro-pot guys who sat at the table towards the hall entrance openly display a side carried knife. (I know it was short enough to be legal in California), but really? Allow normal citizens to be intimidated?

So I am urging you to consider the regs carefully as what you do will greatly influence the future of Nevada County. I am personally for legalization, but I don't want to see Nevada County transformed into the dope capital of California. I would love to see our valley rice farmers growing 1000's of acres with the price driven down so far that none of the home based (and illegal) businesses survive.

But - this will not happen for some years, if ever. So in the interim we need to consider a few issues. I live on a small one lane private road. I am already directly bordered by two large grows - well over the nominal 12 plant current limit and both infringing the current setback requirements and permits. There is a third grow on our road but probably within the 12 plant limit. The two larger grows operate processing facilities as well - with concomitant chemical smells at the end of each grow cycle. Neither have permitted facilities or the specified setbacks. Our zoning is AG-5. I realize that this means farming is permitted, but there is farming and there is commercial farming. Our road, like most around here, is one lane and funded by the residents - it costs about \$2-3000/year to keep up. The largest grower refuses to support the road, even though their workers speed by 3-4 times per day and their bulldozers and heavy equipment ruined sections of the road during the grow construction a few years ago. The constant weekly propane truck refilling their heaters contributes to this road damage and noise. The smell is overwhelming down the whole road.

So my question is - are you going to allow the rural quality of life to go away in Nevada County to become the pot growing capital of California? There will be large scale, federally illegal, businesses in neighborhoods. If someone wants a COMMERCIAL grow then they should put it in a real commercial area - like the Simply Country farm store. Not on a small, private road.

Plus - we need to remember that in Nevada County the AG zoning was really for people to have horses, a few cows or sheep, and maybe a hobby fruit or vegetable sales deal. Only with ~\$1,000/lb products can a five acre parcel ever be a profitable farm. When the zoning was developed no one contemplated 5 acre parcels producing a million dollars per year of crops. "AG (General Agricultural). The AG District provides areas

*for farming, ranching, agricultural support facilities and services, low intensity uses, and open space."* We need additional rules if growers want to have large scale grows: like business licenses (the marijuana license), some limits on the number of trips per day, some required taxes via property tax for "private road supplements" that go to the road associations. Really though, why should we allow commercial operations on private roads at all? This is totally unfair to the other road owners and users.

btw - 50 plants \* \$4,000/plant \* 4 harvests/year with lights = \$800,000/yr. Could be 5 harvests/year or a \$1,000,000 dollars a year. Making honey oil raises the profits substantially. We grow so much already that export is the big destination for all this marijuana. But, for \$800K/year lets say there is \$400K profit. I will absolutely bet that almost none of these people pay any income tax, or give 1099's to the workers, or pay their share of FICA. At an AGI of \$400K the state and federal tax, plus Social Security and Medicare would probably reach close to \$100K. To bad we get none of this. One can only hope that Jeff Sessions will sick the IRS on these people for real. I don't believe any of you or any of the other 95% of Nevada County would ever think of hiding a million dollars in income year after year. Why should we let these guys get away with it.

The biggest issue I see is that Nevada County has a pretty good tech destination story right now and with Bay Area minimum rents at ~\$1,600/month for a shared room and \$4,000/month for a two bedroom apartment, we could really attract some tech businesses. But if we are the dope growing capital we will not get any more tech business and we will soon look like Butte County, who by the way is really clamping down on growing. One quick browse through Google Earth will tell a tech executive this area is not worth it for their attention and certainly not their business. Any chance for attracting more high tech businesses like Telestream will evaporate in the haze of pot smoke, the stench of pot plants, the low life trimmigrants hanging around, and the greatly impaired quality of residential life. These businesses would inject real money into the economy, not the questionable reports the pot councils put out on the positive cash flow to the community.

Enforcement - enforcement of the rules is a complete joke. Within 2 miles on Google maps in less than a minute I can find maybe 20-30 large scale grows right now (>40 plants), all well beyond regulations. The helicopters fly over and I know people have complained to the sheriff multiple times but nothing ever happens. If you are not going to enforce the new provisions either then why bother.

And another last issue - don't you think it is about time that real estate agents start having to disclose all the grows on the same road in a neighborhood and perhaps within a 1000 ft radius. That will get a lot of attention as realtors start whining that normal people won't want to buy in dope areas.

I urge you to:

1. Banish large grows (greater than the state max of 6 plants) to really big properties on county roads.
2. Don't let processing of marijuana into oils occur in rural areas - the temptation to cheat is simply too high and the danger of fire is very real.
3. ENFORCE the rules. Let sheriffs walk past a closed gate without a warrant to inspect if there are reports of growing at the location. Let them use Google Earth to trigger an investigation!
4. Let county inspectors make compliance checks for all reported grows then fine and shut down violators.
5. Make non-licensed operations really really expensive and report violators to the IRS and FTB.
6. Please make a web site where we can check to see if our neighbors really have a valid marijuana license.

Thank you,  
Tom Wolfe

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 1:09 PM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Mali Dyck; Sean Powers  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed CAG Regulations  
**Attachments:** CAG COMMENTS TO THE BOS.docx

**From:** Ed Scofield  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 12:33 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed CAG Regulations

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**From:** Wade Freedle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 10:04 AM  
**To:** Ed Scofield  
**Subject:** Proposed CAG Regulations

Dear Supervisor Scofield

I am a resident of District 4 in Nevada County and have been following the issue of pot for several years. I have attached my comments regarding the CAG recommendations for your review.

Wade Freedle

Comments on proposed pot regulations based on the current public sentiment in Nevada County

- 1) No outdoor grows should be allowed – favored by over 80% majority
- 2) No commercial grows should be allowed – favored by a majority
- 3) No retail activities, especially in residential areas – favored by a majority
- 4) Protect neighborhoods by restricting grows to a maximum of 6 indoors, and no grows outdoors
- 5) Retain all present regulations regarding pot; do not expand its presence in any manner in Nevada County

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Hank Weston  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 1:05 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Nevada County Marijuana Regulations

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**From:** susan tomlin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 7:27 PM  
**To:** Hank Weston  
**Cc:** Richard Anderson  
**Subject:** Nevada County Marijuana Regulations

Dear Members of Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

Having been informed regarding the proposed regulations re marijuana cultivation, I am steadfastly opposed to allowing this kind of marijuana cultivation in Nevada County. I am opposed not only for the views already expressed by our citizens who may be in close proximity to these marijuana fields, but also for the immoral absurdity of showing our impressionable children that we would vote for something that could ultimately harm them. Please stay strong and represent us in a manner that we all will be proud of. Please do not listen to the big money interests. They do not care about us or our precious children. Let us keep Nevada County clean and safe!

Thank you for listening! I care and I know you do also!

Susan Tomlin  
[REDACTED]  
Penn Valley, CA 95946

530-802-5066

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Richard Anderson  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 6, 2018 10:07 AM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** Fw: Concerns about marijuana ordinance  
**Attachments:** FRAN Mj ltr to bos 1-18.docx

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**From:** fran freedle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2018 8:28 PM  
**To:** Hank Weston  
**Subject:** Concerns about marijuana ordinance

I know you are receiving a report from the CAG on Tuesday.

I have attached a letter expressing my concerns and would appreciate your consideration.

Thanks,  
Fran Freedle

An open letter to Nevada County Supervisors: I observed the consultant, at the meeting (insert date) where the Citizens Advisory Group was appointed, colluding with the grower's representative with their committee recommendations. Recall how difficult it was to add a few more members to try to establish balance?

Well, that balance was not really accommodated. The consultant proceeded to control the information provided to the committee ignoring policies of nearby regional counties, but using only policies of more lenient pro-marijuana counties as examples to be used to form our local ordinance. Can we afford to be an island surrounded by counties whose policies protect their citizens while Nevada County citizens suffer the consequences of more lenient policies?

If I can believe what I am reading in The Union, I am gravely concerned that the outcome will not reflect the consensus of our county. You are encouraged to develop the policy based on the conclusions of the community survey that you commissioned – that residents are divided and many feel strongly opposed to marijuana in Nevada County. Only 54% support recreational retail sales but those are available nearby in Sacramento or by home delivery so we don't need to grow it here. The majority support regulation of marijuana and are most concerned about fire risk, environmental impacts, transient workers and the increased exposure of our kids to normalization of the drug.

Why would you even consider any expansion of the current policies that are daily disregarded? The survey shows 52% opposed to outdoor grows, 53% oppose commercialization, and 83% do not want retail activities in residential neighborhoods. Six plants grown indoors (a generous amount) and none grown outdoors in most areas is a policy that fits our county. My personal preference would be to limit to 6 indoor plants regardless of where you live, and since I live in the rural county surrounded by wide open spaces and lots of water, I surely do not support growing it outdoors because of the risks listed in the survey.

Please, don't let the biased marijuana consultant's opinion/recommendation undermine your thinking. Do not fall prey to the claims of economic benefits touted as a reason to expand county policies. I ask you to take into account the science that tells us about the unintended consequences of legal marijuana commercialization.

The public health and safety costs resulting from commercialization outweigh any tax revenue collected as has been experienced by states now facing numerous marijuana related problems. It is important that marijuana regulations in Nevada County assert targeted control and not encourage or allow the growth and sale of this drug to explode as an industry that would only serve a few growers at the expense of the quality of life of the majority of Nevada County citizens. The impending decision will determine the future of our county. I ask you to maintain the current regulations, comply with state law allowing 6 indoor plants and end any expansion of growing marijuana anywhere outdoors in our county. Expansion carries the risk of undermining our public health and safety.

Fran Freedle, District 4 Registered Voter

**Julie Patterson-Hunter**

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**From:** Stephen Belden <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 29, 2017 9:18 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Cannabis rules

Dear Sirs :

As a resident of Rough and Ready I speak for myself and several of my neighbors on the upcoming cannabis rules for Nevada county.

We adamantly oppose commercial grows on residential Ag properties. We are folks that bought property to have a horse or two, and a little land for a peaceful place to live.

A grow at the end of La Cuesta Trail here has completely destroyed our peace and quiet.

Heavy traffic with lots of out of state cars are here at all hours of day and night. We have had property damage from stoned " trimigrants " driving over posted property . A large amount of non permitted building activity etc.

This is not a commercial area. Your votes on how to handle this is very important to us and we hope your votes represent the hard working, law abiding citizens of this county who will be negatively impacted by the attempt to make this a commercial venture.

These people will not abide by the rules you make and will only undermine law enforcement so that a handful of undesirables can run unleashed.

Commercial business belongs in a commercially zones area .

Thank you for your consideration

Steve Belden

Sent from my iPad



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** a g <andrewgoodwin@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:57 PM  
**To:** cagmeetingcomments@migcom.com; bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Cag meeting #7

When applying for a commercial permit I would want to be able to get a permit for 5k sqft mixed light ... processing, and Non Volatile Hash, potentially also a nursery for my indoor or a combined (Micro License alternative) ... I use a low heat press to press flower and kief (thc knocked off the bud separated over a 120pi screen) into organic solventless oil ... Very Safe storage in a Secured detached garage ... all buildings permuted ... My Green House is currently 40Ft from a neighbors property who also cultivates, and far from his house, placed to avoid grading in compliance with 2013 ordinance ... I have 10 acres+ AG but only so many flat non cleared areas close to the house in Pen valley / Smartsville area with mostly poison oak and little trees, remote area ... large lots ... friendly neighbors who all grow, half are for personal, half commercial ... I would use a max of 40,000 gallons of water for a 5ksqft garden july - oct and would capture all my of my water from rain capture if permitted ... I currently use about 25,000 gallons of water from my well (its 600ft deep doesn't go dry) for vegetable or cannabis crops in 2500 sqft area ... they are similar in usage to ... aka tomatoes ... I live on a private gravel rd that each individuals are responsible for maintaining ... multiple business also are on the road and use their tractors to help maintain ...

By being able to grow more efficiently by removing plant counts and be able to plan crops accordingly by increasing the efficiency it should cover the increased taxes and fees, and \$\$\$ to improve roads / property for fire control.

California is the largest legal cannabis market ... plenty of room for Nevada County Growers ... we want to be legal ...

With Prop 64 it will makes it even harder to get warrants for greenhouse or indoor grows ... better to encourage compliance for as many citizens as possible.

My neighbor below me on 2 acres has no house, clear cut more this year, will probbaly have no path ... but he also has never been cited / talked to ... these properties should be rehabilitated ...

Patients use more cannabis than rec users the law should reflect this ...

<https://grannystormcrowlist.wordpress.com/the-list/>

Growing Medical cannabis Indoors stinks keep in small and outdoor ... Even in apt complexes sometimes the patio is better than the closet ... a few plants smell allot less .. limit with sqft 5x5 or 10x10 depending on lot size ...

Davis Example

<http://cityofdavis.org/home/showdocument?id=7871>

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## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Heidi Hall  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Cannabis Cultivation ordinance

Forwarding from my e-files. A few more to come...

**From:** Govinda McComb [mailto:govindam@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2017 10:44 AM  
**To:** Richard Anderson <Richard.Anderson@co.nevada.ca.us>; Heidi Hall <Heidi.Hall@co.nevada.ca.us>; Ed Scofield <Ed.Scofield@co.nevada.ca.us>; Hank Weston <Hank.Weston@co.nevada.ca.us>; Dan Miller <Dan.Miller@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Cannabis Cultivation ordinance

Dear respected supervisors,

I am writing to you in regards to the cannabis cultivation ordinance.

Firstly, I support your decision to hire an independent firm to assist the process of developing a new ordinance. It is disappointing to hear that the process could continue on for 18 months!

This is very bad for 2017! The current ordinance, as is, is just not acceptable. Measure W was defeated and the ban was supposed to be lifted, but this placeholder ordinance is highly restrictive, and worse in many ways than any preceding ordinance! One could argue that the ban was not lifted, only redesigned.

There are many concerns with the current ordinance, but here are some of the most important ones to me:

1 - Fines! Since the ordinance is so restrictive and offers no solutions, I think the fine structure is harsh and punitive. In addition, it is my understanding that there is no self abatement period and fines will be accruing from day one. A self abatement period should be offered, and fines should not accrue while a hearing is being scheduled. It is my opinion that there shouldn't even be a fine structure unless it is voted in by the people.

2 - Setbacks. The setbacks in the current ordinance are too restrictive and therefore exclude most properties in Nevada County. Setbacks should be measured from the nearest residence, not property lines, and should be equal across all parcel sizes.

3 - Visibility. Being visible should not be a nuisance!

4 - Attorneys at hearings. People who wish to be represented at their appeal hearing should be accommodated. In case you didn't know, there were a number of suits against the county last year in regards to the right of due process. Judge Anderson told County Counsel that there was a due process issue and would not stand up to challenge in court (this was published in the Union).

Thank you for your consideration and I urge you to amend the current ordinance as soon as possible!

Best regards,  
Govinda McComb Bryant

December 5, 2017

Re: Nevada County's Cannabis Industry

To: Richard Anderson, Supervisor District 5

Dear Supervisor Anderson:

We, the undersigned, are very interested in the progress the Board of Supervisors is making in their efforts to craft appropriate measures to regulate cannabis in our beautiful county.

### **A well-regulated industry**

Our county has the opportunity to lay the ground work for a well-regulated industry that will support jobs in Nevada County, ensure our quality of rural and semi-rural life, and prove to be sustainable economically and environmentally. A well-regulated industry will require appropriate permits for all aspects of the industry: growing, processing, transporting, testing and research, and sales.

In addition, we want to see the elimination of all criminal activity relating to cannabis. That will require reasonable, easy-to-comply-with regulations implemented over an ample transition period. Adequate time to bring growers' production into compliance will prove crucial to eliminate criminal behavior, enfranchise all our growers, and force out the relatively few bad actors who desecrate our environment and add nothing to our county's well-being.

Most growers in Nevada County are our friends, neighbors, seniors, and youth; not carpetbaggers, and not criminals. Many are producing very modest amounts either for their own use, or to supplement their incomes due to the financial challenges of living in the rural mountains of eastern California.

On the issue of production, we urge the Board to issue only Type 1 and 2 licenses for smaller grows. Please do not allow Type 3 licenses which could see substantial expansion into large, production scaled activity which in turn could lead to our already expensive real estate becoming completely inaccessible to our middle-class workers and their families. Type and 1 & 2 licensure, as currently contemplated, also limits grows to approximately 4% or less of an owner's property.

The present system of set-backs from others' residences makes much more sense than the property line set backs being considered. We oppose those large property line set-backs. It makes no sense to increase set-backs as property sizes get bigger because domiciles are already further apart. And, also because our mountainous properties are not all configured in nice, neat squares. Again, to bring the industry into compliance so we can regulate it, we need easy-to-meet standards.

Given the extraordinary requirements of indoor grows, we strongly urge the Board not to encourage indoor grows, nor to discourage outdoor grows. Individuals with prescriptions should be allowed to grow for their own consumption in whatever way they can. Larger indoor grows make sense in our more densely populated areas, but other than that, outdoor growing is more sustainable, and much less demanding on our resources.

To summarize, we urge you to adopt measures ensuring:

- A well-regulated industry with a full range of permits for all aspects of the industry
- Current type of set-backs; not huge property-line set backs
- Environmentally sustainable, and economically viable practices
- Type 1 & 2 permits; not Type 3
- Medical users being able to grow for their own use
- An ample transition period
- Clear, simple, and easily met standards
- Ability to grow outdoors, especially in agricultural-residential, and agricultural zones

This period in California and US history give us an opportunity to develop a full range of agricultural products related to cannabis, and establish Nevada County as an important global source with the related economic benefits. If we make excellent decisions now, we can help to ensure that Nevada County will prosper while maintaining its environmental beauty and high quality of life.

Respectfully, your constituents,

Also, 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.



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Chris Hinkel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2018 8:27 AM  
**To:** bdofsupervisors  
**Subject:** Cannabis Opinion

Dear Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing you to share my support of you passing a cannabis ordinance as soon as possible. I urge you to:

- 1- Support the local Nevada County residents in getting licenses.
- 2- Have a transparent licensing process.
- 3- Make the licensing process more favorable to long time residents of Nevada County to avoid outsiders land grabs.
- 4- Support the small business owner so larger corporations won't put the little guys out of business.

Thank you,  
Chris Hinkel



Chris Hinkel

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## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Richard Anderson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 2:20 PM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** Fw: Urgency of Cannabis Ordinance and State Licensure

A constituent comment re cannabis, presumably for the Jan 9 mtg.

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**From:** Chris Bryant [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 12:32 PM  
**To:** Richard Anderson  
**Cc:** Govinda McComb  
**Subject:** Urgency of Cannabis Ordinance and State Licensure

Dear Mr. Anderson,  
I hope you are well and enjoying the sunny global warming of this December!

I'm writing again, this time regarding the urgency of rapid progress towards passing a local cannabis ordinance and helping small cottage farmers in attaining local and state licensure. I know progress is being made through the CAG group and we may have recommendations soon, hopefully which are in close alignment with state regulations. Even with the goal of having an ordinance in place by March 2018, this will leave us with little time to scramble and license our farms while big money and big corporations take over the industry throughout the state. The likely result being that most of us end up already behind and ultimately forced out of the industry. With the dramatic changes and drop in prices already happening it is becoming clear that most of us small cottage farmers will not have a place in the industry any longer, even though I feel we are the most important part of the industry, aside from the children and families that have catastrophic illnesses needing to be treated through cannabis medicines.

I'm writing for your awareness, focused attention and help regarding this matter. Here are some specifics:

- Those of us who want to move forward legally should be encouraged and assisted by the county as soon as we get closer to getting a cultivation ordinance in place.
- The ordinance should be as liberal as possible in regards to square footage and/or plant counts and setbacks.
- Farmers willing and eager to walk the path towards compliance must be given a transition period to come into compliance with all building codes.
- Make the new local permitting process as transparent and practical as possible for both county staff and farmers who want to establish their legal businesses.
- All cannabis business license types, based on state guidelines, need to be represented in the ordinance in order to have a healthy, fully integrated industry in the area that keeps locals employed here in our county.
- We must fight outsiders coming in. The new ordinance must have a residency requirement that keeps Nevada County properties away from the hands of outside land grabbers and speculators.
- Please help to make all of this happen as quickly and urgently as possible.

Having legitimate, thriving cannabis businesses and industry in Nevada County will be a long term benefit to the county in many ways. The county now has an opportunity to present itself as a leader and exemplary model in the state for the industry, especially in regards to organic, sustainable and environmental cultivation, processing, manufacturing and distribution.

If this doesn't happen, families like ours will be left behind and likely need to get jobs in the tech industry we came from, unhealthily sitting all day inside and in front of computers... or worse.

Many thanks for your time, attention, and service.

-Chris Bryant



## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 10:16 AM  
**To:** All BOS Board Members  
**Cc:** Rick Haffey; Alison Barratt-Green; Alison Lehman; Sean Powers; Mali Dyck  
**Subject:** FW: Alliance Priority Recommendations Document  
**Attachments:** Alliance Feb 13 BOS mtng Briefing Memo .pdf

**From:** Diana Gamzon [mailto:diana@nccannabisalliance.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2018 10:14 AM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Alliance Priority Recommendations Document

Hi Julie,

Would it be possible for the attached document to be included in the packet that goes to the BOS?

Did we make it in time?

Thank you,  
Diana

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Executive Director  
Nevada County Cannabis Alliance  
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530 - 205 - 3480 (cell)  
diana@nccannabisalliance.org

Thursday, February 8, 2018

From: Nevada County Cannabis Alliance  
419 Broad St, Suite C Nevada City, CA

To: Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City, CA

Cc: Alison Barratt - Green, Amanda Urhammer, Sean Powers, Mali Dyke,  
Alison Lehman

### **NEVADA COUNTY CANNABIS ALLIANCE PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS**

On December 14, 2017, alongside the CAG recommendations, The Alliance submitted a comprehensive list of recommendations to the Board of Supervisors with the intent to provide solutions for mitigating the impacts of unregulated commercial cannabis growing, while creating an accessible pathway forward for cannabis farmers to enter the legal marketplace. *Below are a summary the priority recommendations.*

1. Create a pathway to *state temporary licenses* through **immediate local authorization** upon the passing of the ordinance.
2. Limit setbacks to **fifty feet (50)** from property line and **one hundred and fifty (150) feet** from garden edge to closest neighboring outdoor residence.
3. Allow for **variances or use permits** when setbacks cannot be met due to limitations on property shapes and/or terrain.
4. **Do not place a cap on the issuance of local permits.** However, *individual entities* should be limited to a maximum of four (4) cultivation licenses.
5. A **transition program** will allow farmers to obtain local authorization if they have applied for code compliant permits and are making active progress.
6. Ensure that an ordinance is in place and CEQA requirements have been satisfied prior to **May 1, 2018** (planting season). *Within one month of the ordinance passing have local permitting process in place to accept applicants.*
7. Allow for **both adult use and medical** permits.
8. Allow for the entire cannabis supply chain to be represented in the ordinance. With a priority for cultivation, processing and ( distribution.
9. Provide a path for **non remunerative** cultivation.

DOUG LAMALFA

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**Washington, DC 20515-0501**

February 7, 2018

Honorable Ed Scofield, Chairman  
Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance

Dear Chairman Scofield,

It has come to my attention that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors will be reviewing its proposed Marijuana Cultivation Ordinance. I would like to take this opportunity to voice my concerns over any proposed ordinance revisions.

Nevada County, rich in history, offers its residents and visitors a diverse array of places to live, shop, recreate, and work. The historical charm, community atmosphere and abundant recreational opportunities are why many call it home. Therefore, local government policies should be enacted that protect and safeguard these crucial community resources for future generations. A lax and broad marijuana ordinance that is contrary to federal law places these community assets in peril. If the Nevada County Board of Supervisors chooses to allow what is effectively commercial outdoor and indoor cultivation, processing, dispensaries or distribution, it will be at the detriment of the county and its residents. As a federal representative of a large northern California district, including Nevada County, I have seen the adverse impacts of permissive marijuana cultivation ordinances resulting in vast increases in criminal activity, greater youth access to marijuana and increased environmental degradation and pollution.

Many northern California counties have enacted very strict ordinances and placed bans on dispensaries, transportation and the manufacturing of marijuana because they recognize the adverse impacts these would have on their residents. I encourage you to look at the long-term negative effects that approving an ordinance allowing commercial, recreational or medicinal outdoor grows, dispensaries, transportation or manufacturing would have on the county. The very way of life for citizens in Nevada County hangs in

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the balance. There has been significant outreach from Nevada County constituents to my office expressing great concern about the potential direction the county is heading.

The marijuana cultivation enterprise brings with it the subculture of domestic criminal gangs, foreign nationals involved in the international drug trade and their inherent violence and aggression. This lucrative cash-only business attracts illegal sales, burglary, robbery and the manufacturing of marijuana derivatives like honey oil, the concentrated powerful drug that is very dangerous to our youth. There is no disputing the evidence that crime rates go up when the business of growing marijuana is involved. No amount of fees, taxation or permitting will mitigate the dangers this industry will bring to our communities. There is no sum of money that can ensure the safety of our neighborhoods, schools, businesses and communities.

States that have legalized the production of marijuana, like Oregon, have also had significant issues due to immense overproduction, including increases in criminal activity. The U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, Billy Williams, has recently published a column outlining a number of illicit activities that have drastically increased in Oregon due to the mass surplus of marijuana. In 2017, Oregon postal agents seized 2,644 pounds of outbound marijuana parcels and in the last six months over \$1 million in cash has been seized at the Portland International Airport alone in connection to marijuana transactions. U.S. Attorney Williams also notes that this overproduction has pushed marijuana producers to utilize the black and gray markets, which subsequently draws with it violence, money laundering from cartels and serious environmental damage.

It is important to remember that marijuana is still classified as a Schedule I drug and is therefore federally illegal. The State of California's allowance of marijuana use and production is at odds with the position of the federal government. Those who are in the business of growing, selling, manufacturing or distributing marijuana are in fact committing a federal crime regardless of any state law. Recently, Attorney General Jeff Sessions revoked what was commonly known as the Cole Memo, and in doing so, reauthorized the authority of United States Attorneys to prosecute cases regarding marijuana in states that have legalized its use and activity. Any county that permits any of these activities related to marijuana will be violating federal law and is at risk of sanction and loss of federal funding.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue. I hope that current and future residents of Nevada County can continue to expect the exemplary quality of life that the county has become known for.

Respectfully,



DOUG LAMALFA  
Congressman, First Congressional District





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To: Honorable Ed Scofield, Chairman

From :

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District Director

Jennifer Horne X \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy District Director

Comments:

Letter enclosed

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cc: All BOS  
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CDA

Dear Sir:

I was a member of the recently discharged Cannabis Advisory Group. Regretably, I was not able to be present for the January 9, presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the alleged CAG recommendations for the Marijuana Ordinance. I say alleged because I must agree with the comment made by Michael Mastrodonato, as reported in the Union, "the recommendations...come from MIG, not the 16 member CAG."

In truth, MIG's process did not provide for the CAG to actually formulate recommendations. MIG did not provide an opportunity for members of the CAG to make motions for discussion and action by the body as would normally be expected for an advisory body or commission. Rather, MIG used the CAG essentially as a focus group that was forced to respond to issues presented by MIG and authored by unidentified persons. This was unlike any advisory process I have experienced in a public service career spanning 4 decades.

In addition, MIG failed to provide timely information to CAG that was, or should have been, known to MIG. Specifically, multiple public spokespersons made reference, from the first meeting of CAG, to pending state rules including license categories. While these, at the time, were still pending in a bill not yet passed by the legislature, the details were well known to the grower community before the CAG process got underway. Despite this, and requests by CAG members in the first several meetings, these details were not shared by MIG until about 2/3 of the way through the 10 meeting process. This left CAG members with the choice of ignorance about what was pending at the state level or the onerous task of researching this for ourselves.

The result was that at least half of CAG members remained uninformed regarding this until October, 2017, when we were asked to respond to "homework" which requested our input on how the county ordinance should address the issues covered by the state parameters.

An additional concern is that I believe this "homework" approach was in conflict with the Brown Act. We were advised by County Counsel that "polling" outside the actual meeting of Brown Act bodies is a violation of the Act. It seems to me that this so called homework exactly met the definition of polling. This approach was used on two separate occasions.

While it is true that this expedited the CAG process, I do not think that obviates what I understand to be a violation of the Brown Act. It would have been more appropriate to ask CAG members to weigh in on these issues in open meetings. It certainly would have been appropriate to provide the matrixes to CAG members for review outside the meetings but soliciting anonymous feedback outside the meeting process flew in the face of the clear intent of the Brown Act.

In short, I do not believe that the county was well served by MIG in this process. I really hope that the county did not additionally compensate MIG for the additional two meetings of the CAG which I do not think would have been required had MIG done a better and more expeditious job of facilitating this process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Erickson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert Erickson

## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Jeffrey Thorsby  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 10:02 AM  
**To:** Ed Scofield; Hank Weston; Richard Anderson; Heidi Hall; Dan Miller  
**Cc:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** Constituent Message

Honorable Supervisors,

I just received a voice message from a constituent that identified himself as Steve. He did not provide any contact information for himself or identify which district he is located in. His concern was that the Board should not approve any cannabis ordinance that allows 100 plant or more per property. Unfortunately, I was not able to explain to him that the Board is not taking action on this at this time but rather only hearing the recommendations from the CAG.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

### Jeffrey Thorsby

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## Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** Richard Anderson  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2018 7:14 AM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** Fw: Setbacks for Cannabis Cultivation  
**Attachments:** cagsetbacks.jpg

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**From:** Drew <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 4, 2018 4:36 PM  
**To:** Hank Weston; Heidi Hall; cagmeetingcomments@migcom.com; Richard Anderson  
**Subject:** Setbacks for Cannabis Cultivation

The biggest obstacle on my 13 acre parcel will be setbacks as well as for many other growers. Only so much of my property is not heavily slopped and or usable.

Please set the setbacks on AG parcels 5 acres or above to 50ft or less ... this is the only way that growers will be able to comply with the various terrain and odd size parcel sizes ...

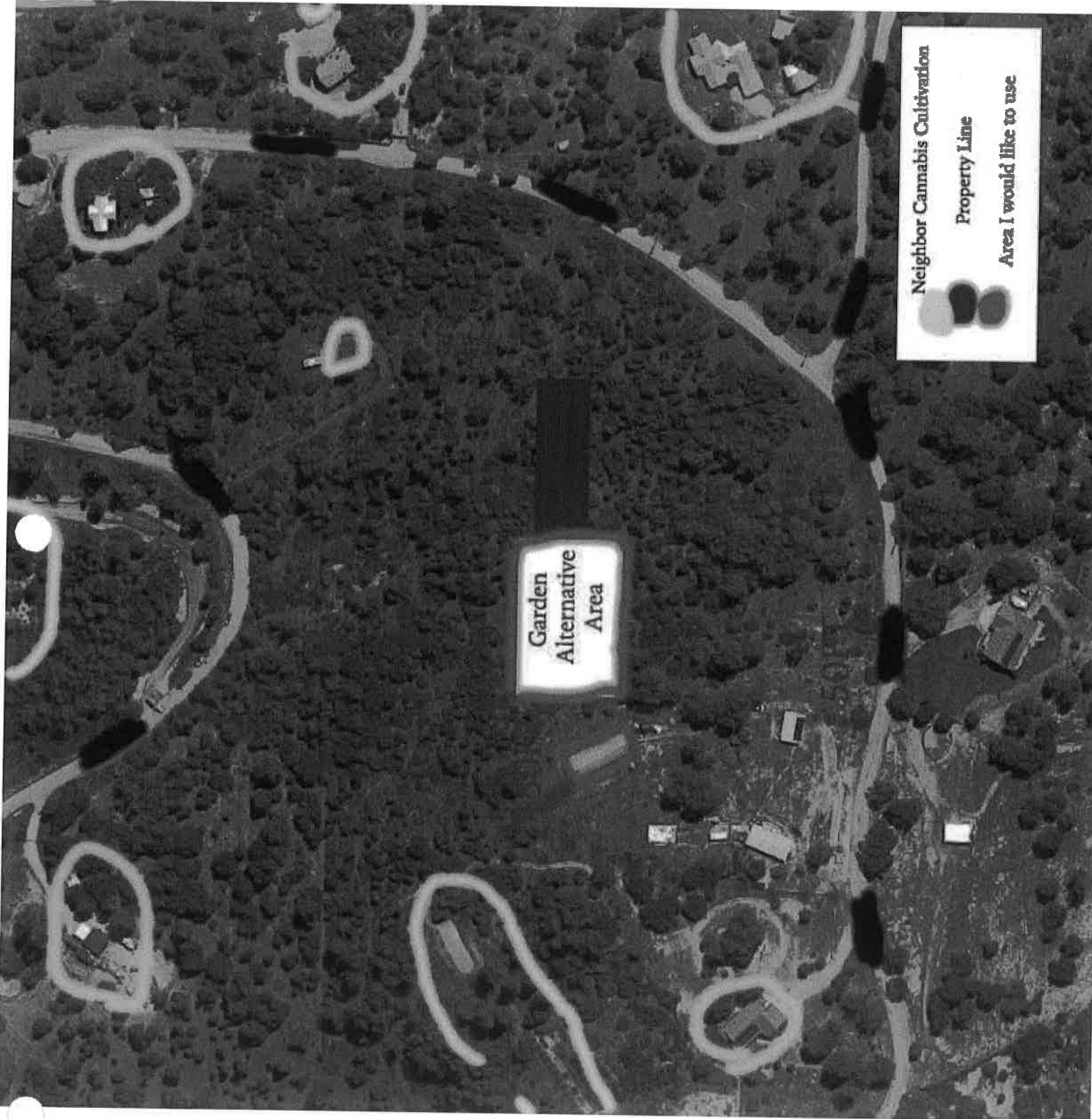
The only other alternative I can recommend is some sort of variance ... that the Nevada County Alliance is also suggesting.

Also the only way for me to continue help patients that I personally know directly ... and Networks such as Forrest's is by having a Micro License and being able to deliver products to my friends and patients.

I have attached a picture of my parcel as an example ...

Thank You

Andrew



Garden  
Alternative  
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Neighbor Cannabis Cultivation  
Property Line  
Area I would like to use

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**To:** bdfsupervisors  
**Subject:** letter to board  
**Attachments:** NC marijuana regs.pdf

Good morning and Happy New Year Board Members,

I am a mobilized member of the military and have not been able to attend board meetings or participate in the marijuana discussion recently. But I do hope that you consider my attached letter concerning the impact that marijuana cultivation regulations will have on ground water resources.

V/i



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

RE: proposed marijuana ordinance

County Supervisors:

The pending county regulations for marijuana cultivation have not satisfactorily taken into account the profound effect that cultivation will have on our already stressed and depleted groundwater resource. Please add appropriate governance and regulation so that we will not rush to exploit yet another natural resource and spoil our beautiful area for future generations. Regulations that limit or prohibit groundwater use for marijuana cultivation are vital for our community's future.

Our community is still reeling from the catastrophic stress that the ongoing drought has put on our trees and long term groundwater storage. "Among the downsides of the green rush is the strain it puts on water resources in a drought-plagued region." [Josh Harkinson, The Landscape-scarring, Energy-Sucking, Wildlife-Killing Reality of Pot Farming, Mother Jones magazine, March/April 2014] Opening up our community to unregulated consumption of groundwater to feed the marijuana cultivation 'gold rush' seems like trading a short term economic benefit in exchange for irreversible natural resource devastation.

Even Mother Jones magazine has noted the profound impact marijuana cultivation can have on the water resources of rural California communities. Their research shows that each marijuana plant uses 6 gallons of water per day [A Single Pot Plant Uses HOW Much Water?!, Mother Jones Magazine Apr 16, 2014]. The California Fish and Wildlife report has shown the devastating impact surface water diversion from marijuana cultivation can have on starving fish runs and choking them with chemical runoff. Fortunately, new state regulations provide protection for surface water supply used by state licensed marijuana growers.

Unfortunately, the same isn't true of groundwater supplies. In fact, many experts within the community expect there to be an increased pressure on ground water for marijuana cultivation since it isn't regulated by the current state oversight. "It's possible there won't be enough water for all growers in a particular region. Some may have to try their luck with drilling a well." [Matt Weiser, Water Deeply, 11JULY2016]

We all remember the many wells that ran dry during the summer of 2016. Coincidentally, many of the affected wells were in dense marijuana cultivation areas such as North San Juan. Let's protect our communities natural resources by making sure that we don't

Please join other rural northern California communities by recognizing and mitigating the catastrophic impact groundwater consumption for marijuana cultivation has on our quality of life



and success of future generations. Multiple agencies have found that, "Common issues with cultivation [include] ... diversion of streams and groundwater pumping."

[Cannabis Water Quality, Wildlife, Water Rights and Enforcement Programs, Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors presentation, October 4, 2016]

I thank you for your time and consideration with this important issue. We have the potential to drastically affect our landscape for generations to come.

Respectfully,



Alex Merkle

Rural Nevada County landowner who's well production has already been dramatically affected by large scale marijuana cultivation on adjacent parcels

<http://www.motherjones.com/food/2014/04/your-pot-habit-sucks-salmon/>

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