



**COUNTY OF NEVADA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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**AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY: Applicant must be a Nevada County resident and represent an agricultural interest (i.e. serve on Agricultural Advisory Commission, Farm Bureau, or a bona fide, active, and professional involvement in the Agricultural Industry) in the County.**

APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) TO GATHER COMMUNITY INPUT AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEVADA COUNTY CANNABIS ORDINANCE  
APPLICATION ONLINE <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/cda/Pages/CannabisConversation.aspx>  
**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JULY 19, 2017 BY 5:00 P.M. - LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

DELIVER IN PERSON OR MAIL TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADDRESS ABOVE  
POSTMARKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED - INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED  
- SCANNED PACKETS: EMAIL TO [ComDevAgency@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:ComDevAgency@co.nevada.ca.us) OR FAX (530) 265-9851

NAME: Last: Valdman First: Jonathan

Physical Residence Address (Must be a resident of Nevada County):

Street:

City: Grass Valley Zip: 95949

Mailing Address, if different from residence address:

Street:

City: Zip:

Phone number: E-Mail Address:

Supervisorial District (1-5) 2

Find your District: <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/bos/Pages/Find-Your-Supervisorial-District.aspx>

A resume or additional sheets may be attached containing any information that would be helpful in evaluating your application. Letters of recommendation and references for support are encouraged, but not required.



- Please provide a narrative that describes your experience or expertise related to agriculture in Nevada County.

I have been a farmer in Nevada county for over a decade. My farm has previously been CCOF certified and I own a greenhouse company located at the old Happy Frog Nursery called Forever Flowering Greenhouses (FFG).

We regularly donate to local organizations like Sierra Harvest, SYRCL and KVMR and have donated structures to Grizzly Hill school and NCSA.

- Please provide your last two years of employment history, if any, including name, address, phone number and e-mail address of your employer and a brief description of your job duties and how those relate to agriculture. If self-employed, please provide the business address, phone number, and a brief description of your business and how it relates to agriculture.

I own Forever Flowering Greenhouses since 2006 at [REDACTED]

- Please describe your relevant qualifications to serve on the Community Advisory Group representing agriculture.

In addition to founding the commercial 'light dep' greenhouse manufacturing industry I have co-founded The Cannabis Conservany, a third-party certification for Best Practices and sustainability for the regulated Cannabis industry.

I speak both nationally and internationally on sustainable Cannabis cultivation and creating resiliency for the small to medium Cannabis farmer.

- Please explain why you wish to serve on the County's Community Advisory Group representing agriculture..

Nevada County has the opportunity to put itself on the map as the leader in sustainable Cannabis cultivaton.

By imposing accesible regulations our county's natural resources can be preserved, and repaired, and our local economy can contiue to flourish from industry tax collections further capturing the industry's money made here and keeping it here.

- Are you now or have you ever been affiliated (as an officer, owner, director, trustee, partner, advisor, consultant, etc.) with any cannabis businesses? If yes, please explain. Yes  No

- Do you own real property, personal property, financial holdings, or receive income from any source which might present a potential legal conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, with your requested appointment? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

**Communication Style and Openness to Other Perspectives**

- Please provide a short paragraph describing your interest in and willingness to be open to other perspectives and new information.  
By creating awareness through education, technology and factual statistics an intelligent conversation can be created. When we can define and agree on terms we can then debate the relevance of these topics to our local community. With an open mind and information based on FACTS we can further this conversation and have continuing progress and not spend our time conversing about opinions. Though open to other perspectives and information I require them to be factual and not emotionally based.

**Association/Organizational Experience**

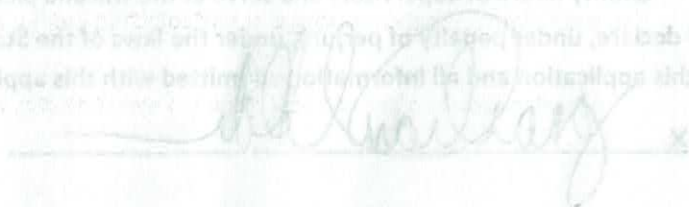
- Please describe any experience you have participating in a group advisory, committee or decision making process.

I own a local company with 10 employees and have to make these types of decisions daily.

- Please list any of your past or present affiliations with associations or organizations.

I am associated with:

- California Growers Association
- National Cannabis Industry Association
- International Cannabis Farmers Association
- SYRCL
- Nevada County Cannabis Alliance



## References

- References. Please provide contact information for two individuals who can serve as a reference for the expertise and capabilities you describe in this application.

Contact #1 Name [REDACTED]

Contact #2 Name [REDACTED]

Contact #1 Address  
[REDACTED]

Contact #2 Address  
[REDACTED]

Contact #1 Phone [REDACTED]

Contact #2 Phone [REDACTED]

Contact #1 Email [REDACTED]

Contact #2 Email [REDACTED]

- Type of license or certificates, issued/received dates, and expiration date:

I'm not sure what type of license/certificate is being referred to.

AA-Liberal Arts Sierra College '94

## Member Availability and Expectations

- Are you available to attend all scheduled CAG Meetings (7/25, 8/8, 8/22, 9/12) and any additional subsequent meetings on Tuesday afternoons?

Yes  No

If not, which meetings could you not attend.

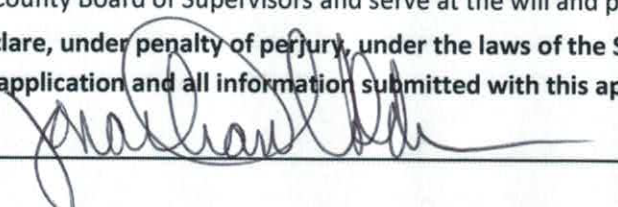
## Member protocols

I hereby submit my name for consideration to serve in an advisory capacity to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors. In doing so, I understand that:

1. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group must agree to follow and abide by all guidelines and protocols established by the County regarding civil discourse, active listening and communication, media protocols and, when appropriate, confidentiality.
2. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group must agree to attend all meetings of the CAG unless excused by the Community Development Director for good cause. Consistent attendance by members of the CAG is critical to the success of this process.
3. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group shall be volunteers and shall serve without compensation. Reimbursements for certain required incidental expenses will be allowed only at the discretion, and with pre-approval, of the Community Development Agency Director.
4. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group will be required to complete a Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700, Statement of Economic Interest disclosing their personal assets and income.
5. Persons serving on the Community Advisory Group are appointees of the Chair of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and serve at the will and pleasure of the Board.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information in this application and all information submitted with this application are true and correct.

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(Copy of signature required if submitted electronically)