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**NEVADA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Dist. III**

To Julie Patterson Hunter  
Clerk of the Board of Two County

Please support our rights as  
citizens to open our doors, business  
owners to serve our community  
and we as a people to support  
the businesses of our County.

Please request the Governor to  
terminate the current declaration  
and give control back to this  
County - AND THEN OPEN!

Tom Green



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8 May 2020

Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board County of Nevada  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa Laidley-Tennies", written over a horizontal line.

Vanessa Laidley-Tennies  
Concerned Citizen for the Livelihood of the people and our County  
14207 Tim Burr Lane  
Grass Valley, CA 95945

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Jennie Sparks

Absolute Communication Solutions

175 Joerschke Drive, Ste. S Grass Valley CA 95945 (District 3)

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Tina M. R. Skrukrud  
PRMI The Verger Group  
231 E. Main Street Grass Valley, CA 95945  
I live in District 4

District 1  
District 111

## Tine Mathiasen

**From:** Rachel Baldwin <rachelbx9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:23 PM  
**To:** vanessacolomb@protonmail.com; Dan Miller; Heidi Hall; CEO; BOS Public Comment; joy@windingroadimagery.com  
**Subject:** BOS Item of Interest to the Public

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District 3 resident

### District 1 Business Owner

I purchased this business last year and I worked in this salon 12 years ago for almost 10 years as a hair stylist. It was a dream of mine too own this salon someday and I was able to make that come true. I own and operate this salon while also working as a stylist in it and also for the last 23 years in Nevada County

Stray Cuts the salon has been around for 30+ years and have serviced 1000's of people in Nevada County over the years. We have also been in the same building for 20 years now which happens to be one of those oldest buildings in Nevada City if not Nevada County. The majority of stylists who work in Stray Cuts &

Co. have also been working in there 15+years and this has been a great hardship on us all. We understand the need to be safe for the betterment of all and we all plan to take very strict steps to ensure all our clients feel safe returning to our salon. Our licenses are based on the sanitation of the salon as a whole and our individual implements and tools. Our community is extremely important to us and we know that we can be safe and productive in our sanitation protocol and requirements issued to us from here on out.

We want to work! Our clients want us to work. Please give us a date to get back to work so we can try to return to some resemblance of normalcy and routine in our lives.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Baldwin

~ Rachel Baldwin Owner/ Hair Designer  
Stray Cuts & Co.  
215 Sacramento St  
Nevada City, CA. 95959

**Tine Mathiasen**

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**From:** Brittany Young <brittanyyoung@youngscarpetone.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 5:38 PM  
**To:** BOS Public Comment  
**Subject:** Please Open Nevada County  
**Attachments:** 05-11-2020.pdf

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Hello Julie Patterson Hunter,

I just wanted to take a moment to forward a letter requesting the Nevada County moving into the next stages of reopening. I feel confident that we have done everything in our power to slow the spread but it is time to let businesses safely re-open. Financially this has been devastating for so many but my fear is the long term psychological damage that is being done. Closing down lakes, trails, parks and outdoor recreation has been devastating to so many. These are the places we can separate ourselves from others and enjoy nature which is healing. Many of our employees has been showing extra signs of stress lately. Opening outdoor recreation would help tremendously.

I'm also worried for so many small businesses in our area. This is what Nevada county is built on but most don't have the operating capital to survive any longer. It's heartbreaking to see people loose everything they have built their entire lives especially with the numbers remaining so low in our community. Let's get back to business with extra safety and precaution in mind!!

Thank you for all you do!! I know this is a hard decision but I feel that it is the correct decision.

*Brittany Young*  
**Sales Manager**  
**Youngs Carpet One/Sierra Tile & Stone**  
**330 Idaho-Maryland Rd.**  
**Grass Valley, CA 95945**  
**p.(530)273-5568 ext. 203**  
**f.(530)477-8517**





**Tine Mathiasen**

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**From:** Marilyn Peters <marilyn@petersdrilling.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:08 AM  
**To:** BOS Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment on NC Stay At Home Order Stage 2  
**Attachments:** Nevada County Supervisors Reopening.docx

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Please see attached letter in regard to the reopening of Nevada County.

While our business is deemed "essential" we are aware that all of the small businesses in our county are essential to the livelihood and well being of their owners and their families.

We know personally the sacrifice it takes to own and operate a small business and it is difficult to see our county leaders not recognizing that our small community with no cases of COVID at this time, act as if we should be under the same guidelines as San Francisco or Los Angeles counties.

We elected you and depend on you to do what is best for this community and it is time to reopen Nevada County and trust that our small business owners and citizens will conduct themselves safely and respectfully with common sense during this Pandemic.

Thank you,

Justin, Greg & Marilyn Peters

Peters' Drilling & Pump Service, Inc.

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Sincerely,

Greg, Marilyn & Justin Peters  
Peters' Drilling & Pump Service  
1005 Idaho-Maryland Rd.  
Grass Valley, CA 95945

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**From:** Susanne Bock <bockchiropractic@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** BOS Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment Businesses Reopening  
**Attachments:** Letter to Nevada County Supervisors-Reopening.docx

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Dear Board Of Supervisors:

Please see my attached letter requesting that we take necessary action to reopen local businesses while maintaining certain precautions to protect the health and well-being of our community. Thank you.

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Susanne Bock D.C.

Chiropractic Solutions  
(530)575-9932 (O) (530)272-8161 (F)  
120 N. Auburn St. Suite 100  
Grass Valley,CA 95945

[ Date]

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Insert Name]

[Name of Business if applicable]

[Address]

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**From:** Deborah Patterson <pattersonstaxea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 1:21 PM  
**To:** BOS Public Comment  
**Subject:** Reopening of Businesses in Nevada County

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RE: Reopening Nevada County

As a resident AND small business owner in Nevada County, I am deeply concerned about the survivability of many of the small businesses in this county. I offer Tax Preparation and Resolution services to many of our local businesses and individuals and therefore see, very clearly, the VERY SMALL profit margin these residents make working 6 – 7 days a week in order to keep their doors open and dreams alive. They have no deep pockets like government employees, with paid holidays, paid vacation and sick leave; no cushy health and retirement benefits. Unlike government employees, many of our local businesses have been financially devastated by first the PG&E debacle and now the Covid-19 virus. The virus could not be helped, unlike PGE's failure to maintain its infrastructure while voting themselves grand bonuses, but to learn that our local government cares so little for its' constituents as to not have a reopening plan in place at this point in time and to have informed its people what that plan includes is more thoughtless than I would have believed if it weren't for the credibility of the source of information. This is an opportunity for the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to lead versus follow; to show your constituents that you are concerned for the well being of our local businesses and support all the work the local chambers, downtown associations, and volunteers have put into making this county a prestige destination as well as a beautiful and culturally vibrant place to live.

Please, let us hear what you have done and are doing to represent this county in this regard; a timeline would be helpful as well.

Thank you,

Deborah Patterson

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Deborah M. Patterson, EA

Patterson's Tax Practice  
312 Colfax Avenue  
Grass Valley, CA 95945  
530.615.4917  
[PattersonsTaxEA@gmail.com](mailto:PattersonsTaxEA@gmail.com)

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**From:** MAW Campbell <mawcamp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 4:21 PM  
**To:** BOS Public Comment  
**Subject:** Letter of Variance

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I hope its understood that this is a Public Health Issue and not to be used as a political tool to satisfy a loud aging minority. By using two of the testing conditions that must be met before a variance will be granted, the letter and the proposal is DOA,

1. As one who searched in vain, including asking the Health Dept, I could never find out the number of tests given in Nevada County. One must have this variable to determine real rates of infection. Plus the only people that were allowed to be tested were those who had symptoms plus a fever. As such the testing data is provided is based on unreliable data.

2. There is no way in hell that Nevada County has the capacity to test 75 per cent of the population

In Conclusion, based on the above, this is all a contrived illusion for this Board of Supervisors to abdicate their duty of office and pass the buck. Because if this is passed and denied, then the BOS can blame THE GOVERNOR or THE STATE. Not you; your hands were tied.

**Tine Mathiasen**

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**From:** Suzanne Voter <SVoter@financeofamerica.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** BOS Public Comment  
**Subject:** Covid-19 reopening plan is needed  
**Attachments:** Letter to Nevada County Supervisors-Reopening.docx

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Please find the attached letter requesting you to implement a plan immediately to reopen our county of Nevada. We are losing valuable businesses, my business has been impacted in ways you cannot imagine and it is disheartening to know nothing is or has been done by our leaders at this point.

Please take this seriously and open our businesses now.

Suzanne Voter  
Mortgage Professional for 30+ years in Nevada County, property owner and landlord  
2428 Nevada City Hwy  
Grass Valley CA 95945  
530-478-8383

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[Signature]

[Insert Name]

[Name of Business if applicable]

[Address]

**Tine Mathiasen**

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**From:** Sean O'Neill <sean@genesisengineering.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 1:16 PM  
**To:** BOS Public Comment  
**Cc:** vanessacolomb@protonmail.com  
**Subject:** reopening letter  
**Attachments:** Nevada County letter 5-11-20.pdf

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Please add this to the public record-thanks sean

Sean M. O'Neill  
Genesis Engineering  
960 McCourtney Rd., Suite C  
Grass Valley, CA 95949  
(530) 742-1300 ext 101  
(530) 353-4456 fax  
**(530) 701-4477 mobile**

# Genesis Engineering

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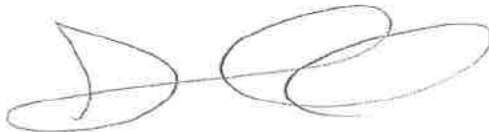
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It is our feeling that you, as our elected officials, have chosen to not stand up for us. If you do not help us reopen, many small businesses in Nevada County will perish. We ask the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to stand with the constituency of the County. Please support our right as citizens to open our doors, our right as business owners to serve our community, and support us in restoring our livelihoods.

We respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors write a resolution asking California's Governor to immediately adhere to state law and terminate the current State of Emergency declaration, give local control back to the County of Nevada and reopen our businesses, before there are no businesses to reopen.

Sincerely,



Sean O'Neill  
Owner Genesis Engineering

Julie Patterson-Hunter

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**From:** CEO  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 3:19 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** FW: Re-opening Nevada County

Hello Mr Swift,

Thank you for reaching out through email, I am forwarding your letter to the County Executive Officer as well as the Clerk of the Board who will record your request of the Board of Supervisors to write a resolution.

Have a great day,

Josh White

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**From:** David Swift [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2020 1:18 PM  
**To:** CEO <ceo@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Re-opening Nevada County

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May 8, 2020

Ms. Alison Lehman, CEO

Executive Office Nevada County

Dear Ms. Lehman,

As residents, neighbors, and business owners in Nevada County, we care deeply about our communities.

On March 19th, Governor Newsom issued his shelter-in-place order, closing non-essential businesses and prohibiting all non-essential travel. We knew that it was the right thing to do, to protect our community, business, and the traveling public. We commend the Governor for making this difficult

decision and taking early action in the fight against COVID-19 and support the County of Nevada, issuing Stay-at-Home guidelines to keep us safe.

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Daily, we wait for news from our Supervisors that measures have been taken to follow the examples of neighboring counties whose COVID 19 data mirrors our own. The Supervisors of those counties have written letters to the Governor and reopened their counties with precautions in place. We in Nevada County are compelled to remain sequestered and non-essential businesses are mandated to remain closed. It is difficult to watch our friends and neighbors go down the hill to neighboring counties to purchase goods and services while many of us are on the brink of financial collapse. Dollars spent outside of Nevada County; dollars that would help us recover economically were we open.

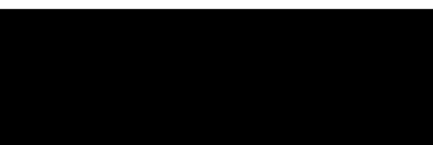
In addition, many of those forced into confinement suffer health and mental health issues.

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We respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors write a resolution asking California's Governor to terminate the current state of emergency declaration, give local control back to the County of Nevada and reopen our businesses.

Sincerely,

David Swift



District 3

**From:** dhwickstrom [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 8, [REDACTED]  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter  
**Subject:** RE: Open Nevada County

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Hello Julie and BOS,

I feel compelled to share an incident that happened yesterday between two of your local businesses and how this lockdown has created undue stress, fear and anger.

I work at a local, essential business in Grass Valley. I have worked there for 23 years. We have wonderful neighbors and have always shared a parking lot with no issues. But just the other day our neighbor came over to our business and was very upset, I mean very upset, ready to stroke out! He was upset because he thought we were parked in one of his parking spots, even though we have parked there for at least 23 years. After talking to him and calming him down, it finally came out that he's losing his shorts and he's losing his business and he is on the brink of jumping off a cliff, literally. This man is so stressed out because he has invested his whole life savings and is watching it disappear right in front of his very eyes and it's WRONG! Not only are local businesses dealing with this horrible shut down but you HAVE TO REMEMBER about the whole PG&E power shut off fiasco. That almost bankrupt a ton of local businesses in of its self. Just when these businesses are starting to recover this whole pandemic thing happens and the economic impact is even worse.

I know of at least 4 restaurants that have gone out of business because of this! I'm sure there are many other businesses as well. The stress is pitting neighbor against neighbor and brother against brother. You have the power to stop this and I implore you to do this very thing, open up Nevada County. One death in over 100,000 people in our county with 96-98% of cases with little to no symptoms and we're gonna let businesses and livelihoods go down the drain? It's unfathomable. Our children, who are not even susceptible, are missing out on a whole half a year of education, no GRADUATION CEREMONIES and some are dying on the grape vine without social interactions! It's unfathomable.

Please! Be a leader, protect your citizens, fight for your businesses and families that have put their trust in you! We don't need to be protected from the virus, we need to be protected from economic collapse and escalated mental health issues like my neighbor is experiencing!

Thank you,  
Heidi Wickstrom

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

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>  
Date: 5/7/20 9:17 AM (GMT-08:00)  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Open Nevada County

Thank you

*Julie Patterson Hunter, CCB*

Clerk of the Board

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**From:** dhwickstrom [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:13 AM  
**To:** Julie Patterson-Hunter <Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** RE: Open Nevada County

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Thank you for responding and letting me know.

I will include instead their resolution they presented last night. It's so very pro- America and Placer County businesses and citizens.

I have attempted once again to such I attach the correct document.

Below is the Board of Supervisor meeting last night.

[REDACTED]

Thank you for caring and watching

Heidi Wickstrom

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

From: Julie Patterson-Hunter <[Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:Julie.Patterson-Hunter@co.nevada.ca.us)>

Date: 5/7/20 8:49 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Open Nevada County

Thank you for your email - it has been received by all Board members.  
However, I think you provided the wrong attachment - the file attached is an order form for flooring materials.

Julie Patterson Hunter, CCB  
Clerk of the Board

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

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 4:36 PM  
To: bdofsupervisors <[bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:bdofsupervisors@co.nevada.ca.us)>  
Subject: Open Nevada County

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Please open up Nevada County now! Please look at the numbers! The numbers just don't come close to supporting these measures. I mean all of California only has a .14% of cases...in ALL OF CALIFORNIA! Not even 1% of the population & the death rate is .0057%!!!

The numbers are so low in our county I can't even really put them on paper. You know as well as I that this nasty flu ran through our county back in Jan & Feb! Our hospitals were over-flowing with flu patients. Our little county is dying on the vine, families are loosing everything, mental health crisis & suicide has increased greatly! Our children need to socialize!

I have attached the resolution Placer County submitted. Please open up NC!!!  
Our lives are literally depending on you to do the right thing.

Thank you for your service,  
Heidi Wickstrom