

# Appendix A: Comment Cards and Electronic Comments

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Facts + misinfo



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## COMMENT CARD

Date:

5-23-17

Name:



Address:

New City 95959

Comments:

There needs to be a level setting about FACT versus perception or opinion. Specifically 2 CAG members requested tho we don't use the term "industry" when the FACT is it is an industry per the state of CA. When we allow CAG members to divert the group from facts, we are not in service to the effort @ hand.

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reasonable  
taxation - cover  
costs of compliance  
but not to discourage  
the participation  
industry



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### COMMENT CARD

Cannabis  
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Date:

[Redacted] 5-23-17

Name:

[Redacted]

Address:

Nev. City 95959 1

Comments:

We need to ensure "taxation" and fees are reasonable and not prohibitive. Avoid allowing suppression of work in this industry via excessive or unreasonable or prohibitive fees.

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protect the medicine



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Nev. City CA 95959

Comments:

New. County must r should show an awareness of medical applications of this product. Ordinance should carve out allowances or exceptions that preserve patient's access and that it remains outside of the "business" regulations. This county needs to protect patients access and remove economic barriers.

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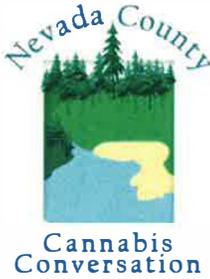
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Rt to use property to grow us biz versus rt to enjoy property



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COMMENT CARD

Date:

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Address:

NC CA 95959

Comments:

Property rights are sacred. County must balance property rights of "use" in Reg Ag zones like right to farm ~~against~~ versus "right to enjoy" quietude. If res ag neighbors can farm legally then cannabis cultivation should fall under the same laws. Concerns about smell can be managed w/ regulation but smell cannot be a reason to keep neighbors from cultivation.

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Neighbor waiver



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Address:

NC CA 95959

Comments:

Ordinance should allow  
Neighbors to sign waivers for  
neighboring properties to cultivate.  
Nuisance should be waivable.

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big Ag  
UNIQUE character  
of Nevada



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NC 95959

Comments:

Please keep big Ag out of this county. Give preference to local residents ~~to~~ and protect the county from large mono crop Cannabis farms.

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Residency Requirement



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 Name: [REDACTED]  
 Address: NC 95959

Comments:

There should be a 2-5 year residency requirement until after 2023. This will protect county from speculators and local farmers from foreign competition

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Patient access @ home @ residence rent or own



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COMMENT CARD

Date:

5-23-17

Name:

[Redacted Name]

Address:

NC 95959

Comments:

Patients ~~with~~ with valid recommendations must have the right to grow outdoors. <sup>and at home!</sup> REAL CLEAN and unadulterated medical cannabis must be grown with zero contaminants - that means outside. indoor grown is NOT medical grade. If no residential growing is allowed THEN county must allocate enough licenses to ensure access to non

- Commercial Cannabis.

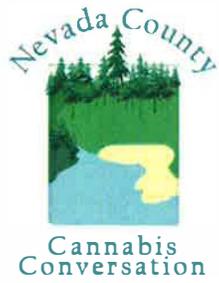
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enforce like other ag products



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Date: 5.23.17  
Name: [Redacted]  
Address: NE CA 95959

Comments:

Cannabis is a plant, it should be treated by the county as an ag product and the same compliance standards for ag should apply to cannabis. There should be no criminal liability applied to cannabis users or producers that is more stringent than ag + land use regulations.

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- No pesticides Medicinal grade  
Standards - NevCo  
Product  
Not USDA organic  
- NevCo standard for  
"medical"



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Date: 5.23.17  
Name: [Redacted]  
Address: [Redacted]  
NC CA 95959

Comments:  
Nev. Co. should establish  
"medical grade" Cannabis  
best practices. Do not require  
USDA organic standards, they are  
too expensive & not appropriate.  
Medical grade best practices  
should be the standard in  
Nevada County.

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all licence types  
keep supply chain  
local

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Name:

[Redacted Name]

Address:

NC CA 95959 Rd

Comments:

All licence types need to be addressed w/the new ordinance so that we keep all cannabis economy in the county. Nevada City will have a dispensary, the products they sell should be LOCAL.

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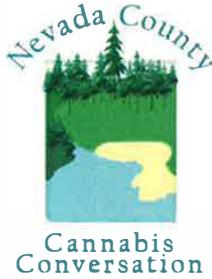
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This ordinance needs continuous improvement to stay in step w/ changing laws



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Address:

New City CA 95959

Comments:

The county must establish ongoing ordinance development to keep it current with changing state laws and business requirements. There is no such thing as "permanent" law or ordinance.

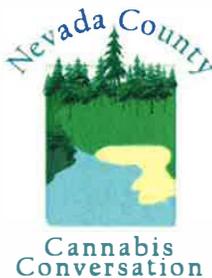
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enforcement  
versus  
incentive to comply



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Comments:

The leaders of this county will not encourage compliance with retributive ~~enforcement~~ enforcement practices. Compliance reqs must incentivize and NOT punish. Law breakers break the law. Good farmers of all types follow the law.

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Date: 5.23.17  
 Name: [Redacted]  
 Address: [Redacted]  
 NC 95959

Comments:

Replace all references to "marijuana" with "Cannabis" the correct scientific name of the plant

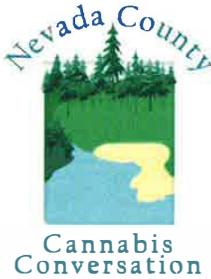
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Create "cannabis" admin office in the county



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 Address: [REDACTED]  
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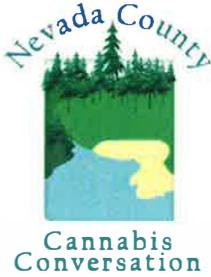
Comments:

Fees + taxes should fund County operations to facilitate compliance and permit administration. County should hire staff w/ expertise (proven) and NOT political appointees or allies.

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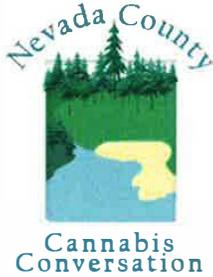
Date: 5-23-17  
Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] Grass Valley Ct 95945

Comments:

Ordinances in Nevada County have traditionally been written to make compliance impossible so that law enforcement can have any number of reasons to abate any garden. It has led to a feeling of intimidation and blocked the cultivation community from engaging with the proper county departments for permitting and environmental protections. For example, a 20 acre Ag parcel that is only 700 ft wide, <sup>agrower</sup> can only cultivate in a 100 foot strip down the middle to comply with the 300 ft. setback. Well this would mean clearing 3 acres of pine forest when there is a 5 acre meadow that is already cleared.

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Date: 5.23.17  
Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] Grass Valley CA 95945

Comments:

Cultivators are currently all stuck in a catch-22 of being out of compliance due to ~~be~~ being in a de-facto ban and needing to ~~move forward~~ be compliant to move forward ~~and~~ in a regulated industry. Out of Compliance cultivators can not be permitted by the Nevada County CDA to bring their parcels up to code. They can not obtain coverage under the general order of the Water Quality Control Board i.e. ensuring the discharge of cultivation doesn't negatively affect our watershed. Please allow cultivators a pathway for compliance!

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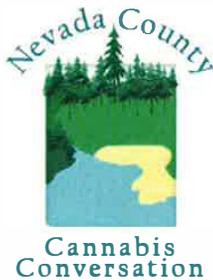
(by listening to what cultivators need to keep their small business alive, so

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that they can continue to seed their families.)

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Comments:

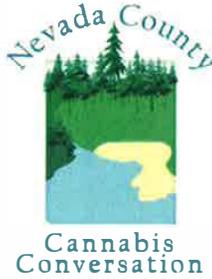
Issues with Setbacks:  
questions: • Is there any part of county code where setbacks increase with an increase in parcel size?  
• Does a "property line" consider cannabis a nuisance (sp?) Please change the language back to "neighboring outdoor living area."  
• If ordinances make cultivating on 20 acres unreasonable, but also are limiting "small" parcels of 5-20 acres, ~~there~~ where are small farmers suppressed to grow cannabis as a small business.

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Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] Grass Valley CA 95945

Comments:

Yes to collecting data of what cannabis farmers that are already in existence and allowing a safe process where farmers feel comfortable being truthful about their square footage, so that an ordinance can be written to allow for compliance based on state license types. Please allow 2500, 5000, 10,000. (Please do not waste time discussing plant count; plants are all different sizes so its a moot point.) How are you going to collect data <sup>from farmers</sup> ~~with~~ a heavy fine structure when they are under the weight of an ordinance that is really a ban

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Compounded by a fine structure that is punitive

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Address:

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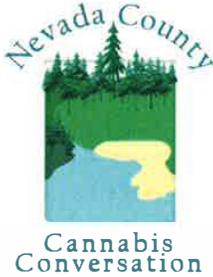
In response to cultivators not giving back to their community. Please keep in mind that only bad actors make the news. Plenty of cultivators donate and support their community albeit not openly as cultivators. Many cultivators give to their children's school, SYRCL, Sierra Harvest, Food Bank, probably all the non-profits of Nevada County. For many small family farmers, every cent (besides 1 vacation a year) is infused right back into the local economy!

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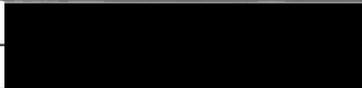


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Comments:

What does a cultivator need (not want) from an ordinance to continue operating their small business?

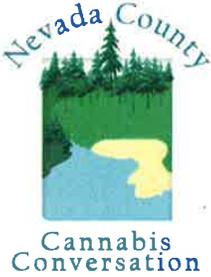
- suspend the fines until realistic compliance is achievable by the average small family farmer
- do not require a ~~per~~ residence
- square footage, not plant count
- setbacks of a set distance from neighboring outdoor living space

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SMARSBVILLE, CA 95977

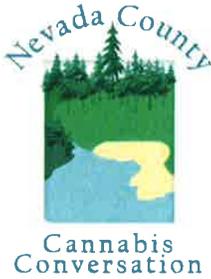
Comments:

AS A GROWER, WE ARE EXPECTING LICENCES ALONG THE LINES OF 5000 SQFT / 5 ACRES. OUTDOOR AND MIXED LIGHT. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE & SURVIVE WITH ALL THE OTHER COUNTIES IN THE STATE. I SUPPORT ALL LICENCE TYPES FOR A STRONG LOCAL INDUSTRY.

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SMARTSVILLE, CA 95977 0

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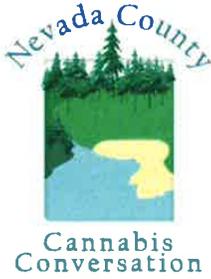
- 1) THE CAG NEEDS TO KNOW ALL THE DETAILS OF THE STATE LAWS. IT IS PAINFULLY OBVIOUS THAT MANY MEMBERS ARE NOT AWARE OF WHAT IS IN THE STATE LAW. THE STATE LAWS COVER MOST OF THE CONCERNS
- 2) THE "INTERIM" ORDINANCE IS A PATIENT ORDINANCE, IT IS NOT A COMMERCIAL ORDINANCE THAT WILL COMPLY WITH THE STATE LAWS.
- 3) MEASURE S WAS FLAWED IN MANY WAYS AND WAS ~~OPPOSED~~ OPPOSED BY GROWERS AS WELL AS PROPERTY OWNERS IN GENERAL.

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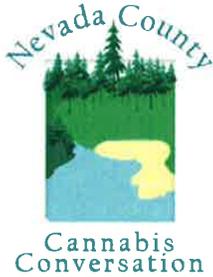
Comments:

MIRSA does not allow living where you grow indoors.  
AVMA requires that you live where you grow indoors.  
Please resolve this contradiction.

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FOR CLARIFICATION -

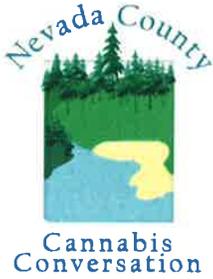
- ⊗ CANNABIS IS CONSIDERED AN "AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT" PER THE HEALTH & SAFETY CODE AND BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MEDICAL CANNABIS REGULATORY & SAFETY ACT (MCRSA).
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**Community Advisory Group (CAG)**  
Nevada County Cannabis Regulation  
Community Planning Process



**COMMENT CARD**

Date:

5-23-17

Name:



Address:

Nevada City, CA 95959

Comments:

Our there any CAG members that want a ban on Cannabis in our County? and if so what do you hope to accomplish by being on the CAG?

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The following comments were submitted by email to [cagcomments@migcom.com](mailto:cagcomments@migcom.com):

**Comment 1:**

In response to complaints of non-enforcement ... Neighbors on my block have spent MILLIONS of dollars to come in compliance with the 2349 2012 ordinance ... Most people on my block are good neighbors but by having low bi-monthly helicopter flights it has killed any goodwill or trust in each other ... The current ordinance has made 90% of my block out of compliance yet again ... and commercial growers are fed up and some about to lose their properties have probably resorted to threats.

I really hope we can just default tot the new state laws that are already very strict and move on from this ban / hide it mentality. Keep Commercial grows on AG / Commercial lots and there really should be no ISSUE.

Also as the ASA webmaster patients need to have the right to grow outside in a non-registered fashion ... Registered lists and permit fees is just another way to force patients to go without ...

Please also read these articles ... <http://asa-nc.com/now/>

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**Comment 2:**

Thank you for facilitating an open and inviting Community Advisory Group meeting yesterday. After attending I wanted to provide a comment:

It was stated by one of the CAG members during the meeting that cannabis activity in Nevada County was not an "Industry"- that the definition of "Industry" was, in the speaker's opinion, limited to product manufacturing, heavy equipment and such similar things. He suggested that cannabis cultivation was strictly an agricultural activity and should be treated as such, and that the group should refrain from using the "Industry" terminology because it was not applicable.

To this matter, I would point out that many market sectors in California's economy use the term "Industry" to describe their business- take the tech industry, or the film industry, for example. the word "Industry", in my mind, is a useful and appropriate term used to describe a market sector which includes many professions and business specializations, which is exactly what the Cannabis Industry has grown into in California- indeed, this industry is one of the state's most thriving.

And importantly, this public discussion we are having, as to how to regulate the activities of the cannabis industry in Nevada County, is a conversation about much more than just cannabis cultivation (the agricultural component that the speaker referred to). The activities of the cannabis industry in our county indeed include cultivation, but also: processing (the act of processing raw cannabis that comes from the farm into a consumable good), manufacturing (of concentrates, topicals, infused and edible cannabis products), distribution and transportation (from cultivator to manufacturer, or cultivator to dispensary, or manufacturer to dispensary), testing laboratories (who measure the potency of cannabis products and, importantly, test to ensure that the product meets public health and safety standards), and Dispensaries (regulated storefronts where the end consumer can obtain medical and/or recreational cannabis that has passed through the regulated supply chain).

The aforementioned activities are licensable market segments as recognized by the State of California's MCRSA (Medical Cannabis regulations) bill, passed by the legislature, as well as the provisions in the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (Prop. 64) passed by popular referendum last fall. In addition to these licensed cannabis industry

activities, any honest overview of the cannabis industry in Nevada County would also recognize the auxiliary businesses that are thriving as a result of the presence of the cannabis industry here: the hydroponic gardening shops, the hardware stores, the greenhouse manufacturing and assembly companies, the soil and landscaping companies, the realtors who specialize in suitable real estate, the event producers who bring featured cannabis experts to speak, and tradespeople (electricians, tractor operators, irrigation specialists, HVAC installers) who provide specialized expertise to local cannabis businesses.

To suggest that cannabis activity in Nevada County does not live up to the term “Industry” because it is merely an agricultural activity we are speaking about is at best naive, and at worst, a willful diminishment of the broad scope of business activity which even today, in the absence of regulations, is thriving.

I, like so many of my friends, family and peers in this community, wish to see the County provide recognition to cannabis industry that exists here already and develop a framework for licensing all market segments, in accordance with recently established state regulations. Creating regulations that are permissive and encourage compliance and participation in monitoring programs are the number one most effective thing that we could do to help address the nuisance and public safety issues that have arisen in an era of prohibition and the absence of sensible regulations. It will most certainly bring even more economic prosperity to our county too, by broadening the tax base.

Thankfully, the era of prohibition in California is over. It is about time we embrace the Cannabis Industry that already exists here in our community, and provide a regulatory framework and county permits, so that businesses in good faith may obtain state licenses when they soon become available.

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**Comment 3:**

Don't re-invent the wheel. Keep it simple for our county. The work is already done by our State. Please just bring us up to the MCRSA guidelines!