

Dear Nevada City Planning Commission -

Thank you all for your careful and thoughtful consideration of this very important decision

Re: To allow permitted and legal Medicinal Cannabis Dispensaries in Nevada City.

First of all, I would like to make the very important distinction between Medicinal Cannabis usage and Recreational usage. The current interim draft ordinance insists a dispensary would be for Medical Cannabis patients only and I applaud that. I personally do not agree with the recreational use of Cannabis.

I have read through the current letters pro and con as well as 2 petitions I find on the Nevada City website.

I'd like to comment on some of the points brought up in the letters/ petitions.

Before I do, let me state I do wholeheartedly support a permitting process for MEDICAL Cannabis Dispensaries in Nevada City. Why? Because I - as a lifelong resident of Nevada County (as well as a homeowner and tax payer) - am a patient who has benefited greatly from Medicinal Cannabis. I have cured 3 very serious and debilitating diseases with daily use of Medicinal Cannabis. Among them are Asthma, Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Migraines. I am currently getting tremendous relief with 2 other serious conditions. As of 2 years ago I was taking 7 different Rx medications. Today, I am pain free and taking only 1 medication on a daily basis. My MD congratulates me for being exceptionally healthy at 66 years of age.

As to some of the points brought up in the letters/petitions already sent into the Planning Commission:

1. The letter from Bill Newton states that "further testing needs to be done". I couldn't agree more with this. However, prohibition has only hampered 'further testing'. Israel has done testing on the Medical Benefits of Cannabis and the results are astounding. The internet also abounds with patient's testimonies as well as videos showing the amazing results from using Cannabis Medically - Here are links to just two such videos:

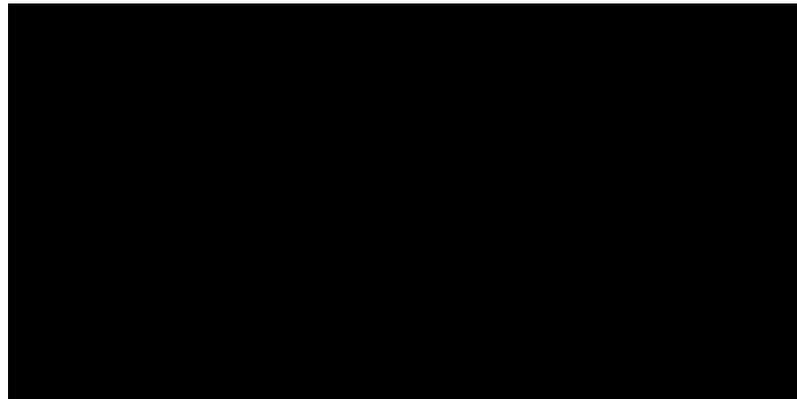
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Below is a video of Dr. Christina Sanchez, a molecular biologist at Complutense University in Madrid, Spain, cle...

Bill also laments in his letter that Nevada City does not have the funds to purchase property for trails expansion. I implore him to realize that increased tax revenue generated from a Dispensary could very easily provide those funds!

2. Re: Anita Bagwell's letter - It appears she has a school in Grass Valley on McCourtney Rd. and she is concerned about a dispensary in Nevada City located too close to her school. She cites her students who claim they used Marijuana as a gateway drug. She is writing about her students as former RECREATIONAL users of Cannabis - Not

Medical Patients. I sincerely hope she can understand the difference someday and realize a dispensary in Nevada City would be several miles away from her school and students who attend there. It would also only provide medicine to certified patients - NOT to recreational users.

3. Re: Petition #1 has 4 signers (out of 44) who have 3 digit Nevada City addresses.

4. Petition #2 has 6 (out of 30) who have 3 digit Nevada City addresses.

****These 2 petitions hardly represent the majority of Nevada City or Nevada County residents who voted in favor of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries.

5. Re the letter from the Presbyterian Church: They claim a dispensary will be opening 'down the road' from their church. This is not true as no permit has been issued, nor any location approved by the commission for a dispensary to open and operate at the address they suggest - at this time.

6. I do agree with all the points presented in the letter from All About Wellness dispensary in Sacramento.

Thank you all again for your thoughtful consideration of this permit for Medical Cannabis Dispensaries and for opening the discussion up to the public via meetings and inviting comments here.

Sincerely,
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