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Dear Nevada City Council and City Planner Members,

I'm unable to attend the meeting this Thursday: these meetings are in the middle of a work day and I'm not able to attend at this time. However, I would like to express my opinion as to the placement of Nevada City marijuana dispensaries. My school is devoted to assisting 17-25 year olds in finishing their high school diplomas while receiving free vocational training and leadership development. These local young men and women did not finish high school with their peers, not because they weren't "smart enough", but because they had many complex issues occurring in their lives. That list of issues includes the following:

- Drug (to include marijuana) and alcohol abuse
- domestic violence
- poverty
- multi and inter-generational joblessness
- homelessness
- mental illness
- criminal activity: both felonies and misdemeanors, mostly related to drug use and the insatiable need for money
- and more

When I interview each incoming, prospective student, (now totaling 130 students), we talk for an hour. I ask them directly the following questions: "For you, what were some of the things that happened to you that kept you from finishing high school on time?" and subsequently, "If you could do it all over again, what might you do differently?".

35% of them say: "I would not start smoking pot." (When I asked "why?" they typically say: "It's where it all started. I went down from there.")

Of that 35%, nearly ALL of them have been felons or are facing felonious charges.

These students are sick of the life of "in and out" of jail and struggle to stay away from marijuana. Besides their own addictions to it and other drug use, it seems to be the source of so many other negative effects of their very young lives. Whether they feel like they are "addicted" or not, whether they feel like it is "medicine" or "harmful" a large number of them **KNOW** that it was a large contribution for what took them off track in their academics and personal lives when they were younger.

Please don't allow these "dispensaries" to be located near schools, transitional housing or drug intervention locations. I would like to request that the amount of feet in distance from any of these types of venues be at least 1000 ft. It is challenging enough for these young men and women to stay clean and away from this lifestyle that they are trying to lay aside.

Thank you for your considerations. I appreciate all that you have before you.

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Anita Bagwell

Anita Bagwell, Director

Western Sierra YouthBuild

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Date: December 5, 2016

To: Members of the Nevada City Planning Commission

From : Dan Prout, Nevada City

RE: Proposed change in statute re: Medical Marijuana business within Nevada City limits

Please receive my letter stating my **strong opposition** to changing the Nevada City Municipal Code, Chapter 9.22.

The health hazards associated with the proliferation of the distribution of marijuana, medical and recreational, are widely known and documented. As a progressive community we cannot allow the demise of standards which support the health and welfare of not only Nevada City but the entirety of western Nevada County and beyond.

Those truly needing medicinal cannabis can easily obtain same through businesses which are more than willing to deliver to any address in the United States.

Dan Prout

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I am exceedingly alarmed at the growing acceptance of legalized marijuana. Information regarding the very dangerous impact of marijuana has been sadly neglected by the media and ignored by public officials who, by their very definition, should be the first to sound the alarm.

Why is marijuana so greatly marginalized?

Over the last many years I have personally seen the devastation to young lives by marijuana addiction. The psychological, emotional, physical and social destruction is absolute, rendering individuals unable to provide for themselves or to be responsible for themselves.

Alcohol addiction has been addressed in our society for what it is and cigarettes have been widely banned because of the offensive smoke and health risks from second hand smoke. Why is a much more deadly and offensive substance neglected? In the last week I have personally been assaulted by heavy marijuana smoke at both the McCourtney Rd. Transfer Station and the Boreal Ridge Ski Resort.

In the long run can you define the benefits of more widespread marijuana use in our society? Who stands to profit by its use? Who will pay for the consequences of its abuses?

Please do everything you can to make it difficult for marijuana to be obtained within your jurisdiction. Please do everything you can to educate your constituents to the dangers of this substance. Please, make a stand for life, health and a promising future for the young people of Nevada County.

Karen Johnston

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Dear Friends,

Although not a Nevada City citizen, I've lived in the county for 45 years, and often visit your gem of a city. The smell of marijuana in some areas of downtown is already strong enough to be off-putting, especially for my wife, for whom it causes an allergic reaction.

As a 37-year school teacher, I have seen marijuana cause many serious family problems in our county. As a friend of other educators, I've heard the stories of the huge negative impact its use has upon the over-age-18 continuation students.

Anything that makes marijuana easier to obtain in Nevada City will make the city less desirable as a visitor destination, and will certainly have a negative impact upon resident continuation students, many of whom already struggle with substance abuse.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.
Bill McQuerry

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Dear Members of the Nevada City Planning Commission,

I am writing in response to the proposed marijuana dispensary in Nevada City. First of all, I appreciate the effort, thought, and consensus building that the Commission is putting into this process. I write as a one who was raised in Nevada City but who is now a neighbor, as I currently live in downtown Grass Valley. The reality is that Nevada City and Grass Valley are both affected by the decisions that each city makes. We are tied to one another and our lives are linked. My feeling on this matter is that a dispensary will make Nevada City (and by extension Grass Valley) more of a magnet for people from the surrounding area who are seeking marijuana. Some will come to receive medicine for treatment, others to feed a habit. I do not oppose people receiving treatment, but I do not see that it will serve the long-term interests of our communities to feed habits that can be destructive to our common life. Perhaps I am misguided on this and I remain open to correction, but I do not see the benefit of a dispensary, aside from it being a money making enterprise for those who sell and those who reap the taxes. If it is just about the money, then it seems inconsistent as Nevada City, has constantly placed the image of the city above the bottom line.

Thank you so much and please know that you are in my prayers as you make these decisions.
Sincerely,

Seth Kellermann

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I attended the Planning commission special meeting on Dec 1st. You stated that if we had any questions to e-mail them to you. I tried to give input to two of the project tables, but received the same response. It appeared that the tables were being managed by pro Dispensary people. Here are several questions for you and the planning commission should look at.

1. Why are the workshops going forward. The residents of Nevada City, those with a 3 digit address, should vote to see if they want a Dispensary or not before the workshops get started. Many of the people that I talked to live outside the city limits. They may have a Nevada City address, with five digit numbering, but live in the county. Why do people that do not pay property tax or vote for the City Council have a right to dictate that they want a Dispensary in our city?

2. The property on Railroad Ave. that city council members are looking at is listed as Light Industry. But it has over 100 family residences within 900 feet on the East side of the property. Not a good area around families with small children.

It appeared last night that the Dispensary is a "Done Deal" because members of the City Council want it, whether the people living in the city want it or not. Where is the Democratic process?

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Dear Nevada City Planning Commission

I was a teen and resident of many years in Nevada City and regard it as my home town. I think that allowing a cannabis dispensary in Nevada City would break some of the long-standing charm that the city has had and encourage the kind of crowds and folks hanging around that will be distasteful for the beautiful city. Along with the Chamber of Commerce, you have done such a good job of attracting tourists to the city and have gained national attention. It would be sad to see that distinction be stained by the nasty smell of weed all over town and the kind of folks I wouldn't want to bring my children near.

Thank you

Guy Prudhomme

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Hi Amy and Duane.

You mentioned that the specific proposed sites were on the city web site. I have looked for a while and cannot seem to find them. I think it is critical to put this information in the newspaper so the residents of Nevada City are aware of what is coming to their neighborhood. I also think it is critical for the city to do the equivalent of an EIR to determine, through fact-based research, the effect of such a dispensary on neighborhoods. Can you confirm if either of these things is under consideration? The idea of a dispensary is not the issue. The location is the issue. Are we considering locating the dispensary in an area that already has a heavy retail element and associated security such as the Brunswick basin near one of the drug stores? What is the rush to

insert a dispensary into a Nevada City neighborhood? Nevada City neighborhoods are in crisis as we deal with excessive homelessness, loitering, drug and alcohol addiction, and mental health problems. If tax revenue is the motivation, are we considering the affect on quality of life and property values for nearby residents (your constituents)? At the public meeting, it was clear that almost all of the supporters in the room did not live in Nevada City city limits. My hope is for a careful and thoughtful process that prioritizes the interests of residents living within the city limits who will be affected by the location of a dispensary.

Please be sure my comments are kept anonymous. Thank you.

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Dear NC Planning Commission

I am a frequent visitor to Nevada County. I would like to express my opposition to the proposed marijuana dispensary.

I am disappointed to see Nevada City becoming more interested in attracting the marijuana business than the tourists business.

I love Nevada County and would like to see it remain the family friendly, tourists friendly, community it has always been. I was raised in Grass Valley and love to bring out of town friends and family back to visit. I have always been proud of my home town.

Please consider the negative ramifications this dispensary would have, by impacting much more than a short sighted, short term monetary gain.

Marie Lassen

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I believe the dispensary ordinance in Nevady County should be looked at very carefully and not go against any rules already set into place in reference to public health and safety.

So many people have lung disease and should not be close to any odor of any kind. I can not even be close to perfumes of any kind, much less the smell of marijuana.

Thank you Nevaca County for listening. Nancy Joan Manuel

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Hi Mark-

My name is Ken Currington. I have been talking to friends in Santa Rosa and Los Angeles recently about how the commercial side of the legal cannabis market and how it is going to roll out. My friend David McCallis is a lawyer in LA and spearheading the CACD (CA Cannabis Distribution). He knew of Nevada City and was asking if the farmers and manufacturers were

going to be able to work with distribution companies like CACD.

It is my understanding that the farmers and manufacturers of oils and edibles need to be in compliance with local municipalities and both working toward state licensing. I have lived in Nevada City for the past 5 years and truly love it here and plan on staying. My concern is that if the city does not act promptly to get our cannabis manufacturers in alignment with a protocol for legal production they will miss out on distribution opportunities and adversely affect our economy.

The way I see it is we already have a thriving workforce in the cannabis industry. What would be ideal is that we can regulate those who are negatively affecting the community and support those who can be in compliance with state licensing with prompt local legislation. The sooner the better as these contracts are beginning to be put into effect. Ideally, we get proper zoning on commercial warehouse space and begin to get regulated and taxed manufacturing facilities. These facilities can be a template of how to safely and harmoniously get cannabis supporting our mountain community.

Call or Email anytime Ken

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Hello Amy,

I wanted to comment before it's too late....

I read that *the City prohibits all types of medical cannabis businesses within the City, and explicitly bans medical marijuana dispensaries in Chapter 9.22 of the Nevada City Municipal Code.*

Please do what ever you can do to CONTINUE TO prohibit the dispensing of medical marijuana in the city limits of Nevada City.

Thank you for communicating my voice to the five members of the Nevada City Planning Commission.

Diane Kimberly Thompson
Grass Valley

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Dear NC Planning Commission,

As business people who work in downtown Nevada City, we would like to express our opposition to the proposed marijuana dispensary.

We do not believe that it is in the best interests of our business community, young people, tourists, and all others who call Nevada County home.

As real estate agents and also homeowners with a popular Airbnb property, we hear many comments increasingly negative about out-of-towner's experience at local restaurants, shopping, and just walking around the downtown area of Nevada City. These comments pertain to the trimmigrants and others who are attracted by the marijuana business. While a dispensary may bring short term economic gain, we believe it is far far more important to have a long term vision for Nevada City and take into account the full range of consequences of locating a marijuana dispensary in our town.

We fervently hope that the Planning Commission will take our opinion and those of other impacted citizens and business people opposed to the dispensary into account in your decision making on this issue.

Sincerely,

Ron and Julie Carrara
Good & Company Realty

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Hi Amy, I'm copying in a reply I had with City of Grass Valley, just because it covered the scope of what I wanted to discuss at this stage. - Luci

Just to sum up our conversation, I'm part of Nevada County Ag, Weights & Measures, and as such are concerned with new businesses that would use a measuring or weighing device as part of their business. Per our conversation, I understand that currently marijuana dispensaries are not allowed, but may be allowed in the future, and that an ad hoc committee is currently discussing this possibility.

I'd like to make the link below available to those folks, as they may find the information interesting and help to partially shape any possible ordinance language. Whether including other laws as part of the ordinance, as is currently done with the GV taxi ordinance, which requires a certificate of inspection from Weights and Measures, or to leave it out entirely is of course up to the city, but I wanted to make the information on scale requirements for businesses, and dispensaries in particular, available to you.

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dms/pdfs/MedicalCannabisRegulatoryRequirements.pdf>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Luci Wilson

Agricultural Biologist II
Nevada County Dept. of Agriculture, Weights & Measures
530-470-2744

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To all NC planning commissioners,

We live on Brock Road in Nevada City. Our concern is that the state requirement for a cannabis dispensary is only a minimum 600 feet distance from schools. If you look at the zoning map for the Seven Hills business district, **you will see at least 8 schools within that area - Deer Creek; 7 Hills; Forest Charter; Sierra Christian School; Nevada City Charter School; Nevada County Special Education; Son-shine Pre-school; Little Friends Child Development.** If a cannabis dispensary is located anywhere in the 7 Hills area, many children would be exposed to it. In addition, traffic (automobile, bikes & foot) is already very congested and would be worse with a dispensary.

To avoid all these problems, we suggest you adopt a stronger requirement for cannabis dispensaries in Nevada City limits. **We would recommend at least a 2,000 distance between a dispensary and any school in Nevada City.** That would insure our children and town are safer.

If you are not familiar with the Seven Hills area, we suggest you walk around it, when school is out, to see how many children use this area.

Dick & Lynne Dirga
Nevada City

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I wish to offer my firm support for two dispensaries. I do not use marijuana (I prefer a good Zinfandel) but know several instances where this does provide an important medicinal value. As it is legal now for social use as well, it will certainly be available to anyone with the intent to do so in other areas. Why not capture the sorely needed tax revenue for our city?

Mark Warner, CPA
Treasurer - Miners Foundry
Nevada City

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Dear Ms. Wolfson:

Please forward this to the Nevada City Planning Commission members for their consideration.

I am asking that the Nevada City Planning Commission please continue to support the existing City prohibition of all types of medical cannabis businesses within the City. Specifically, I ask that the commission support the ban of medical marijuana dispensaries contained in Chapter 9.22 of the Nevada City Municipal Code.

I trust my request is clear, even in the event that I have not properly cited the Code.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Coley

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I object to the city allowing a marijuana dispensary in my Nevada County community.

Kathleen S. Prout

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Dear NC Planning Commission,

I work for a business on Broad Street in Nevada City. I'm opposed to having a marijuana dispensary here.

As someone who works downtown I hear many complaints from tourist, as well as locals, about the homeless situation. Bonanza Market has become a magnet for drunks intimidating passer-bys for money. Or worse yet, fighting in public. Our parking lot on Commercial has become dangerous and filled with drunk people hanging out at all hours.

A dispensary will only add to the problem with those attracted by the marijuana business. Please do not locate a marijuana dispensary in our town.

It's not right for our businesses, tourists, or our youth.

If the dispensary is actually about access to medicine, allow it by the hospital.

*Sincerely,
Suzanne Potampa*

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Attention Amy Wolfson,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Medical Cannabis Dispensary Ordinance. I was diagnosed with multiple Myeloma (bone marrow cancer) mid October, 2016. Since beginning radiation and chemotherapy I have researched the use of cannabis to offset the side effects of the dangerous drugs I take to try and achieve remission. I have experienced great relief of side effects from some cannabis products after I obtained my medical marijuana card. I am also aware that many components of the cannabis may be assisting my process of remission. The problem I, and many others have, is access to the cannabis products that help me. I need a local dispensary that has people to consult with and see quality and content of products. The option of mail-order and online ordering is not conducive to confidence in quality and content of cannabis products.

I appreciate so much the effort that our county residents and the Board have made toward progress for a local dispensary. I understand location is a controversial topic, however I hope this does not unduly delay approval for a local dispensary since myself and many others have legitimate need for local medical cannabis products as soon as possible.

William Hall, resident of Grass Valley, CA for 30 years

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Hi Amy,

My husband and I attended the forum at City Hall yesterday to discuss ordinance restrictions should a marijuana dispensary be allowed to open in Nevada City. I had several observations and some comments that I would like to share with you and the Planning Commission as you go forward with your recommendations to the City Council.

My first observation was that, based upon your "hands up" survey, there appeared to be quite a few more attendees that were opposed to a dispensary within the city limits than those in favor, that were actually residents of Nevada City (somewhere around 17 opposed altogether and 10 in favor). The remaining attendees indicated they were either from the County, outlying areas, or just there to observe. I think that is an important distinction, as those who live in the city itself, and along the immediate boundaries would be the most impacted. Although we do not live within the city limits, our residence would be within less than 2 miles of one of the potential locations that was discussed in one of our small groups.

During one of the group discussions, a number of people indicated that a restriction of at least a mile from schools, daycare, etc should apply. We were told that was not possible within city limits. Perhaps the fact that there are no appropriate locations that are more than a mile from where our children congregate on a daily basis is an indication that Nevada City itself is not an appropriate venue for a marijuana dispensary.

I'd also like to point out that in the small forums I participated in, the advocates for a dispensary absolutely dominated the discussions. They held the pens and wrote many comments, precluding others from doing the same. At one point I obtained a pen directly from you and took a separate sheet of paper, as that was the only way to be able to write down any alternative ideas, comments, questions, or suggestions. In one of the small groups, a woman had many legitimate comments and questions and one of the advocates for a dispensary in the group actually told her that she should just move on to another group because she was taking space and time from the others. I am pointing this out because I feel that when you review the worksheets that were completed by the small groups, you are going to see many recommendations for LESS restrictions, less background checks, less security, than was actually the feeling of many of the participants.

I am one of the citizens who oppose a dispensary in our town altogether. I have seen photographs of the types of items available for sale in dispensaries in other counties. Many of these items are designed very specifically to look like candy or soda pop or other items that would draw the attention of our youth. For example, I have seen "ring pops" - and I've never seen an adult wearing and eating a candy "ring pop" - that is purely a draw for children. I believe that a dispensary would be a target for theft, regardless of the security measures taken.

The fact that we are treating medicinal marijuana differently from any other pharmaceutical is quite telling. Millions of people in the US are diabetic and require insulin. They don't go to an "insulin dispensary" to acquire the medicine they need - they go to a pharmacist who prepares exactly the correct dosage needed for maximum safety and effectiveness. If marijuana is determined to be an effective medication for certain ailments, then why would it not be produced in specific strengths with specific ingredients that have been proven safe and effective, and dispensed to patients with legitimate prescriptions in the same manner as insulin or any other drug? Since you indicated that at this point Nevada City is only considering a dispensary for medicinal purposes and not recreational, then why not treat this drug like any other pharmaceutical?

One other consideration is that both medicinal marijuana and recreational marijuana remain illegal pursuant to federal law. Regardless of what the State of California has determined, federal law still stands and will not likely change in our lifetime. In the past, the federal government has chosen to turn a blind eye to marijuana usage that complies with state and local ordinances. That policy may continue into the future - on the other hand, it may not. Should the Federal government, under new leadership, make a choice to enforce federal laws - would our city government run into legal difficulties because they allowed and licensed a business that breaches those laws? Could there be financial penalties to the city itself? I don't know the answer to those questions, but they do give me pause.

Thank you for facilitating this forum last night. I know that this topic will continue to provide very spirited discussion on both sides of the issue and I don't envy those of you in our city government and planning who have to make the ultimate decision.

Terry McLaughlin
Nevada City

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to a marijuana dispensary in Nevada County especially in Nevada City. Please do not support this in any fashion. I see many serious problems associated with such a move.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Margaret McQuerry

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a citizen of Nevada City/Grass Valley for the past 12 years. Having had the opportunity to work with the citizens of this community I am familiar with the dynamics of family, children and even the elderly within our amazing community.

I am deeply concern for any type of ordinance that would allow a Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance in Nevada City that would change our current statute prohibiting medicinal marijuana business within the city limits.

Changing our current ordinance would only increase the exposure of our youth, family and community to the introduction of drug use, which would in turn open a door to many greater issues.

I have the privilege to work with an addiction recovery program that has 80% success rate and marijuana is the introductory drug. As our elected leaders, please help protect our community.

Cindy Johnson

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Hi all, please find attached our office's HIPPA and CMIA memo which is focused on the cultivation context, so it may not be entirely relevant. Also, it does not touch on the issue of whether HIPPA can apply to cannabis considering its federal Schedule I designation, but I'm super interested on that issue now, so I also am going to look a little further into that myself in the next few days. I thought I'd go ahead and send it in case there was anything helpful for now. :-)

Also, the section in AB 266 re patient privacy is BP 19355, which I copied in italics below. It looks like only patient names and medical conditions are expressly excluded from CPRA requests, and even that seems to be disclosable where necessary for the City to perform its duties. I'm not sure security camera footage would apply in the first instance, and, even if it did, I suppose it could be considered to be reasonably necessary for the City's function as the permitting agency. Still, I'm guessing the knowledge that video of the patients' comings and goings could be subject to simple CPRA requests might be a real buzzkill for the dispensary (and thus reduce the City's tax revenue), so perhaps we can informally modify our comment on this

issue to request that such video be considered not subject to CPRA requests under the general CPRA provision for exemptions (Cal. Govt. Code 6254 (c)) as personal, medical or "similar" information?

Thank you! ~hb

Article 15. Privacy

19355. (a) Information identifying the names of patients, their medical conditions, or the names of their primary caregivers received and contained in records kept by the office or licensing authorities for the purposes of administering this chapter are confidential and shall not be disclosed pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code), except as necessary for authorized employees of the State of California or any city, county, or city and county to perform official duties pursuant to this chapter, or a local ordinance.

(b) Information identifying the names of patients, their medical conditions, or the names of their primary caregivers received and contained in records kept by the bureau for the purposes of administering this chapter shall be maintained in accordance with Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 123100) of Part 1 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, Part 2.6 (commencing with Section 56) of Division 1 of the Civil Code, and other state and federal laws relating to confidential patient information.

(c) Nothing in this section precludes the following:

(1) Employees of the bureau or any licensing authorities notifying state or local agencies about information submitted to the agency that the employee suspects is falsified or fraudulent.

(2) Notifications from the bureau or any licensing authorities to state or local agencies about apparent violations of this chapter or applicable local ordinance.

(3) Verification of requests by state or local agencies to confirm licenses and certificates issued by the regulatory authorities or other state agency.

(4) Provision of information requested pursuant to a court order or subpoena issued by a court or an administrative agency or local governing body authorized by law to issue subpoenas.

(d) Information shall not be disclosed by any state or local agency beyond what is necessary to achieve the goals of a specific investigation, notification, or the parameters of a specific court order or subpoena.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB266

Sincerely,
Heather L. Burke

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Our family is NOT in favor a dispensary in Nevada County.

Medical reasons do no convince us it will be a good thing for anyone.

If it is truly a medical situation, it should be handled by a professional doctor like any other medical prescription.

We've all seen what marijuana can do to a community. Colorado is one example. Main stream media won't tell about their ER hospital problems with kids under the influence. DUI will be worse. Kids under this drug will be less inclined to want to learn...it effects the natural reason to be sober....'reason' is disabled ... getting high is the goal. Medical marijuana will be a disaster to this community. BIG MONEY is the very first motive.

Please don't let this happen to NC.

Respectfully, Mr. & Mrs Raymond D. Rutter...Grass Valley

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Dear City Council Members,

I want to begin by thanking each of you for your service to our community by being on the City Council. I know you put in countless hours and a great deal of effort into making our community what it is.

You probably don't receive the thanks you deserve for all you do. Please know that I am truly grateful for your service.

As a Nevada City resident I am very concerned about the proposed medical marijuana dispensary. My primary concern is its proximity to the school at Sierra Presbyterian Church and the continuation school. Secondary concerns include the increase in crime that accompanies these dispensaries which leads to a burden on our local sheriff's department as well as potentially lowering tourism and home/property values due to the crime concern. I am aware that some believe that legalizing marijuana would increase revenue for the county. I think if you research this in depth you will find that

increase in crime leading to the need for more law enforcement plus the fact that the money earned from Federally illegal drugs can not be deposited in an FDIC insured bank means that money won't really benefit our community.

I urge you to please vote NO on the medical marijuana dispensary. Thank you for considering my views.

Julie Bousfield, RN

Nevada City resident and registered voter

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Amy,

Attached you will find my written input that I previously passed on at the meeting of the Planning Commission on November 27th. While I have concerns about the impact of a Medicinal Marijuana dispensary upon the community in general, my primary concern is that the chosen location be away from schools, churches, day cares, preschools and libraries so that children in the community are not negatively impacted. As a number of counties have done, I encourage the planning commission to increase the distance requirement to at least 1,000 feet, if not double it to 1,200 ft. Part of my rationale is that one of the proposed locations at 440 Lower Grass Valley Rd. is just over 1,000 ft. from our church and its' Preschool. In fact, while it may fit the 600 ft. distance requirement, within 1,200 ft. you will find a Preschool, Daycare, Library and two schools. Please consider doubling the distance requirement so that these institutions are not negatively effected.

Sincerely, Mike Griffin

Pastor, Sierra Presbyterian Church

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Dear Amy,

I am for the dispensary. I have cancer and need a reliable local place to receive the cannabis that can treat my cancer. I see

No problem for the placement of the dispensary. I pick up what I need and would leave. I own a local business for 30 years and

Don't see where placement is an issue.

Sincerely,

Ms. B. Young