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**From:** Lexi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 5:40 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public comment

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I am a resident of Nevada County and I strongly oppose the use of flock cameras.

Lexi Clark

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**From:** Jason Scallin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 5:30 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Remove Flock from our Community

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Dear Mayor Hodge and Grass Valley City Council members ,

I am writing to urge the Council to remove the Flock camera system currently operating in Grass Valley and to end the City's use of automated license plate reader surveillance.

While public safety is an important responsibility, it should not come at the expense of the constitutional rights of the people you represent. Systems like Flock continuously collect and store information about the movements of law-abiding residents who are not suspected of any crime. I believe this type of mass surveillance is incompatible with the protections guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment and undermines the privacy and freedom that our Constitution is intended to preserve.

There have been documented instances of automated license plate reader systems being misused or accessed improperly, highlighting the risks that come with collecting and retaining vast amounts of location data. These concerns have led some communities to discontinue their use of these systems or to allow contracts to lapse after residents raised objections about privacy, accountability, and government overreach.

Continuing to operate this surveillance network also creates legal and financial risks for the City. As courts continue to evaluate the constitutional limits of emerging surveillance technologies, maintaining a system that raises significant privacy concerns could expose Grass Valley to costly litigation at taxpayer expense.

I respectfully ask the Council to remove the Flock camera system from our community and reaffirm that Grass Valley values both public safety and the constitutional liberties of its residents. We should not have to choose between security and freedom.

Thank you for your time and consideration, please protect the privacy of your community members

Sincerely,

Jason Scallin

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**From:** Maxwell Pingeon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 5:25 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Request to cancel to Flock contract

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Hello,

My name is Max Pingeon, I'm a resident of Grass Valley, and I'm here to ask the council to terminate our contract with Flock Safety. Beyond being used to violate the 4th amendment, the technology is unsafe and its data is insecure. The constitutional values of the United States were enacted to protect against government overreach. To give law enforcement power to surveil its citizens without warrant, and without probable cause, is a clear violation of the American commitment to limiting the power of government/

Public records obtained through the California Public Records Act show that the Flock cameras owned by Grass Valley PD have been searched over 7.5 million times by outside agencies, with more than five million of those searches coming from agencies outside California, which directly violates California Civil Code Section 1798.90.55(b).

The same data shows 1,175 searches of Grass Valley cameras by federal immigration enforcement, every one of them happening after the California Attorney General explicitly prohibited that kind of sharing in October 2023.

More than 80 communities have already ended their Flock contracts, with Santa Cruz becoming the first city in California to do so, and we are asking Grass Valley to be the next. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Max Pingeon

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**From:** Rhys Crowell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 5:11 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comments

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Hello Council, my name is Resa Crowell and I am here to talk about the way that Flock Cameras make all targeted individuals unsafe in our county. A few days ago, activist Stacey Patton woke up to a long message in her inbox:

I am reading a few clips of it and Trigger Warning! This message is cruel and I share clips of it to understand that targeted individuals in our County are not safe from the long legacy of white supremacy in this county. While this message didn't come from here, it highlights the depravity we live with and why subjecting our very locations to be visible to anyone, these people can be easily found, stalked and violated:

"Blacks are the dumbest race to ever live," "So pathetic, weak and hopeless" "Parasites in a white mans world, drinking our water, eating our food, living in our lands leftover slaves" "You're not American, you are Africans, leftover failure slaves who were too stupid and incompetent to go home where you belong" You are "negative value" "By staying in America you disrespect your bloodline and continue to be the biggest failures in human history"

This kind of message is what people around this county and students in our local schools are experiencing. Allowing the data of our movements is of utmost concern for those that are targeted individuals already. You make the vulnerable, more vulnerable with these cameras.

The ACLU says in July 2<sup>nd</sup> post titled Flock Safety Credibility Lost as it Repeatedly lies to City Councils, Police Departments and Public Across the Country, that "ultimately reputable governments should not do business with disreputable companies. While governments should think long and hard about not using ALPRs, they should adopt strong guardrails governing their use including strictly limiting data retention, data sharing and what crimes they can be used to enforce. And of course, they should refuse to partner with any company that regularly misleads the public, elected officials and even its own customers

Full article from ACLU here: <https://www.aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/tracking-alpr-cameras/flock-safety-credibility-lost-as-it-repeatedly-lies-to-city-councils-police-departments-and-public-across-the-country>

Resa or Rhys Crowell  
(Mixed Pronouns)

I understand that I reside on Nisenan land that was never ceded and the original tribal families have yet to recover from the near genocide of their people. Learn more at ChirpCA.org

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**From:** Caitlin Enwright [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 5:01 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comment for 7/14 City Council Meeting

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My name is Caitlin Enwright, a resident of Grass Valley. I'm submitting public comment today to urge our council and police department to end their contract with Flock. This past week the Los Angeles Police Department decided to suspend their contract with Flock while they review and investigate Flock's use of data gathered from surveilling the Los Angeles public. If the Los Angeles police department, who serve 4 million citizens, can pause their contract to conduct vital research into the constitutional validity of their contract with Flock, then I believe Grass Valley can follow suit. Thank you.

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**From:** Tara Marino [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 4:41 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Cancel Flock Contracts and Remove the Cameras

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Good evening, Mayor and Council,

I'm a resident of Grass Valley and I'm writing to urge you to cancel the Flock contracts and remove all the cameras immediately. The cameras are surveilling the public and the data can be accessed and used far beyond Grass Valley Law Enforcement. We continue to see documented story after story in the media of wrongly identified individuals, stalkers using the data to track their ex partners, incorrectly flagging stolen vehicles, and more. We had the forum over a month ago and every person raised their hand in that room when asked if they wanted the cameras removed. We were told that you get lots of emails in favor of the cameras but not one of those people were at the forum. Please follow the other cities and communities that have listened to their constituents and get rid of Flock.

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Tara Marino (she/her)  
(510)755-6909

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**From:** Mark DeMartini [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 4:12 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Roundabout Proposal public comment

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I request that the comment below be included in public comment. Please print out the attached sketch and provide it at the public meeting as I have a prior commitment and can't be there.

I am a long time resident and a retired licensed registered civil engineer with significant highway design experience and offer the following opinion. Why can't the intersection be designed like this with a stop sign at the southbound South Auburn Street entrance to the roundabout? It's absolutely ridiculous to force southbound South Auburn Street traffic up Neil Street!! It would be better to leave the intersection as it is then to do something so inconsistent with drivers route expectations!! I am also concerned that the city may not be properly following the required steps of the CEQA process, which if is the case could expose the city to damages under a lawsuit.

Thank you  
Mark DeMartini, PE

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**From:** Beth Moorehead [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 3:41 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** 7-14-2026 Item 13 I support

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7-14-2026 Item 13 on the agenda.  
I SUPPORT THE ROUNDABOUT

Regards,  
Beth Moorehead

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**From:** Michelle Layshot [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 2:26 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comment regarding roundabout

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My name is Michelle Layshot and I'm a civil engineer and an owner of Millennium Planning & Engineering located at 159 S. Auburn Street. I am very concerned about the approved layout of the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project. The approved roundabout layout only allows a right turn onto Neil Street when traveling southbound from Auburn Street, cutting off primary access to the Southbound 49 entrance from downtown. While this solution may improve traffic flow within the roundabout, it does not appear to take into consideration the increased traffic that will occur on Neil Street, Church Street, Bank Street, Main Street, and Tinloy Street. These streets are already undersized for the traffic flow they experience. With a business located on S. Auburn Street, I see the traffic congestion in the area during peak traffic hours every day. Cutting off the main access point to Southbound 49 will exacerbate the situation. If there were ever an emergency evacuation, the results would be disastrous with the main road from downtown cut off to direct access to the freeway. Another unintended consequence of moving forward with right turn only onto Neil is vehicles using the businesses on Neil Street to make illegal U-turns.

The original design that has a signalized Auburn/Neal Street is a better solution than cutting off southbound S. Auburn Street. This would avoid causing unintended consequences of increasing already congested traffic on the streets surrounding S. Auburn Street. It is imperative that S. Auburn Street remains open to the freeway and to continue south on the street without routing additional vehicles through downtown traffic. An in-depth traffic study should be done that analyzes the effect the roundabout would have on surrounding streets before continuing with a detailed design. I encourage City Council to consider approving the original roundabout design with a traffic signal over the "right-in, right-out" from S. Auburn Street to Neil Street.

Thank you,

Michelle Layshot, PE, QSP/QSD  
Principal Engineer



**MILLENNIUM**

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michelle@millpe.com  
<https://www.millenniumpe.com/>



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**From:** Robert Wood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 1:31 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comment re: Grass Valley Roundabout - 7/14/2026

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Dear Grass Valley City Council Members and Staff,

Our company, Millennium owns the building located at 159 S. Auburn Street and will be significantly impacted by the proposed roundabout. I am writing to express my support for the request submitted by the Grass Valley Roundabout Property Owners Group dated June 9, 2026. I strongly urge the City Council to reject the currently approved Option (Right-In/Right-Out) design modification and either revert to the "Option #1 Original Oblong Roundabout, Signalized S. Auburn/Neal" plan or pursue a different design solution.

After reviewing both designs, Option #1 is clearly superior for traffic flow, safety, emergency access, and protection of local businesses and residents. Here are a couple of the key reasons:

**1. Eliminates the "Right-Turn-Only" Problem from S. Auburn to Neal**

- The approved Option creates a right-turn-only movement from S. Auburn onto Neal. This forces drivers who miss their intended route (or who are unfamiliar with the area) to either make illegal U-turns, turn around in Safeway parking lot or cut through the Del Oro parking lot behind the building to correct their path.
- Option #1 removes this problematic restriction entirely, keeping traffic movements logical and preventing unwanted additional traffic from being pushed up Neal Street.

**2. Direct and Efficient Access to the Hwy 49 On-Ramp**

- Option #1 allows traffic coming from S. Auburn to proceed directly onto the Hwy 49 on-ramp through the signal. This is a much more efficient and driver-friendly movement than what the current approved design provides.
- Forcing all S. Auburn Street (southbound) traffic to Neal Street ONLY will cause negative traffic issues and major inconveniences.

The original Option #1 design was developed with input from local stakeholders and was intended to balance traffic efficiency, safety, and business access. The Currently Approved Option appears to create more problems than it solves for the immediate neighborhood.

I respectfully ask the City Council to consider returning to the original Option #1 plan. This change would better serve residents, local businesses, and emergency services.

Sincerely,

**Rob Wood** AICP  
Principal Planner



159 South Auburn Street | Grass Valley, CA 95945  
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**From:** Katherine Thompson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2026 3:43 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Cc:** Reed Hamilton; Katherine Thompson  
**Subject:** SEBC Comments on Develop Review Committee Agenda & City Council Agenda  
**Attachments:** SEBC Comments GV Jul 14 2026 DRC Agenda.pdf; SEBC Comments GV Jul 14 2026 CC Agenda.pdf  
**Importance:** High

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Attached are our comments. We appreciate you distributing them to the Council and Committee, as appropriate.

Best regards,  
Katherine Thompson  
President  
Sierra Express Bicycle Club  
of Nevada County  
[www.sierraexpress.org](http://www.sierraexpress.org)  
916.835.1541



July 13, 2026

Subject: July 14 City Council Meeting, Agenda Items 7 and 13, Comments from Sierra Express Bicycle Club (SEBC) of Nevada County

Honorable Mayor Hodge, Vice Mayor Caravelli, and City Council Members:

SEBC has the following comments on agenda items 7 and 13:

**1. City Council Consent Agenda Item 7: Resurfacing Idaho-Maryland Road.**

Council is asked to authorize bids for resurfacing Idaho Maryland Road between Railroad Avenue and Centerville Road. The staff report says the work includes pavement removal/replacement, pavement markings/stripping improvements, sidewalk installation, and drainage improvements. Estimated cost is \$1 million, funded through RMRA, RSTP, and Gas Tax funds.

**SEBC Comments:** As noted in our previous comments, RMRA funding for the 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project on Idaho Maryland Road, particularly because the staff report identifies sidewalk improvements, curb ramps, bicycling facilities, Complete Streets elements, and implementation of the City's Active Transportation Plan.

We thank staff for discussing the details with us. Please note that this section of Idaho-Maryland Road is key bike commuter and pedestrian route. SEBC strongly recommends that the City use bicycle facility best practices to the maximum extent possible in the bike lane design, to include separated/protected bike lanes, green markings, and routing through intersections.

**2. City Council Regular Agenda Item 13 Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout (South Auburn, Neal, Hansen, Tinloy, Highway 49 onramp.**

**SEBC comments:** We support the active transportation elements of this project. As you know, this is a major active-transportation and safety project at a complicated downtown gateway. The right-in/right-out design may simplify conflict points and shorten pedestrian crossings, but it also changes local circulation and may shift some trips to Tinloy and Bank and may create new conflict points between bicyclists and vehicles. The design details matter for low-stress bike access, sidewalk continuity, ADA access, school/Park & Ride connections, crossings, lighting, and wayfinding. We request Council/staff to protect bicycle and pedestrian comfort in final design. We request to look at the design, mapping, typical cross sections, crossing design, bike routing

through/around the roundabout, ADA curb-ramp details, construction detours, and monitoring of any traffic diversion to nearby streets.

### **About SEBC**

Sierra Express Bicycle Club of Nevada County has about 150 members. It also communicates with an additional 100+ bicycle advocates and those interested in safer cycling. We host local recreational road and gravel rides, conduct outreach, and advocate for safer bicycling. The Club recently conducted a survey of bicycling conditions in Western Nevada County.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Katherine Thompson  
President, SEBC  
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[kathompson111@gmail.com](mailto:kathompson111@gmail.com)

Reed Hamilton  
Transportation Chair, SEBC  
(530) 210-4216  
[reedhamilton2@gmail.com](mailto:reedhamilton2@gmail.com)

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**From:** Miranda Bacon  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2026 12:09 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Voicemail from WIRELESS CALLER at [REDACTED] on Jul 8 2026 2:57 PM  
**Attachments:** 1783547851-00004271.mp3

**From:** WIRELESS CALLER - Voicemail box 3166 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2026 3:04 PM  
**To:** Dale Norvell <dnorvell@grassvalleyca.gov>  
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**Transcript:**

Yeah, hi, my name is Lerick. I'm calling in I guess an outrage about the whole paid parking thing in town I Don't know what City Council is trying to do. I know that I talked to quite a few people Mainly employees, but even some business owners The thing is this you know, yeah, I just talked to it that she transferred me to you that Said well City Council passed it because of merchants that wanted it passed. Well only a small number of them showed up at the meetings anyways. I know about that and when a minority passes a major thing like that it's a major problem because it's not

the majority and you know I deal with things with the county and it's kind of Same kind of things happen, you know, a lot of people don't show up and then so a tiny handful of people pass something that isn't really valid. But you know, I go to my doctor's right there on South Auburn and to park, to pay for parking, go through the kiosk and all this nonsense is exactly that, nonsense. So far, since it's been in place, I've driven by and observed, and the parking lots are half full, which if that, at best, actually less, and if there's that less people parking in them, that means that much less business in town. I don't know what the thought was. You put a bunch of money into the whole process of putting this kiosk and paying this outfit that put this all together and then have to pay for enforcement. I don't know where the \*\*\*\* the outcome is going to come out in the benefit of anything. Parking is a problem as it is, so people are going to avoid parking in those lots, primarily for the hassle of it you know like in in cities where you have paid parking usually it's either a parking attendant or you know place where you drive up to and put in your card and drive in you don't have to go push in something at a kiosk and enter a license plate number and all this stuff that and people are waiting it even in the article in the paper talked about that people have to sit there and wait for the next person and the next person to go through the kiosk and not like myself I don't have I don't even have I got talking on my flip phone you know it's just again it's an attempt to what for money when it cost a bunch of money to implement this thing let alone enforcement and then the to enforce the tickets and what people are going to do let alone people tourists are going to come here and they're going to go what the you know WTF it's it's just a bunch of \*\*\*\* it's not realistic shouldn't have happened to begin with it should have been put up to not just at the City Council with a handful of but it should have been put up for a vote with the people. You're going to have the majority say that it's a bad idea, all the way around. Like I said, I've been around since the 70s. No people, merchants that have come and gone and done a lot of business and it's just employees especially. I've already talked to numerous ones. They're outraged by it. You know, they have to sit there and park somewhere far away and walk to work. Again, it's a joke. More like seeing my doctor. It's a joke. I mean, you know, one thing, maybe even the possibility of getting a pass so you just can park there. And I don't know what, I know my doctor is, she's already complained She came into your office the morning up that I had an appointment, whatever, whenever that was. But it's just not realistic. And then she has a lot of patients that already have complained to her about it, you know. And it's not realistic to do this to people. It's just a money grab that shouldn't be. It's a joke. All right, bye.

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**From:** Claire Chapple [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2026 9:46 PM  
**To:** Public Comments; Info@nevadacountyfair.com  
**Subject:** In Support of High Sierra Music Fest Returning to Grass Valley

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Dear Council Members and Nevada County Fairgrounds Management,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing as a Grass Valley resident to share my enthusiastic support for the High Sierra Music Festival and to express my hope that it returns to our town.

My family and I had such a wonderful time that we joked we were on a "staycation" right here at home. We thoroughly enjoyed having such a high-quality event right in our own backyard. It was genuinely exciting to see our little area come alive with visitors, and I have to imagine many other local businesses saw the same kind of boost it contributed to. I understand some neighbors raised concerns about sound levels, and I want to acknowledge that their experience matters too. But from my perspective, the economic and cultural benefits of an event like this are hard to overstate. A few days of louder-than-usual evenings feels like a small tradeoff for the boost to local businesses, the sense of community, and the fun so many of us had.

I'd love to see the festival return next year, and I hope the fairgrounds and council will consider ways to keep it here while working with residents on any sound concerns, rather than letting a vocal few outweigh what was, for many of us, a truly special event.

Thank you for your time and for all you do for our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to hear more about my experience.

Warm regards,  
Claire Chapple  
640 Morgan Ranch Drive  
Grass Valley, CA

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**From:** Shawn Brower [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2026 11:46 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Flock Cameras

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To: public@cityofgrassvalley.com

Subject: Please terminate Grass Valley PD's contract with Flock Safety

Mayor Hodge and Council Members,

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I am asking the Council to make Grass Valley next. The full data is at deflocknc.org.

These cameras are a violation of our privacy and I surely never recall voting for them to be in our community.

This is about as unconstitutional as it gets!!!

Thank you,  
Shawn Brower  
19418 Mountain Lion Road  
Grass Valley CA 95945

shawnbrower@live.com

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**From:** Corey Hayden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2026 12:48 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Please terminate Grass Valley PD's contract with Flock Safety

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Thank you,  
Corey Hayden  
Born in Grass Valley California

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Thank you,  
[Your name]  
[Your address]

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**From:** Unique Skill Conference [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2026 1:26 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Accountability: Driving Positive Outcomes by Holding People Accountable

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### Overview

Accountability remains one of the most underutilized yet essential tools in today's workplace. In team-driven environments, where collaboration spans across peers, supervisors, and direct reports, the ability to foster accountability is critical for both individual and organizational success. Yet, many professionals struggle with how to approach accountability conversations, especially when navigating relationships without direct authority.

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**Subject:** Form submission from: Contact us



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### Message:

To the Mayor, Members of the City Council, and Chief of Police,  
I am writing as a deeply concerned resident regarding the ongoing conduct of one individual, Mr. Matthew Coulter, whose behavior in public settings has become a significant concern for members of our community.

Over an extended period of time, numerous residents have observed incidents involving aggressive confrontations, harassment, intimidation, profanity, public shaming, and the videotaping of individuals during contentious encounters. Juveniles are often in the targets of these interactions. Many community members believe that this behavior has created an atmosphere of unease, particularly among city employees, women, juveniles, and others who simply wish to enjoy downtown Grass Valley without being videotaped or fear of confrontation.

Most troubling are reports of escalating behavior, including an incident witnessed by GVPD and others in which an elderly woman was pushed to the ground during a public confrontation. Regardless of the ultimate

legal disposition of any particular incident, the seriousness this situation and the pattern of conduct perceived by many residents raise legitimate concerns about public safety.

This issue is not about politics, personal viewpoints, or an individual's right to free expression. However, one's rights do not extend to behavior that causes others to feel threatened, harassed, intimidated, or physically unsafe.

Many residents have observed what they perceive to be a pattern of targeting individuals who may be less likely to respond or defend themselves, including city workers performing their duties, juveniles, women, and other residents. Such conduct undermines public trust, participation, and damages the sense of community that we all depend on.

Our town deserves an environment where accountability exists for unacceptable behavior, and where all residents can feel safe in public spaces.

Thank you for your time, attention, and service to our community. I sincerely hope that meaningful steps can be taken to address these concerns before further incidents occur.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Hall

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