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City Hall
317 Broad Street
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Dear Nevada City Council Members,

I am taking this time to write you this letter to let you know that Nevada City has a big problem. Tonight my wife and I took our visiting daughter and her three small children out to get ice cream. After getting our ice cream cones we decided to take a stroll around the block. First off, my granddaughter and I almost stepped in what appeared to be a fresh puddle of urine in a doorway of a closed shop. Then, my wife and I were very embarrassed when we turned down Commercial Street to find numerous men loitering in a way that made us all uncomfortable, especially with the young children. That section of the street seemed to be dimly lit as well. One young man, who had no shirt on and seemed high on something, was holding a radio up to his ear and loudly singing the words to a very crude song. As we got back to the car next to the bank, there appeared to be a drug transaction taking place on the hood of the car next to us as we were putting the children in the car. All of this and it was only 7 pm.

What has happened to downtown Nevada City? It was bad enough when vagrants at the little park at the bottom of Broad were a nuisance. Now, as far as I can see, Commercial Street is now an unwelcoming area. I really feel bad for the merchants who try to run a business in that area. I certainly don't plan on taking any out of town company down in that area again unless I hear that things are getting cleaned up.

I have lived in the area for many years. I love Nevada City. I don't write this letter to be a complainer. I write it because I want the City Council to know what people's experiences and perceptions are of our town. I hope that you can do something about it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Layne Christensen', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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