

# The County Of Nevada



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March 20, 2019

Nevada County Tea Party  
Attn. Jan Collins  
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Grass Valley, CA. 95945

Dear Jan Collins:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 13, 2019 referencing the changes to Section 3017 of the California Elections Code made by the enactment of AB 1921 by the California legislature and Governor Jerry Brown in 2016.

Thank you for reaching out to our office.

On March 13, 2019, I published the following paragraph in The Union newspaper; my paragraph restates the changes made to E.C. 3017.

*"If more convenient for you, California law allows you to designate another person to deliver your ballot to a Vote Center or a drop box for you. You need to acknowledge that delegation on the return envelope. If a stranger offers to carry your ballot to a vote center for you, refuse. And do one other thing: report that to the Elections Department right away."*

As I read Election Code Section 3017, the code actually prohibits the type of "ballot harvesting" done in North Carolina. Election Code Sections (e)(1) through (e)(3) is the protection against potential fraud.

*(e) (1) A person designated to return a vote by mail ballot shall not receive any form of compensation based on the number of ballots that the person returns and an individual, group, or organization shall not provide compensation on this basis.*

*(2) For purposes of this paragraph, "compensation" means any form of monetary payment, goods, services, benefits, promises or offers of employment, or any other form of consideration offered to another person in exchange for returning another voter's vote by mail ballot.*

*(3) A person in charge of a vote by mail ballot and who knowingly and willingly engages in criminal acts related to that ballot as described in Division 18 (commencing with Section 18000), including, but not limited to, fraud, bribery, intimidation, and tampering with or failing to deliver the ballot in a timely fashion, is subject to the appropriate punishment specified in that division.*