

# Opinion: Tahoe should form its own county

To the community,

Mountain people don't like to be told what to do or how to do it. Self-reliance and personal freedom are part of our DNA. It's just how we roll.

In contrast, there are a lot of people living down the hill who regard Tahoe folks as living in "La La Land." Unfortunately, these people have ultimate control over our lives in everything from what roads we can use to what sort of justice we will face. Instead of a jury of your peers, who are far more liberal up here, you'll be dragged down the hill to face a jury of retired military conservatives who think people like you are what is wrong with this country. Good luck with that.



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In short, we need to break away from El Dorado and Placer counties and form our own Lake Tahoe County. All those tax dollars that have been going down the hill will stay here instead.

No longer would our world-class resorts be saddled with Third World roads – or roads arbitrarily closed by El Dorado County. No longer would we be forced to waste time and gas to go over the hill to do our business or seek justice. No longer would

we be slaves to people who neither respect nor understand us.

Lake Tahoe is a very special place, with very special people. We deserve our own county, run by people like us. We have far more in common with Tahoe City and Squaw Valley than Placerville or Auburn.

It is time to stand up for our rights and our unique lifestyles by forming our own county and taking back control of our own lives.

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