

Exhibit A – documentation of the dilapidated conditions of the abandoned property 2232 Commercial Ave. on 8–31–2015 (“*before*” photos), when Kevin Byrd and Alexandra Wilson began occupancy, and of repairs, improvements, and cultivation (*beginning on page 16*) they performed in accordance with [1 CCP § 325\(a\)](#) and common law.

1 CCP § 325(a): “For the purpose of constituting an adverse possession by a person claiming title, not founded upon a written instrument, judgment, or decree, land is deemed to have been possessed and occupied in the following cases: (1) Where it has been protected by a substantial enclosure, (2) Where it has been usually cultivated or improved.”

BEFORE:



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2232 Commerical Ave. on 4-24-2016:



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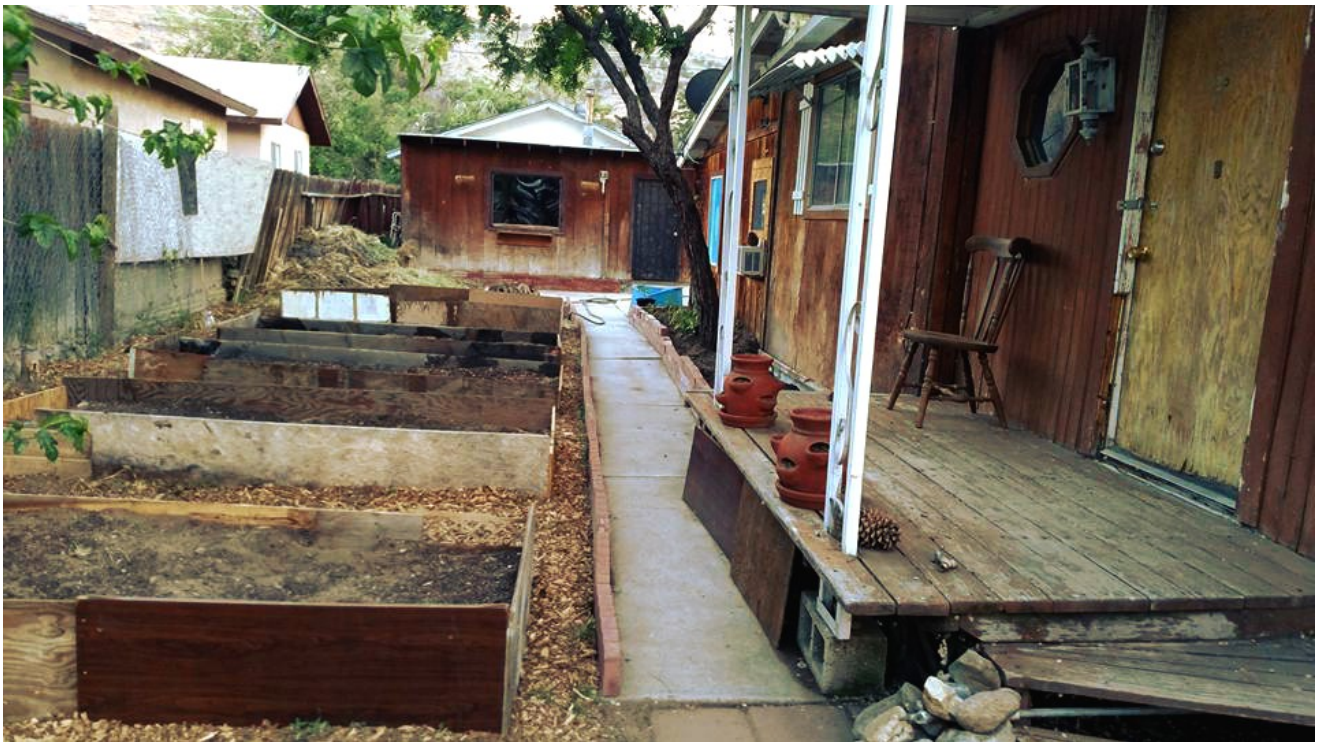
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Shown: Some items were forced to leave behind as a result of the forcible entry and detainer.



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Documentation of cultivation:

Rebuilt brick planter and planted potatoes on east side of property:



Left: Brick garden bed after rocks and grasses were removed (*top photo, page 4*).



Right: Kevin prepping the garden on 12-14-2015.

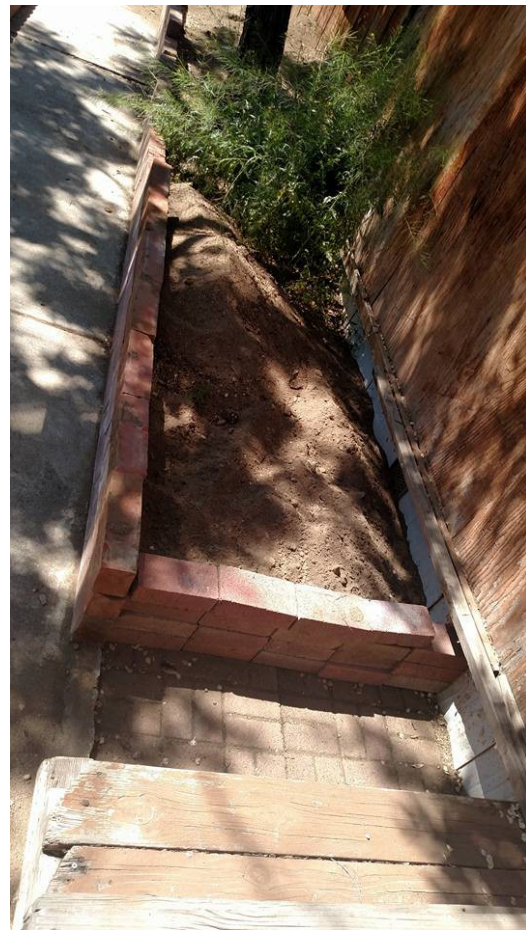


Left: Potatoes planted on 12-17-2015.

20 potato plants came up in February:



We added another layer of bricks to the planter, then added several bags of soil purchased from L & M Lumber to give the potatoes more room to grow. Photo at right is facing south toward the planter.



**We grew more types of potatoes and yams
using the double-planter technique:**



*"Double Planer Technique".
makes harvesting simple.*



*2 planters purchased from L & M Lumber after being
prepared.*



Our first transplant.

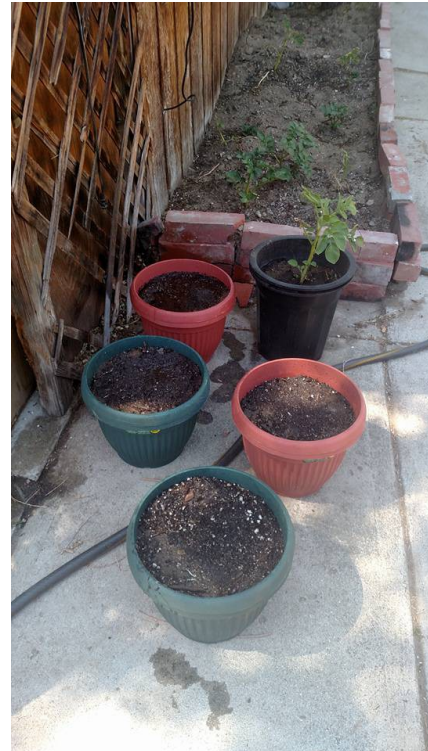


*We planted purple potatoes purchased
at Vons in Lake Isabella.*

We were forced to leave behind our planters and crops when we were illegally ousted from our home:



Planting yams...



We tilled the soil across the walkway to prepare the space for raised beds:



We installed raised beds:

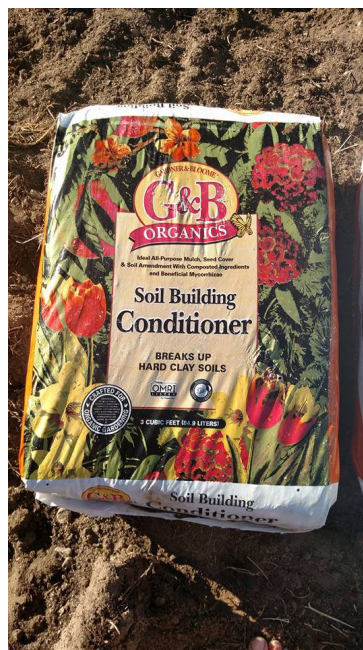


Left: Friend and local community member Laura Walters helped assemble our raised beds.



Left: First three raised beds after they were sown with asparagus and carrot seeds.

Right: Raised beds, brick planters, and pots were filled with soil and/or soil conditioner purchased from local hardware store L & M Lumber.



We added mulch between the raised beds:

First we dug out between the raised beds to add the soil into the beds (*left photo*). Our friend and neighbor Mark (*shown at top right*) provided us with several truckloads of mulch as a work trade after we helped him shovel several loads for another project he was working on. Kevin is in the bottom photo on the right.



Right: Local friend, permaculture and ethnobotany enthusiast, Rick DuVall helping to install a raised bed.



The raised beds were looking beautiful:



We stabilized the fence (previously shown on page 4) and put chain link onto it to give berry vines something to climb:



Right: We planted *Mary Washington Green* asparagus and purple asparagus .¹

Far right: We planted heirloom rainbow carrots in some of the raised beds.²



Finishing the east side of the

¹ Photo from What Would Betty Do, "[TRY SOMETHING NEW: PURPLE ASPARAGUS](#)" by Alisa is in Season (6-6-2011)

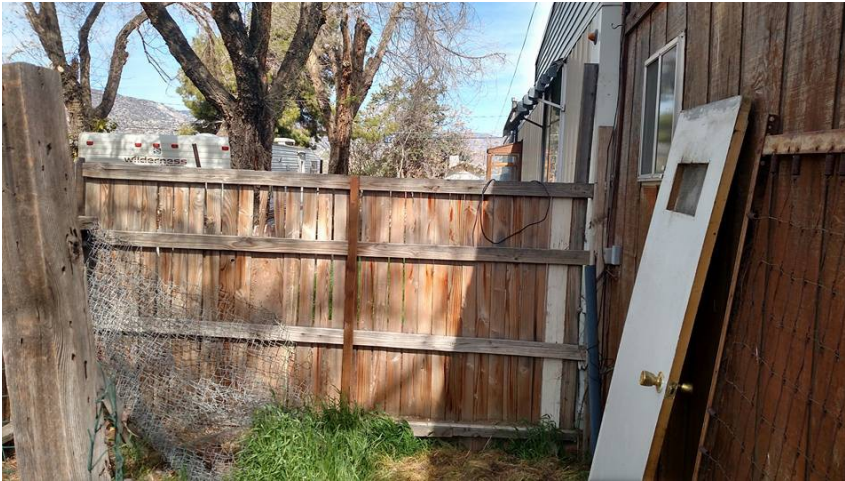
property:

We planted Bibb lettuce and Jericho lettuce in the planters on the front porch, arugula in the brick planter directly in front of the rear building, and a variety of salad greens in the raised beds we didn't plant the carrots and asparagus in. Our friends and neighbors Adam and Renee Forker donated the bricks lined along the sidewalk, and the wooden cable spool and ceramic pots shown in the foreground of the bottom photo.



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Developed a greenhouse on west side of property:



Above: Before the door was installed.

Right: Installed a front door for the greenhouse into the fence that was separating the north and south sides of the property.



BEFORE:



We planted tomatoes on the south side of the greenhouse:

This spot is shown on the left side of the top photo on page 14. We removed a lot of trash and rocks, and added several bags of potting soil here.



We began building a cold frame:

North of the greenhouse (west side of property) we dug a pit (*left*) for use in building a cold frame (*right*). Soil was relocated to the east side of the property to help fill raised beds.



Photo taken on 4-24-2016.

Cold frames are excellent for growing cruciferous greens such as cauliflower, cabbage, bok choy, kale, broccoli, spinach, beets, peas, salad greens, and Brussels sprouts. The below photo shows the design structure we were building at the time we were dispossessed:



Photo of cold frame: Houzz, "[How to Start a Cool-Season Vegetable Garden](#)" by Marianne Lipanovich (9-15-18).



Photo source: Lopez Island Kitchen Gardens, "[January King Cabbage](#)" (12-6-15)

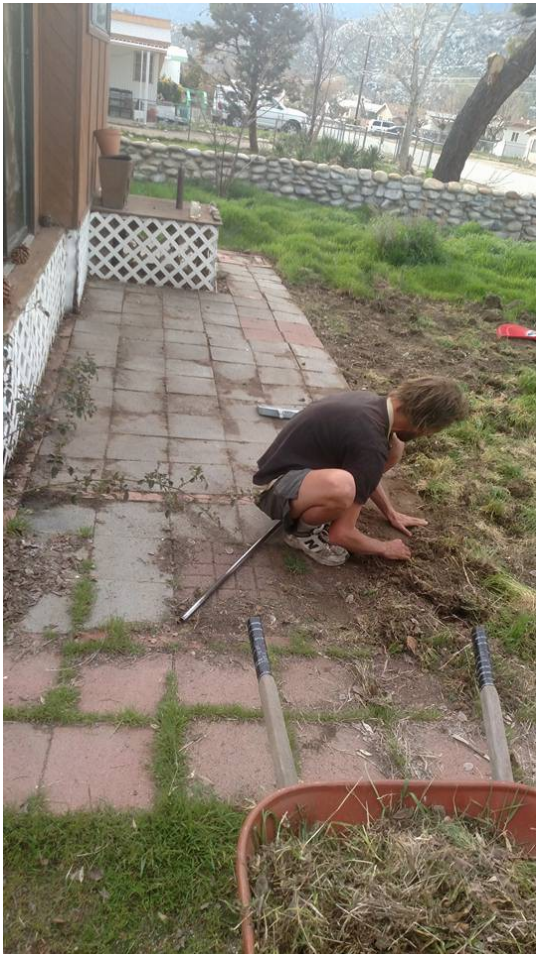


Several types of Cauliflower: The Masters of Horticulture, "[Fall Veggie Picks \(Cauliflower\)](#)" by Patty Leander" (8-28-13). Photo by Bruce Leander.

Springtime – gardening the front yard:



View from front yard facing Lake Isabella Blvd. on 12-14-2016.



Kevin tearing up the grass.



3-2-2016.

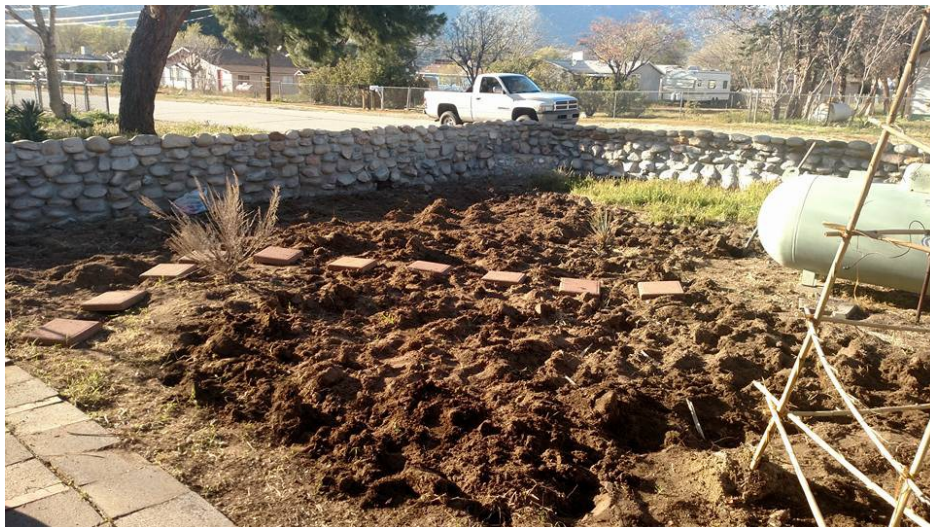


On 3-2-2016 these photos were uploaded to Facebook.

We tilled the soil and added soil conditioner throughout the yard:



We used square bricks to protect the natural gas pipeline from shovel damage:



We built a bamboo “cucumber tipi”:

Cucumbers tend to get larger when they *hang*, and they like a lot of water; the cucumber tipi is a beautiful piece of art that adds to the aesthetic value of the property. The structure helps to shade and conserve water for the plants.



3-8-2016: First day with our Cucumber Teepee. Photo by Laura Walters.



Photo from [Bohemian Pages](#) on Pinterest.



4-25-2016 soon after the cucumbers first came up.

Types of heirloom cucumbers we planted:



Photo of "Ashley Cucumbers" from *Harvest to Table*, "[How to Grow Cucumbers](#)" by Steve Albert (3-20-16)



Photo of "Early Fortune Cucumbers" from *Getting Back to the Basics*, "[Growing Cucumber from Seed to Harvest](#)" by "Mary" (3-2-14)



Photo from "[Great Boston Heirloom Pickling Cucumbers](#)" for sale on Amazon by David's Garden Seeds.



5-5-2016 our cucumbers coming up.



Morning of 5-11-2016.

We were growing heirloom *Russian Mammoth Sunflowers*:

We planted them on the interior of the stone wall to create an aesthetically pleasing privacy barrier that would also serve as an abundant food source.



Soil conditioner added along edge of wall where sunflowers were planted.



Photo of Russian mammoth Sunflower from [Renee's Garden](#).



Photo by [Sara Hill](#).

Cucumbers and mammoth sunflowers on 5-27-2016:



We planted corn, beans, and squash using “The 3 Sisters” technique:



Glass Gem kernels we planted.



Photo of “[Glass Gem Corn](#)” from Sacred Ecology.



Eight planted mounds.

We planted *Anasazi* and *rattlesnake snap* beans next to the corn:



Photo of Rattlesnake Snap Peas from [Nantahala Farm & Garden](#).



Photo of Anasazi Beans from [Zurzan Idaho heirloom Beans](#).

Our corn and beans in May 2016:



Planted ~10 peach and ~10 apricot tree cuttings:

We were forced to leave behind most of our personal property and our garden that we'd worked so hard on.



