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We are glad to see that the Commissioners are considering some zoning restrictions for new marijuana operations. Unfortunately the marijuana industry has already made considerable degradation to the county in terms of cultural impact- increased access to minors, increased driver impairment (talk to your local law enforcement), increased use in public places, and increased drug related theft.

In terms of environmental impacts, light pollution and odor (which both carry two miles away), and the general effect of producing a commodity which is still illegal in most states, with all its associated unneighborliness, should be considered.

The proponents of marijuana in Okanogan County want to highlight the economic benefits, but they fail to mention the costs which the surrounding neighbors pay in lost quality of life, reduced property values, and perhaps what the whole county will pay economically, with an increase drug culture.

If marijuana must be grown in Okanogan County, it would fit in best in industrial zoning. There would be less impact to otherwise agricultural/residential surrounding properties. There would be less likely hood of leaking out through illegal trade in remote locations, or across Federal land (where is is still illegal). Law enforcement could more easily monitor what goes on if the production and processing was conducted within a tighter area.

Furthermore, the marijuana producers don't seem to even use the native soil, but rather prefer to grow in pots in nursery conditions. There again, industrial zoning would seem to be a more appropriate location.

Thank you for considering our thoughts.

Concerned residents and taxpayers of Okanogan County,  
Craig & Jenni Tissell