

## Lauren Davidson

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**From:** Perry Huston  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 4:20 PM  
**To:** Angela Hubbard; Lauren Davidson  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Attachments:** Letter to BOCC marijuana production.docx

**From:** Barbara Greene [<mailto:barbarashortgreene@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 4:19 PM  
**To:** Perry Huston  
**Subject:**

Hi Perry,

Attached is my letter outlining my concerns regarding the location and permitting of industrial marijuana operations in our county. Please give it to the Board of County Commissioners.

Thanks,

Barbara Greene

April 4, 2016

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you re-consider allowing unrestricted use of our county lands for the growing of marijuana. I believe that more effective county level regulation of this new industry is needed. Having transparent and public meetings of Okanogan County landowners discussing these issues with the Board of County commissioners regarding special use zoning of this new industry, are essential.

As a property owner, county tax payer, and voter in each and every election held here in Okanogan County, I feel this new industry (which is defined by Washington State Department of Revenue and Washington State RCW 82.04.213 as "...not an agricultural product therefore persons who grow, raise or produce marijuana are not farmers.") must be held to the same level of regulation that is required by the more populous counties in Washington State.

Actually, in a water critical region such as North Central Washington, it is imperative the industry (current marijuana operations) be carefully evaluated to determine that their use of water is consistent with the water use laws of our state. I am concerned, the possible overuse of finite water resources by industrial marijuana operations, will reduce and restrict access of other landowners to the aquifer. This will have a major impact on the quality of life and livelihoods of long time property owners in this region.

I must travel through an area of industrial marijuana production to get to work, I was very unpleasantly surprised at the pervasive stink in the area, once the industry was in full operation. This smell continued throughout the season of plant maturity and harvest, several months. I am deeply sympathetic to the nearby families who are subject to such air pollution. I can imagine, they will never be able to sell their homes should they want to move, as who in their right mind would want to pay market value for a home subject to that type of regular air pollution. Their quality of life has plummeted and I am concerned that if more unregulated industrial marijuana operations continue to move into all areas of our county, the entire county's quality of life will be affected for the worse.

I hear from the marijuana industry advocates that they are helping bring money to our county. Is there a thorough study of how much income, in taxes, this new industry has brought to our county? Can this large amount of money be allocated to off-set the reduction in property taxes from those residents who no longer have value in their property due to these new operations locating nearby? Can this large amount of tax revenue also be allocated to help increase sheriff and city police enforcement to deter underage use of the marijuana which may be much more available, now there are an increasing number of industrial operations locating here in our county?

I am a very concerned Okanogan property owner, tax payer and solid supporter of our community. If we must have such an industry located in our county, please, as our elected

county leaders be brave enough to require special zoning of this industry, which is just beginning to have a very negative impact in our communities, before it gets to be a much larger problem.

Thank you very much, and I am looking forward to attending the next meeting on this issue on April 11, down at the county fairgrounds.

Sincerely,

Barbara Greene

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**From:** Perry Huston  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 5:02 PM  
**To:** Angela Hubbard; Lauren Davidson  
**Subject:** FW: Way of life

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Cory [<mailto:tandjcory@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 4:45 PM  
To: Perry Huston  
Subject: Way of life

To whom it may concern

I'm saddened that our way of life in the Okanogan Valley is having to be fought for right now! I'm saddened that the people that we are electing in our cities and in our county and not thinking about the big picture! We have a way of life here that many people are jealous of. We don't live here for the money. We live here for the family values and pure simplicity. For the hard work ethic that we can teach our children. For the morals that have been handed down for generations. And now we have pot farms popping up all over the place and leaving a bad taste in the mouths of people all of the Okanogan Valley! They are right next door to families with little children! The children that we teach in school to NOT do drugs! And for what? To be pushed around and talked smack to by a bunch of pot heads who think they are doing this county a favor by bringing in tax dollars? Give me a break!! The county put the cart before the horse letting all this come in without having all these zoning issues figured out! You saw \$\$\$. You didn't respect the people in this county that voted you into office! There has to be some change! I hope that you can think back to why you were elected in and why you live here and what you want for the youth of the county and do the right thing. Make the zoning laws with everyone's best interest in mind. I know there will always be change and people will always fight it. But there has to be a better way to control this and move forward with it that will make both parties happy. A lot of damage has been done. But it's not too late to take control and move forward in a more sensible way. Please hear what the local people are asking! Stop allowing these farms to be put in neighborhoods where there are children at play and homes right next door. Take control and stop this nonsense!

Thank you  
Jenny Cory

Sent from my iPhone