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Okanogan County Planning Commission  
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Okanogan, WA 98840

OKANOGAN COUNTY  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

RE: Planning Commission Meeting 4/11/16

Dear Commission Members:

I would like to apologize for my speaking out during the testimony process meeting at the Agriplex on Monday, 4/11/16. It was one thing to have the growers/processing people being rude and talking behind us while anyone not pushing their views was testifying and also laughing during our testimonies, but to have one of them admit that Commissioner Detro might not have been the person talking and then continue on saying "he said" surely seems like questionable testimony. However; it was not my decision to make and again I apologize for my disruption of the meeting.

And the suggestion of one of the marijuana proponents that dealing with my objection could be taken outside after the meeting? Last fall I followed a car that drove on the wrong side of the road for over a mile and turned into the first marijuana site on the south end of Greenacres Rd. A week later my husband was stopped at the intersection of Bide A Wee Rd and Robinson Canyon Rd waiting for oncoming traffic from the airport before he could make the left turn onto Bide A Wee Rd. A car came blowing through the intersection from the east end of Bide A Wee Rd and crossed the intersection between him and the oncoming car from the airport. My husband watched as that car also turned into one of the sites at the south end of Greenacres Rd. As I said in my testimony, the traffic going by our residence daily is speeding and we have chosen not to go for walks on the road as we have almost daily for the last 35 years. We have been hesitant to report any issues due to the somewhat "bully" attitude toward anyone against these groups.

I accept that marijuana growing/processing is legal here now. I did not hear the complaints against it saying it needs to go. I heard that all of the residents here have rights, not just the growers/processors, and we ask that our personal residences be protected from the issues these sites create.

I appreciate the work you do and the hard decisions you are faced with for this community. Hopefully the information we, including the growers/processors, helps you with those decisions.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Okanogan County Commissioners