

## Lauren Davidson

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**To:** Planning; Perry Huston; Sheilah Kennedy; Ray L. Campbell; Jim DeTro  
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Dear Planning Commission and Okanogan County Commissioners:

I attended the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Agriplex regarding the marijuana industry in our county. My family has been one of the unfortunate ones to have these industrial grow operations move in next door on Pine Creek Road in Tonasket. I have previously written a letter to you expressing my family's concern for how it has negatively affected our lives. These points range from decreased home values, my children's safety with the activity and people in and out of the grows, air quality, and water quality. I still feel strongly about the negative community impact of these industrial grow operations and believe that they should never be able to move in to an existing neighborhood and operate without zoning requirements and neighbor input.

After the meeting I have a whole new list of reasons why these industrial grows have no place in our county and next to our homes. I was completely appalled at the behavior of the growers, processors, and supporters. I really hope that you as a commission noticed the respect (or lack of) and behavior of the two "camps". Those of us opposing the marijuana operations sat quietly while those in favor made their statements. We didn't agree, but we listened and sat quietly. When someone got up to oppose and explain how their lives had been impacted, the supporters made snide remarks, scoffed, laughed and joked with each other, mocked their statements, and had body language of complete disrespect. I was sickened by this behavior and hope it was evident to the whole board that evening.

In a way I'm actually happy to see them do this publicly because this is what we are dealing with in our neighborhoods on a daily basis. Complete disrespect for our homes, children, daily activities, and everything we have worked hard to attain. These are the attitudes we are met with.....one of thinking their desire for money is far more important than our lives. This is our community, our homes, our lives.

Please take note of this disrespect and unprofessional behavior. I cannot think of one other industry in our county where this kind of behavior is ok. Reflect back on the behavior that night. The respectful citizens who sat quietly while the opposing side made their statements. And the disrespectful group who found every possible way to be disrespectful and rude as people shared the impact this has had on their lives. Allowing this industry will only compound this behavior in our county considering the number of people this will invite. This is their mentality and their "normal" behavior. This makes me fearful for our neighborhoods, our towns, our schools, and ultimately our county. I urge you to consider this. Our county will be in trouble if this is allowed to continue.

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