

## Lauren Davidson

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**From:** gregg@str8firefarms.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016 10:22 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Response to County Commissioner's Moratorium

My name is Gregg L. Harrison and my wife and I recently moved to Okanagan County. We're currently renting a property in Omak and plan on building a home to further contribute to the growth of this county's economy with new business and opportunity.

I have had a Tier 2 production processing facility located in Okanagan County for the past 9 months. Since I have been in operation, my facility alone has put into the local economy approximately Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) in equipment purchases, rentals and irrigation equipment and materials. I have paid out approximately Twenty-Thousand (\$20,000) in part time employment as well. This coming year I project that will be to have 3 full time employees which could put an additional Ninety-Thousand (in salaries alone) into the local economy. I look forward to growing my business in Okanagan County and I look forward to contributing to the betterment of this community. So I ask the following.

Please reconsider the zoning changes currently being drafted in OCC Title 17A.290 that are negatively impacting Cannabis Operations. To support this emerging industry, please implement the following:

- **Maintain the current definition of Cannabis as an agricultural crop** with the right to farm (17A.020.060 Agriculture)
- Include the definition of farm to include cannabis (17A.020.370 Farm)
- Do not require conditional-use on cannabis operations (17A.290.030)
- Allow permitted use across all zones (pg 106 of OCC 17A Zoning)
- **Eliminate the Amortization Period** to require permitted, unpermitted, or legal pre-existing cannabis operations to cease operations on January 1, 2017.
- Eliminate additional conditions that would increase operational costs or inhibit business development (17A.310.100 Potential Conditions) Planning Commissioners -

I also ask that you help the effort in asking Commissioners to repeal the moratorium, which prohibits the siting of new producers, processors, and retail operators. (Resolution 17-2016)

Kindest Regards,

Gregg L. Harrison