

Kaycee Hathaway

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From: Phil Kenison [<mailto:pken009@fairpoint.net>]
Sent: Friday, December 26, 2014 4:54 PM
To: CDS User; Kittitas County Commissioners Office
Subject: TJ McDonald Conditional Use Permit

I am writing to urge you not to give a permit to Mr. McDonald on Emerson Rd. to grow marijuana. RCW 82.04.213 states that agricultural product does not include marijuana or marijuana infused products.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=82.04.213>

Growing and or processing marijuana is not a commercial farming operation. It is a controlled substance, a mind altering recreational drug. 502 did not make it a farm product either. 502 does not mandate that we allow this drug to be produced next to families with little children, (original WAC says away from day cares) or any other place in this county if the residents do not want it next to them. I know and have visited with people on Emerson and they absolutely do not want it near them. I don't want POT any where in this county either. There is absolutely nothing culturally uplifting to our community or society by allowing it to be produced in our county.

Since it can not be watered by KRD federally funded water, it would need to be trucked in every day which would have a big negative impact on the roads and the neighbors. It would take a large amount of water to properly do 15 acres. What about the pollution caused by a fossil fueled pump to pressure up a water system? Or the use of Federally funded power to pump? How about the extra air pollution caused by those water trucks? What about the contamination to the ground water from growing POT? What about all the other waste products that would be generated?

The export hay buyers have express their concern of POT contaminating export hay. If it is grow out in the open there is no way to keep birds and other wildlife out of it. Cheat grass and Canada Thistle is a good example of a non native plant invasion.

Since POT is a crime magnet due to the fact that it is a cash operation we do not need the increase of criminal traffic in our farming communities where we do not have enough police now. It should only be grown in a controlled commercial area only that can be paroled properly.

Thank You,
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