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Re: Conditional Use Permit for Old McDonald's Farm on Emerson Road

There are multiple reasons not to permit T.J. McDonald's, Old McDonald's Farm, on Emerson Road for the requested applications regarding the marijuana production/processing facility. The location of the application for marijuana production and processing is completely unrealistic and unreasonable for the following reasons.

- I. The area (neighborhood) is located too close. They were there first. To have to be subjected to these counterproductive activities that are in direct opposition to the reasons folks move to a rural setting; basically peace and solitude and private property rights.
- II. Marijuana in both the growing and production phases release a very pungent odor, very much like a skunk. That odor will be picked up and distributed to every downwind neighbor.
- III. Grow lights operating all night, every night definitely destroys the peace and solitude atmosphere of rural living. That said, this is sure not being neighborly.
- IV. Wind and water born contamination. This operation is a prime example of stupidity for even allowing it within sight of flowing water, let alone a primary irrigation canal. This valley is full of noxious weeds that have been distributed and spread by water or wind blown into main irrigation canals. That issue is a primary reason for the new ordinance that restricts grows and processing to be performed within industrial zones and enclosed structures. In McDonald's plans for expansion there is a significant acreage designated as an outdoor growing area. Ditch or canal bank runs along three sides of the proposed outdoor growing area, therefore creating the problem of any type of contamination. The problem could be almost immediately out of control at some unknown downstream location.
- V. Enforcement and inspection of on-site operations. Who will do this and how often???? Responsibility must be determined before any permits can be issued. Since marijuana is no longer classified a noxious weed by Washington State, who becomes responsible for control of contamination? Other states such as Kansas and Nebraska are fighting an uphill fight against pot growing wild in ditches and canals.
- VI. It is the sole responsibility of the BOCC for dragging their feet on this issue of allowing the application process to be even considered, let alone grandfathering applications to be considered.

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