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KITTITAS COUNTY  
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Re: Notice of Decision: SE-14-00011 Grow Bros  
Proposed Pot Farm on Rader Rd.

This proposed pot farm is absolutely preposterous. We cannot believe that Community Development Services have determined it will “not have a probable significant impact on the environment.” We have discussed the following at public meetings:

- Law enforcement. Pot farms will need special security. Theft and strong-armed robberies have occurred in areas that sell medical marijuana, let alone a pot farm. And how will our local law enforcement be able to patrol, enforce and arrest drug addicts, thieves, and drug cartel? How will adjacent farms and properties be protected?
- Pot farms may need to be placed in “industrial” zoning areas, not farmland. Agricultural areas need to be left as “agricultural.”
- Water use. Do pot farms get a special deal on water? Are they allowed to drill special wells? Use the irrigation water year-round? All other agriculture’s irrigation water is turned off in October.
- Wells. In King County in the 1980s, the County allowed wells to be drilled in areas that went dry some years in the summer. In that period when they went dry, the residents sued the County and won. The County had to come up with a water district to provide water year-round to those residents at a great cost. Will this rezoning result in their getting special water concessions?
- The roads. Our county roads were not built for major traffic to a pot farm. It’s difficult enough with the traffic generated from all the hay fields on the small county roads. Imagine how much more truck and car traffic will be necessary to support a pot farm in a rural area.

And another major question is why is the County allowing the pot farm to have an industrial well. The County seems to think we have no water problems here. If our well goes dry, trust us, we will be suing the County.

People involved in these meetings have been totally against putting pot farms outside industrial areas. At least 80% of people at public meetings were totally against pot farms in the county.

So the County's sleight-of-hand sliding it in under "old rules" is typical with our county commissioners. We are forever having to fight the County on topics that the public is totally against. Apparently the County feels it can bend all rules to fit their agenda.

We are totally against putting this pot farm on Rader Road.

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