

Linda Ann Kuller

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Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 9:19 AM
To: Linda Ann Kuller
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Hi Linda,

*Note: I am saving these on the N drive, Long Range, Marijuana, Public Comment also. Lynda
Please see the email below that came into the DCD inbox.

Regards,
Lynda

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I am a long time and permanent resident of Lopez Island and am writing to add some comments regarding a planned commercial marijuana farm reference: **license #428265, Saturn Group LLC / Ceres** at 1395 Lopez Sound Rd. Lopez Island, WA 98261.

This is a small, interconnected, peaceful island with a large sense of community and quite a few small farms. Everyone is concerned about the peace and harmony in our place of residence and the preservation of our natural resources are paramount. The proposal to allow a large marijuana farm will upend all we hold important.

At the present time the county is being hit with a plethora of problems; tourism has taken off, even on Lopez, which has put a burden not just on the ferry system but even our way of life and the local natural environment, the Navy has, increasingly, made people's lives very unpleasant especially on Lopez, climate change is and will affect us and this past summer could be a preview of what is to come. Too often people equate economy and standard of living as synonymous when they are often polar opposites. We are a county that implemented such rules as Leave No Trace and banning GMO's. Having a large marijuana farm is not in keeping with the heightened sense of our community in this place we call home. Business should be in place to augment the community not create problems for it and the industrialization of the product will do just that. Last Feb. an article appeared in the "Atlantic Monthly" [Ending Weed Prohibition Hasn't Stopped Drug Crimes](#)



Ending Weed Prohibition Hasn't Stopped Drug Crimes

Rene Chun

Marijuana legalization was supposed to decrease crime—but the reality is more complicated.

that drew attention to the connection between marijuana and crime. On Sunday, 9/15/2019, an article appeared in the Seattle Times (syndicated from the NY Times) "*Wisconsin raid opens a window into the world of illicit vaping products.*" This illegal product is said to have led to over 400 illnesses and 6 deaths. It was stated a part of the problem was "...*online sales and lax regulation.*" Do we want to open the door on that? And if so for what purpose? Do we have the ability to create rules that determine how we live? Is money and possible material gain for a few paramount to the health and security of the community? Also stated was: "*Across the country, public health officials are awakening to a massive underground market for illicit vaping products, both for nicotine and for marijuana.*" Allowing marijuana has had and will continue to have dangerous unintended consequences. One new one is the inclusion of THC oils in vaping. Are we going to try and be proactive or reactive on this issue?

Considering the history of this part of the state of Washington it seems we do place community's well-being as a top priority. Dealing with this product we must err on the side of caution as nothing less than the health and well-being of the community is at stake.

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