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To: Planning; Sheilah Kennedy; Ray L. Campbell; Jim DeTro
Subject: Keep Marijuana as an agricultural crop

Dear Commissioners,

Marijuana needs to stay classified as an agricultural crop. I honestly am not quite sure how any other classification would work for the plant. This is farming like any other crop. I imagine that if this were orchids we would not have any issues at all.

I purposely chose Okanogan county as the location for my farm as I knew that originally it was marijuana friendly. I have invested literally hundreds of thousands of dollars into my farm, employ several people from the area and spend a great deal of money in the towns of Twisp and Omak.

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

- **Maintain the current definition of Marijuana as an agricultural crop** with the right to farm (17A.020.060 Agriculture)
- Include the definition of farm to include marijuana (17A.020.370 Farm)
- Do not require conditional-use on marijuana 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 marijuana 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).

Sincerely-

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