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From: Pam Fuller
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Hello Lee,

I would like the following to be entered into the Public Hearing comments regarding the Recreational Marijuana business in Lewis County.

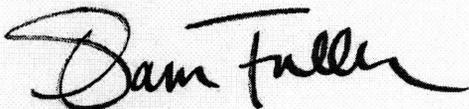
First I would like to say I have attended 5 out of 6 of the Marijuana workshops held by the county and various other meetings for City of Chehalis and Washington State. I am a tier 1 producer/processor state licensee and I am a Lewis County resident awaiting approval at the local level. Mr. Mahoney and the Board members have worked very hard understanding the issues regarding Initiative 502. They have had a tough job and have been outstanding in their deliberations. This is new to all of us and important in establishing local rules in accordance with the state rules and regulations. Here are my comments:

1. I believe the definition 17.10.0 Marijuana Processing, Type 1 should be expanded slightly to allow for limited processes to make extracts, concentrates, and infused products. There are processes available for making products that would truly fit into the small Boutique style businesses that would be no different than a small hand-crafted cheese company or small hand-crafted candy company which do exist locally. The processes I would encourage you to consider would be processes using appliances such as a range top oven, or crock pot, or other appliances you would normally find in a residential or small commercial kitchen. There are also non-chemical, non-hazardous, non-flammable, and non-mechanical processes that involve simply ice extraction methods and CO2 extraction methods. (The method I would like to eventually use is the 1500-1L system for botanical oil extraction such as lavender oil or marijuana oil which uses the same CO2 as used for carbonation to make fizzy sodas and colas we get at any restaurant and are proven safe to use. If you research this process you will find they indeed make models for large scale industrial settings but they also make small models for uses as those would be in a residential kitchen or small commercial kitchen.) At minimum as these benign methods develop it would be beneficial to have the ability for the county to work toward adding these to the county code of approved methods for the Type One licensees. There are already rules and regulations we are mandated to follow at the state level that provide for general safety issues, food safety issues, and all the concerns that have been voiced during the workshops. I believe allowing this limited expansion will make the small processor much more competitive and successful in the marketplace, will provide a higher quality product, and will afford Cottage Industries the ability to hire employees into secure and steady employment.
2. Regarding Lewis county requiring licensees to receive admittance on the Federal Registry with the United States Justice Department, I have personally contacted the U S Attorney General's

office and at this time there is not an avenue to register with their office. There have recently been mandates set forward the Federal Government will not interfere with the state's decision to move forward in the marijuana industries as set forth by the states and local governments. I would ask this requirement be stricken from the earlier requirements as was set forth by the BOCC of Lewis County.

3. During the workshops regarding chapter 17.145.150 there was a great amount of time allotted to the subject of setbacks of the buildings, locations, etc. The thought so far has been to increase the setback the state is requiring of 25 feet to be increased to 100 feet away from any property line and the property to be 5 acres or more in size. I believe this is more limiting than it needs to be. A 50 foot setback from any other property line should be more than adequate to protect neighboring properties as well as allowing the licensee to utilize their property in a fair and equitable manner as compared to other businesses in Lewis County. Regarding property size as long as a 50 foot setback can be achieved I think the parcel size should not be a consideration. Most if not all the Tier 1 licensees in the county are locating on large parcels however it would be beneficial if in the case a licensee's parcel were less than 5 acres but they were able to adhere to the 50 foot setback they would be allowed to proceed. There are a vast number of parcels in Lewis County "more or less" a 5 acre parcel and is why I bring up the discussion. I have 2 parcels in RDD 1-5 considered to be 5 acres each, however 1 is slightly under 5 acres and 1 slightly over 5 acres so would seem a reasonable request to consider.
4. I would like to discuss the cost involved with each and every "extra" rule enacted locally. The State requirements and direct costs the licensees are facing are overwhelming and it is my hope Lewis County does not add such a heavy burden in additional costs and requirements we are "priced out" of the industry. I hope being "priced out" is not an avenue by way of excluding the industry which in essence would be a ban.
5. Lastly I am conservative by nature; I believe slowly thought out political change prevails and is the most enduring. My hope is the BOCC will embrace this new industry even in the face of personal opposition. This industry is new and scary but it is here and needs to be allowed and regulated. Marijuana with all the bad and good is here for us to deal with. Whether it is banned within the county or not, it is currently being allowed in the cities of Centralia and Chehalis, it is allowed in Cowlitz, Thurston, and Grays Harbor counties, it will be moving legally through our roadways, and there will be law enforcement needs either way regardless. Together with your approval I hope to start my business and be successful, I hope to diminish the illegal drug trade that thrives even in our little community, I hope we will see some revenue filter back into our county and not just the big cities, I hope we can bring much needed jobs to folks locally, I hope you give us a chance.

Thank you,



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