

August 5, 2015

County Commissioners

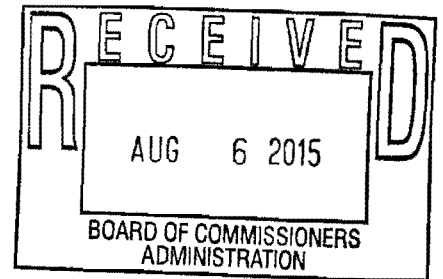
Alan Unger

Tammy Baney

Tony DeBone

1300 NW Wall St #200

Bend, Oregon 97701



Re: Unrestricted Development of marijuana farms

I would like to begin by thanking you for the work you do on behalf of the citizens of Deschutes County. I also think it is important to state that we support options for people who suffer from PTSD, chronic pain, and the effects of chemotherapy and other serious illnesses. We are not anti-business and celebrate the creation of jobs in our county. With that understanding, we believe it is imperative that Deschutes County develop zoning restrictions or some serious enforceable guidelines for the volcanic eruption of marijuana growers in our county and specifically for Tumalo, in light of the push to make Tumalo, the 'Napa of Central Oregon Cannabis Country' with the focus on cannabis instead of wine.

We live in Tumalo and the best description of our immediate community is 'rural suburbia'. The parcels range in size from 2, 5, 10, to 20 acres and up. Most of the residents in our area could be considered people who have moved here for the view, the privacy, and the convenience to Bend. Their "farming" activities consist of power walking, running, biking, riding horses and walking their dogs. There are a few folks that raise hay for their own animals or irrigate to feed two or three steers raised for their own use. Some own a couple of horses for trail riding or eventing and others have a handful of free range chickens. About half of the people on our street just have a house on acreage with no intention of doing any activity other than enjoying their home. In fact, the last two parcels that sold are being built solely for the purpose of privacy and views.

On one end of Dayton Road is Hooker Creek Cutting Horse Ranch and Chimps Inc., Chimpanzee Sanctuary. On the other end is a little home where the owners are trying to develop a Bed and Breakfast with their one extra bedroom. The owners also have a little stand where they sell pickles, pies, eggs, and jam, and the neighbors leave their money and checks in a little locked box on the honor system.

Behind them, a former horse training business has exploded into a huge marijuana growing facility. This was never an agricultural property but now it has seven large greenhouses with

more under construction, a former large horse building converted for use in the new "industry" and there appears to be continuing development, with constant presence of heavy equipment and contractors trucks. All of this is occurring near a home recently purchased and being renovated as a country residence. Clearly this facility can be seen from the back deck of their home and has potentially diminished its property value. I have been told that the owners of this facility have expressed a desire to be the largest marijuana grower in the area. This is troubling and is totally out of character because our street is not agricultural by any stretch of the imagination. Within walking distance of our home are two more properties developing large greenhouses and there seems to be no end in sight or any consideration of the impact on the neighborhoods involved.

This uncontrolled development in areas that are not agriculturally focused will cause some serious consequences including a potential rise in crime, a drop in home values, and increased traffic where residents are used to enjoying a bike ride, taking their dog for a walk, or taking the baby out for a jog in the stroller, just to mention a few.

Please consider the impact on your constituents and the communities you represent, and come up with a plan where the marijuana growers can grow and harvest their crops in the outlying areas of the county where there are other large scale farming operations.

Respectfully,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Carolyn Airriess' and the second is 'Sam Davis'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carolyn Airriess
Sam Davis
19335 Dayton Road
Bend, Oregon 97703

Pictures are of our road and are meant to give you a feel of the texture of our community and the impact of the marijuana development.

Our Dayton Road Neighborhood

Our Home



Our Neighborhood





The Unfortunate Change in the Neighborhood

(#1)



The greenhouses erected in our neighborhood in close proximity to private residence.

These greenhouses belong to the Marijuana Grower in picture #1.

(#2)



Bed and Breakfast & Little Egg and Pie Stand



To the right of the Produce/Jam sign is the side of the large building belonging to the Marijuana Grower off Dayton Road.

A full view is shown in Picture # 1



Close up of greenhouses in picture #2



More greenhouses within walking distance of Dayton Road (#3 & #4)



(#4)



Greenhouses being constructed in Tumalo but not completed.



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August 11, 2015

Deschutes County CDD

Subject: Marijuana Ban

Once again we of the rural residential areas who are zoned exclusive farm use are being threatened with an exposure not acceptable for an area traditionally considered to be for families who prefer a rural lifestyle, and have been investing in this for many, many years.

While marijuana plants could be considered "farming," this product will continue to attract an element of society not of the most desirable ilk. To say that bringing this exposure to a family neighborhood will not affect property values could only be believed by a pot smoker. The property pictured resembles a type of detention center. Living next to this type of structure surrounded by fencing and barbed wire is not what potential buyers desiring a country home for their family are likely to be searching for. I doubt the odor would appeal to them either.

I came out of Safeway recently to find a car parked next to me with a young man behind the wheel, puffing on some sort of glass receptacle with smoke billowing all around him. I am assuming he was smoking marijuana. I expect this to become part of the culture of Bend as we gravitate to become like another Portland, and create rules to accommodate all the opportunists who flock to take advantage of the latest craze which Oregon has inflicted on itself with the influx of people who do not move here for all of the reasons that make Bend special to the rest of us.

Marijuana farming and manufacturing should be considered a commercial enterprise and kept in a commercial zone.

I hope Deschutes County will make the right decision and follow through with a moratorium and ban for our county. In Oregon, Marijuana has gone from being a "gateway drug" and illegal to now being touted as "family friendly." Please remember those of us who still believe in traditional values and desire a place we call home to be surrounded by a stable and safe neighborhood.

Sincerely,


Donald & Marlene Crandall, 22111 Neff Road, Bend, OR 97701



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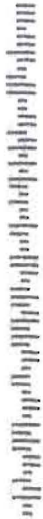
Board of Deschutes Co. Commissioner

PO Box 6005

Bend OR

97708-6005

ATTN: BOCC



Philip W. Dean

10 August '15

County Commissioners

I want to provide my support for permitting marijuana commercial sales. Deflate the illegal trade. Prohibition did not work either. As a retired ER doctor I never saw patients because of THC use — many from alcohol.

Sincerely Philip W. Dean

THE U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM
300 MILLION STRONG

August 13, 2015

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office
63333 W. Highway 20
Bend, OR 97703

To: Sheriff L. Shane Nelson and Captain Erik Utter

Thank you for your informative voice of reason regarding the "new lawmaker-approved option to "opt out" of any specific marijuana-related businesses" at the August 12, 2015 Deschutes County Commissioners meeting.

My husband owns a home in the County of Humboldt, California. Legal medical marijuana grows have contributed to the increase of murders, black-market marijuana activity, burglaries and thefts from production sites, increase in illegal drug use and not to mention the horrible skunk smell emanating from the grows. The legal medical marijuana grows have in my opinion, had a huge impact on the County of Humboldt. It is no longer a safe, nice place to live and raise children.

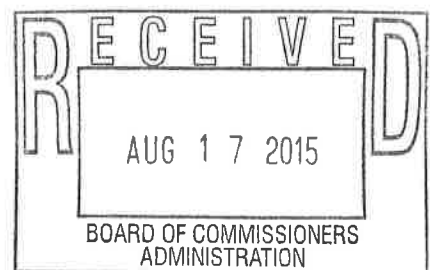
Sincerely,



Karen Welsh

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✓cc: Deschutes County Commissioner Tony DeBone



August 13, 2015

Board of Deschutes County Commissioners
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Re: Marijuana Business Opt Out

Dear Sirs/ Madams:

My wife and I attended your hearing on August 12, 2015. We heard many supposed pluses and minuses of allowing commercial growing of marijuana in Deschutes County. We thought the testimony of the two representatives of the Sheriff's Department was especially important and illuminating.

We have a very personal concern regarding this issue, as do our immediate neighbors. Our home and property is NW of Tumalo. Most of our area owners are "hobby farmers" growing a few tons of hay, horse farms, etc. Our neighbor directly across the road from us has in place facilities to produce commercial marijuana in the near future. Although I only speak for my wife and myself, we see that this "grow operation" will cause a serious reduction in the value of our property, which we love.

We spent 30 years in Humboldt County in California and are concerned about our personal safety being so near our neighbor's commercial marijuana business. As a Physician and RN, we had first hand exposure to effect of this industry. Stabbings, beatings and gunshot wounds were commonplace. There were murders and disappearance of growers. Also, murders of law enforcement officers. We admit the situation isn't entirely the same. However, the fact that Oregon has opened the floodgates, where do you think these people will migrate?

This is not a "job fair" but a Pandora's Box that in the long haul will cause property values to drop and, in our opinion, will ruin one of the most desirable places to live in the USA.

We need the opportunity to reject these carpetbaggers and keep Deschutes County reputation for clean family living and recreation. This is what we love and value about Deschutes County. We do not need these "jobs." In the long run, it will cost us many more jobs.

Please give us the opportunity to vote on this issue and hopefully prohibit all commercial marijuana growing in Deschutes County.

Thank you.

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Janice Kerrigan
Terry Kerrigan

