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To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
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I am a resident of the proposed area that is trying to establish a Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility license. I find it a rather strange request considering the area that is proposed for the facility. There have been 2 murders within the last 7 months (of young people...both related to drugs) and being that this area continually brings in those that are damaging and stealing from the residences, sitting on the side of the roads to buy drugs (being marijuana,heroin,meth), this a continuous activity now. This area of the potential facility has a person who lives within the immediate area that has had the State Troopers there because of a gun and the misuse of utilities. residents are having to buy and install video equipment to protect what is theirs in this area. Community Council has past a motion to install cameras at many sites along Knik River Rd. because of the problems that are going on in this area. Bringing in a facility that escalates the use of a drug for those that use the drug because of addiction or just want a THC high. These bottom feeders are endangering those who do not use, creating an addiction that will eventually have to be rehabilitated and that cost will be put on the shoulders of all of Alaska.
I have read the regulations (136 pages), the security lights, 24 hour security and the fence does not grantee that this will prohibit those who want the product. This is an area where there is one road in and one road out, the potential for a an event that could endanger those that reside here is a paramount concern.
I recognize that ONLY those that are to work in this facility must have handler permits, no felonies and no one is to be allowed on the property that does not meet the requirements of the State, but looking at the list of those who have filed for a license in the marijuana business do you honestly believe that the state can or will be able to maintain the laws and regulations of these kind of facilities?
Alaska has the highest rate of alcohol addiction in the country, do you honestly think that the state needs more problems. 65% apparently use drugs in the state I find it appalling that we seem to be proud that we can't work, play, socialize etc. unless we have smoked a joint, eaten a cookie, or taken a shot or we can't function as a normal person. Real medical marijuana for use in the medical field I applaud, but the bragging that goes on for those that get their medical marijuana card for any and every reason that they can justify to get that card is taking away of the benefits that could help so many that actually need it, not to just soften the blow of life by being held together by a drug. Please reconsider this location for a permit. It will not benefit the community.

As noted there are steps that the community has to agree to also in the endeavor of establishing a facility.

This is from the Knik River Comprehensive Plan

Recommendation:
- **Protect air, water, wildlife, and land quality while reducing impacts to nearby properties from traffic, noise, pollution, lighting, etc.**
- **Protect recreation opportunities and enhance the quality of life for South Knik River Community residents.**
- **Ensure future development is compatible with adjacent properties and has gone through a review period that includes at least one meeting of the SKRCC.**

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