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**From:** randall potts [mailto:[randallpotts@hotmail.com](mailto:randallpotts@hotmail.com)]  
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**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Make the Cheery Point Hearings Safe and Audible

Dear County Council Members,

On September 12th, while trying to enter the Whatcom County Courthouse for the Whatcom County Council planning hearing "Town Hall" on the Cherry Point refineries, I was rudely and powerfully shoved by a man in a Phillips 66 jumpsuit. Then I was blocked from entering the council doorway by other men wearing oil company uniforms (who were not waiting to get in or to sign up to speak), so I had to get in another line for another door, while more men in oil company shirts stood all around the doorway and in the hall looking back at anyone going in or out of chambers in a menacing and angry fashion. When I finally got to sign up, I was 140 something on the speaking list and I had to leave as the chambers erupted in prohibited cheering for the oil companies because I felt unsafe.

It is outrageous that I was made to feel unsafe because the County Council provided no crowd control, no security or supervision. In future, please have adequate security for hearings on controversial topics that are expected to be well attended. Do not allow organized groups intimidate to others (either physically or psychologically) wishing to be heard by the Council. As well, if large numbers of people are expected and chairs are put out, please set the speaker level higher or use additional speakers so those sitting in the chairs can hear. A TV hookup for those sitting outside chambers would also seem like a reasonable request.

I will of course provide my comments on the Cherry Point Amendments by email to the County Council.

Sincerely,  
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