

FW: Cherry Point Moratorium Extension

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Subject: RE: Cherry Point Moratorium Extension

Whatcom County Council Members:

We are writing to ask the majority (4-3) on the current County Council to stop the on-going Cherry Point Moratorium extension vote, once and for all. Be transparent and let the public know where you really stand and don't hide behind these "deceptive" actions. (Yes, that is what they've become to a vast number of Whatcom County voters.)

With each extension that you have implemented, what has been your intent? To wear out the other side so that they will just give up and go away? That is what you seem to be communicating. This was very evident by the County's decision a few months ago to throw additional roadblocks to the proposed building of a "green" diesel facility at the Phillips 66 facility. Because of this, you succeeded in getting the refinery to withdraw their proposed project, out of sheer frustration, due to the wasted time and additional economic costs. Sadly, the current County Executive provided very little substantive support in the process. This said to many of us, what the real mission is: to shut down any vestige of fossil fuel production in Whatcom County.

Don't be hypocritical by paying lip service to this crucial economic issue affecting all of us who live and work here, especially now. The COVID-19 pandemic is having a devastating impact on our local economy. Add to that the impending closure of the Intalco Aluminum plant. All this underscores, more than ever, the desperate need for additional family wage jobs to help bolster the economic well-being of our families.

Listen to the voters. Do you remember the large turnout of residents at the last Council meeting dealing with Cherry Point, asking you to end the moratorium? Yet, in spite of the overwhelming testimony in favor of ending it, how did you vote? Yes, your message was loud and clear. Remember, you were elected to represent all the residents of Whatcom County and not just a progressive minority.

As we said at the beginning of our correspondence, If, you don't want any future expansion of our refinery facilities, or for that matter, you want them shut down, then go "on the record" and pass a resolution saying so. At least, we will respect your honesty.

Respectfully,

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