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Subject: Drop the Cherry Point fossil fuel moratorium

Honorable Councilmembers ,

The moratorium on all new development at Cherry Point has gone on long enough. We have already lost a large improvement project and now Intalco says that they are going to close out over 700 good paying family wage jobs. We stand to lose millions in taxes for the county, not to mention all of the support for our community that these workers and companies provide for us. Industries that are already here won't be spending money on improvements or upgrades to their facilities if we continue down this road of antipathy towards industry. You are asking our community to figuratively fall on our own sword in order to achieve some ambiguous and ephemeral goal with no timeline and no payback for us.

We all want to be good steward of the Earth and the many blessing that we've been given. With today's technology and the regulatory environment that we already have, new construction at Cherry Point would be State of the Art. Certainly far better than the existing port only yards across the border at Tsawassen and far, far better than anything the Chinese will come up with. If a port or facility is going to be built, and it will be, who better than to do it than us? Don't close out our area and hand this off to someone else who doesn't have either the desire or the wherewithal to do what we can do. These jobs are going to be created somewhere, so lets keep them here and do the environment a favor by building the best facility that is possible to build.

Thank you for your hard work and diligent service to our communities,

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