

**SATURDAY MORNING LIVE FOR SEP 7TH, 2019 ~
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LIBERTY ALERTS:

Working Forests Survey:

<https://www.votervoice.net/WFPA/Surveys/5492/Respond> Survey seeks your thoughts and opinions on how private forests are managed. Although the email says it's about water quality, the questions focus on private forest practices the use of managed logging and pest control for healthy forests.

Jon Strong Celebration of Life: Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 1:00 pm, Bellingham Cruise Terminal. And, a [GoFundMe campaign](#): to help Jon's wife and family deal with the unexpected expenses.

Sept. 14th: David Spring, Program Development Director for [SAVE](#), will join me to discuss two important issues happening in our state and the nation; ransomware hacking of our government institutions and highway/road taxes that will intrude on your personal privacy.

Common Threads NW forums:

Sept. 11th – **Housing and Water forum**

Sept. 26th – **Cherry Point, the Environment and Lake Whatcom**

Oct. 17th – **All Whatcom County forum**; County Executive, County Council, Port of Bellingham, Mayor of Bellingham, WC Sherriff and other races. More info shared later...

COMMON CENTS:

On Aug. 7th, the Whatcom County Council approved to send proposed changes to Cherry Point Industrial Land Use. After attempting a bait-and-switch in January 2019 after coming back from the December break it was noticed that the document had been rewritten from the original document that was being worked on in December 2018.

After many questions it was revealed that Councilmember Donovan had "two-non council members" rewrite the document. Apparently, Donovan thought that no one would notice the attempted bait-and-switch.

After many months, the WC Council have now approved to send these changes for review and public input if their proposed changes, written by the Cascadia Law Group, to the WC Planning Commission; *a hand-picked commission of people by the WC Council.*

Starting on Sept. 12th, 2019 there will be a series of work sessions and public comments taken at the Whatcom County Planning Commission meetings. Based on the dates/timeline of these meetings, it appears that there is a big push to get this process through the Planning Commission before the General Election in November and back to the current Council to be voted on and enacted.

Note: Councilmembers Byrd and Brenner have voted "opposed" throughout this process - because they understand that these facilities will be less safe and will be unable to stay competitive in a global marketplace if these changes are approved and enacted.

If these proposed changes were put before the voters of Whatcom County would they be approved? Highly unlikely. The way this "super-majority" council has abused their legislative powers is why the voters approved "district-only" voting – because this council has not represented the interests of Districts 3, 4, and 5 for a decade. It is also why it is so important for everyone to vote this November. A vote for change is a vote to restore representative democracy to Whatcom County.

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- Introduction of John Huntley and Trevor Smith.
 - Who are you to this issue and what are your concerns?
 - The Council started this action by declaring an “emergency moratorium,” based on public safety. Will the county be safer? Or, will it be at higher risk due to the constraints placed upon them to keep these facilities state of the art and safe?
 - The land use changes do not deny these facilities the ability to conduct their businesses/production “as is.” They’ve used a tactic that will give the county the ability to pick and choose projects ‘and’ require SEPA or SEPA like permitting on “conditional uses” which will require discretionary permits. Explain.
 - There are several hearings that will begin on Sept. 12th, through the Whatcom County Planning Commission.
 - What role will the WCPC have in determining whether these land uses are sent forward to the WC Council for approval?
 - Will these proposed changes meet federal standards? And, what’s the likelihood that these industries will sue WC for damaging their ability to conduct a needed and lawful product?
 - What is the best way for residents/listeners weigh-in on these changes?

You can weigh in on the proposed changes to the County Council and the Planning Commission by attending meetings and speaking publicly; emailing them; calling them; or writing them a letter.

Contact the County Council here: <https://wa-whatcomcounty.civicplus.com/268/County-Council>

Contact the Planning Commission here: <https://wa-whatcomcounty.civicplus.com/.../Planning-Commission>

The dates of the Planning Commission meetings are:

- * September 12, 2019 - A "town hall" meeting hosted by the Whatcom County Planning Commission;
- * September 26, 2019 - Whatcom County Planning Commission meeting;
- * October 10, 2019 - Whatcom County Planning Commission meeting;
- * October 24, 2019 - Whatcom County Planning Commission meeting (if needed); and
- * Date TBD - A County Council hearing.

Attached is a link to the proposed changes being sent to the Planning Commission for you to read and understand the "big changes" proposed. The Council began this action and numerous "emergency moratoriums," under the premise of public safety. After implementing these changes, it will be very time consuming and much more expensive just to keep BP, Phillips 66, Petro Gas and Intalco Aluminum maintained at the current levels that they have been for the past 50 years. All of this being done in the name of safety, yet these facilities will likely be less safe because of the changes being proposed.

<http://documents.whatcomcounty.us/.../0/d.../4451795/Page1.aspx...>