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Kittitas County Commissioners and Staff;

Life is about choice and the effect it has on ourselves and others. The decision to open the Badger Pocket Party Barn started out on the wrong foot. It was done with out building permits and no conditional use permit, or event permits. It was done with no regard or respect to surrounding land owners or neighbors. It was handled poorly by the Webb's cisions and by the county.

I complained to the county's code enforcement in 2011 about the parties and noise coming from the Party Barn at 6280 Badger Pocket Road. She told me at the time there was nothing she could do because people had the right to have personal private events at their homes. The Webb's did not advertise or have business licenses and had operated this business illegally since 2007 at that time. The Kittitas School District held a all night senior class party there during this time. This would not be considered a personal private event. It wasn't until February 2012 That the Webb's started advertising the Badger Pocket Party Barn LLC on the internet and had a business license that I was able to get the counties attention and force them to take some kind of action. At that time the Barn and house were being remodeled and converted into a event facility. All without proper building permits. Event or conditional use permits in place. The county did not red tag or stop the operation or construction of this facility or events to be shut down. Instead they gave them waivers to continue operation and granted them permission to make noise until 1:00 am. The county also said the operation falls under the similar rules for bed and breakfast and public camp grounds, with overnight camping and parking. The county did not enforce Public disturbance noises 9.45.010. Lack of judgment and poor decision making by elected county officials. At that time Brenda Larsen the Fire Marshall and member of the Kittitas County Board of Adjustments issued them a fire and safety inspection. Her husband at the time was a principle for the Kittitas School District. Conflict of interest being the School District held a all night function at this venue with out proper permits in place. Lack of judgment and poor decision making by county officials.

The Kittitas Board of Adjustment held a hearing on the Webb Conditional Use Permit CU-12-00003. In which was heard and approved by the Board. The Superior Court of Washington for Kittitas County was petitioned. Case No. 12-2-00370-2 was filed. Decision was overturned. After that the Kittitas Board of Adjustments was terminated.

Another Application was soon filed after that. March 21, 2013. Hearings held, county officials approve. Another appeal filed, hearing held by Kittitas County Land use Hearing Examiner on 10-30-2014. On 11-13-2014 the Recommended Decision based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, The Hearing Examiner recommends that the application CU 12-3 be denied. Andrew L. Kottkamp. On 01-

05-2015 a letter of submitted by Matt and Jessi Webb. The request that this permit go in front of the Board of Commissioners for final decision and process be terminated.

On 04-29-2016 another Application was filed by the Terra Design Group Inc for Matt Webb. Webb Conditional Use Permit CU-16-00001. Operation of Small Scale Event Facility(no more than 8 within a calendar year.) Which is now in the appeal process. This facility is still offensive to the adjacent land owners and neighbors. It takes away my rights to privacy and rest and sleep. It has added stress and has had a huge negative impact to the surrounding neighbors. The way in which this permit process has been handled and continues to be handled, and is look on by the people of this area is unacceptable and shows blatant disregard for the rights of adjacent land owners and neighbors. If this was such a great business way are some many people who live around it, against it? Because it has negatively impacted their lives, and way of life! It's so ironic that after all the testimony and hearings that the staff and elected officials cannot see that. This facility does not meet the characteristics of this rural part of the valley. It is to close to neighboring property, has no privacy, no buffer for noise and lights. The road is narrow with increasing traffic volumes every year. More new homes and orchards. Both consistent with zoning.

The Webb's decision to start this business in 2007 illegally and with out permits is their mistake, not ours. We should not have to tolerate or suffer for that. Their disregard and lack of respect for their neighbors is their doing and their fault. The counties mishandling of this facility has caused adverse stress and financial cost to adjacent property owners and neighbors. Cost of appeal fees and attorney cost to protect their rights and to correct the wrong decisions and actions by the county officials. This facility is not essential to public convenience and is detrimental and injurious to public health, PEACE, and safety to the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Loud parties that promote intoxication, and are not supervised are not consistent to public health or safety. The promotion of drinking and driving is not consistent with public safety and health. It's being marketed as a Party Barn! The playing of loud amplified music and loud obnoxious people yelling and screaming is not consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. These observations are from previous events and experience living across the street from the Party Barn. I know this better than anyone. My family and have lost sleep and have endured undue stress from living across the street and so close to this facility. Not to mention the amount of money myself and adjacent property owner have had to spend to protect our rights. The County Commissioners need to do the right thing and deny this conditional permit for the Badger Pocket Party Barn.

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