**To:** Mayor Brent Gerry and City Council Members: Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Brink, David Fetto, Richard Bloom, John Smart, Kate Moran, Ken Stoker, and May Hays.

## Subject: Opposition to Proposed Marijuana Retail Stores

I, the undersigned, am submitting this letter to express my concern and to state my opposition to marijuana retail stores being considered in West Richland.

I see no positive benefits to our community and foresee only negative consequences if these businesses are allowed. The influence on and dangers to our adolescents and to our younger children are particularly disturbing.

The legality of drug dealing has, of course, changed in the State of Washington but the nature of it and the impact that it has on society has not changed.

I pledge to stay informed on this matter. I will fully support those City Council members who sincerely and with transparency oppose attempts to establish marijuana retail businesses in our community. And I will adamantly oppose those who support them.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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