



Sprouting Simple Change

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Re: Response to Third Notice

Good morning Tom,

We received your letter yesterday as an email to us. I would like to remind you that we did not reject the County's offer regarding the Monroe Fairgrounds. We offered three layout variations that would suit our needs and attached potential costs that might need to be paid by the County since your letter dated January 22nd, offered a "no cost alternative" and we do not have the funds needed for the relocation. If you are interested in seeing it, we also created two layout variations for the McCollum Park location too. We are talking about alternative locations with other agencies as well.

However, our voice is not being heard by the Snohomish County Leadership at this point. We have been asking for a meeting to bring the impacted community organizations together as we are finding a solution, which also has to include the funding for the move.

We have been asking the County to stop the threats and pressure and rather respect the Community and come together with all of us who are supporting the hundreds of thousands of people regionally who need support right now, and will begin to lose access to food with this decision.

I learned yesterday from the King 5 reporter that you responded to the reporter about the issues saying Farmer Frog did not respond to the County's request to a meeting. I was shocked to hear this. I have not received a meeting invite from the County since the fall of last year. We met accidentally twice at the farm when you and your team came unannounced and I happened to be on the site. I would love to invite our Community partners to a meeting, please let us know when would it work best for you.

I am not sure what to expect as 5 pm comes today. This week after the release of our 1,167 page study that thoroughly reviews this situation, we have been working to cease elements of our food distribution operation. Today, the Muckleshoot Tribe is picking up their refrigerated trailers awaiting where to set it up next. We have several loads of bottled water on site waiting to be sent out Monday morning to the Tacoma Port and from there to Alaska. In Alaska, a large fire burnt down the water facility and several Tribes are without drinking water. So will Snohomish County send in the bulldozers at 5 pm today and start destroying property? Will the Sheriff come

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in and start arresting us without a court ordered vacate or eviction notice, during a COVID-19 eviction moratorium? How far will Snohomish County go to stop the Community from doing our best to alleviate the tragic impacts of this pandemic? And lastly, does Snohomish County wish to collaborate with the impacted communities?

Consistent with our lease, in section 19.1(b) we are assuming our negotiations to remedy have defaulted and have since your notice been working to "cure" the situation, affording us 60 days after your notice on February 16th. Again, respectfully, we are requesting that the County sets up a meeting with the impacted Community organizations and allows us time to find a solution with the Community's support. We also ask that until this is arranged, the County continues to allow us to feed the community unabated.

We strongly urge you to consider the needs of the impacted communities,


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