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Subject: Jefferson County Government support of PLMPR in IMNSQ project very disappointing.

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to: Jefferson County Department of Community Development (JCDCD)

There is talk of what could become a big movement here in Port Ludlow. It is the possibility of a boycott of Jefferson County businesses.

If a boycott materializes in a major way it will be because of the very poor support the Jefferson County Government and JCDCD has been giving to Port Ludlow and its residents in protecting us from potentially major negative impacts from Iron Mountain Shine Quarry (IMSQ). I feel the County Commissioner who supposedly represents us has been lackluster in so doing. And the JCDCD at times tried to defend us, but appears to me to have since backed off.

A huge disservice the JCDCD did against Port Ludlow was that for several (5?) months after being informed of Iron Mountain Quarry's (IMQ) intentions to quarry in very close proximity to the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort (PLMPR), it did not even see fit to inform either the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) nor either of our other two sub governing bodies of this development. As I recall, PLMPR only finally learned of it after a PL resident saw a legal notice in a newspaper. This late discovery left us only a few weeks to scramble together some objections to IMSQ's plan.

I then understood and I assume correctly, that PLMPR's single best opportunity to stop the IMSQ was at that earliest of stages. The then head of the JCDCD, Mr. Al Shalf(sp?), at a subsequent meeting at the Bay Club, when asked by residents why he went months without informing PLVC gave this lame excuse paraphrased rather accurately. "The County gets requests(*if that is the term*) like this every week. If I were to be calling all the parties involved in each one of these requests, I would be spending all my time on the phone." Really? How many requests of this magnitude are there? Was he equating requests like clearing ground for a new building, to a massive 40 year quarry project immediately adjacent to the second biggest community in Jefferson County? (My personal observation for what it is worth, was that Mr. Shalf was red faced and sweating while fielding questions from PL residents.)

The JCDCD, and by extension, the Jefferson County Government (JCG), was to my mind very negligent by withholding this critical and time dependent information from Port Ludlow's governing body. Hopefully, at this late hour you will decide to change course and firmly stand up for Port Ludlow and issue a DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE for every aspect of the IMSQ operation. If Jefferson County will not support Port Ludlow, why should Port Ludlow continue to support Jefferson County?

Sincerely,

Steve Failla, Port Ludlow Resident