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1000 Voices at the Planning Commission Hearing

The Tarboo Ridge Coalition is poised to deliver a petition with as many as 1,000 signatures to the Jefferson County Planning Commission at their meeting on Tuesday, November 5th. The petition is directed to the Board of County Commissioners and endorses six specific “bright line” regulations on commercial gun ranges that the Planning Commissioners proposed in November 2018.

Although the six recommendations were ignored in ordinances passed by the County Commissioners in December 2018, those ordinances were recently invalidated because they lacked sufficient environmental review. The Planning Commission is now reviewing new draft ordinances, and will be receiving public comment at the November 5th session. After further deliberations, they will submit a report to the County Commissioners on December 4th.

The six recommendations are: no military training, no aircraft, 500-yard setbacks from public lakes, no night shooting, 8' security fencing, and 16' sound barriers. Many or most of these “bright line” regulations are contained in a 2014 Kitsap County ordinance that has survived court challenges.

“We’ve had people from Brinnon to Port Townsend and everywhere in between sign this petition and voice serious concerns about the threat that military and paramilitary training operations could bring to our beloved home,” said TRC volunteer Teri Hein. *“The community is so supportive of these common-sense measures.”*

TRC’s “tabling crew” has been active at the Jefferson County Fair, local stores and markets, post offices, and political and community events.

“People are eager to know more,” Hein noted. *“Everyone we talk to realizes how important preventing these types of private weaponry operations is for the future of the county.”*

“We want to promote our farms, fish, forests, and families,” she concluded. *“We don’t want to become a mecca for private facilities that host large-scale military or paramilitary training.”*

Jefferson County residents who are concerned about this proposed project and interested in learning more or sharing their perspective with the Jefferson County Planning Commission are encouraged to attend the meeting and speak during public comment time.

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