Written Public Comments July 6th thru July 18th, 2022

- Elizabeth Swan Keizer Resident Psilocybin
- Betty Hart Keizer Resident Keizer Library

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From:

elizabethallenswan@gmail.com Monday, July 18, 2022 4;38 PM

Sent: To:

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Subject:

7-18 public comment on psilocybin

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Elizabeth Swan, Keizer Resident. I am commenting in opposition of a psilocybin ban and the plan to place the full ban on the ballot. I am disappointed in the lack of maturity in the discussion of this, as evidenced by childish giggles and the general lack of the basic knowledge required to discuss the topic in an adult fashion, which to your credit was openly admitted. While of course there are questions to be asked about how these treatment centers will play out exactly, psilocybin use in general is not new and psilocybin use in western medicine is not new. Psilocybin use could hardly be more established at an international level. It is a traditional, spiritual, medicinal practice in cultures all around the world. The original ban in the US was directly connected to the xenophobia and racism that was integral to the "War on Drugs". The negative sentiments that continue to be perpetuated are based in bias, not in knowledge, a department in which you know already you lack. I believe Councilor Smith is the person who decided to put a full ban on the table, as opposed to a temporary two year ban for policy reasons, saying that she "thinks Keizer has already spoken". This conversation and the actions it has led to are not in the spirit of questioning assumptions and growing with new knowledge. I do not support putting a full ban on the ballot as I do believe you all have demonstrated that we as the general public currently lack knowledge on the subject and instead rely on irrelevant or harmful assumptions and biases. I would recommend further education by researching and inviting experts in the field to come speak and answer questions. I don't think we should be considering a ban at all; however, I think a two year ban is much more cognizant of your and our community's lack of understanding of the subject and lack of exposure to the many experts that do. It was stated by the attorney that after two years a full ban could be put on the ballot if desired.

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Memo to the City Council 7/18/22

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Please share the following with the City Council for tonight's meeting.

To: The Keizer City Council

From: Betty Hart, Keizer Resident

Date: 7/18/22

Subject: Keizer Public Library

The Keizer City Council has the best chance ever to create a public library for Keizer. Please take that opportunity now by voting to put a measure on the ballot for this November to fund the Library at \$2.50 per month for sewer and water bills. There are several reasons that this is a good opportunity now.

- 1. The Library Board has the expertise to undertake the process to successfully complete the applications to become a public library and achieve membership in CCRLS.
- 2. There is expertise and commitment among Library volunteers to undertake a campaign to pass a measure in November.
- 3. There is a growing interest and commitment in the community to do this now.

Not doing it now will put the Keizer Library and the community behind in achieving this long-time goal of many in the Keizer. The expertise that exists now to make this happen is not likely to be there next time.

Please take this opportunity now!

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