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What Westrock is wanting to do with this expansion has nothing to do with keeping them open for business, it is strictly to increase profits. Their own profits. However, it is at the expense of the health of everyone in Tacoma, and ultimately the world, for it has a negative effect on greenhouse gases. Up to 60,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalents per year, which is equal to about 12,848 passenger vehicles per year. Why would Tacoma want this when our city council advocates for electric cars and reducing vehicle emission, emissions? Not only that, air pollutants would increase particulate matter above 2.5 microns inside by 3.78 tons per year, sulfur dioxide by 0.28 tons per year, nitrogen oxide by 2.99 tons per year, lead by 0.125 pounds per year, formaldehyde by 76.2 pounds per year, benzene by 2.1 pounds per year, toluene by 2.5 pounds per year, all this will add to the negative effects we are all suffering from already. Such as, in the east side, where cancer rates and mysterious illness rates are already out of control. Also on the northeast Tacoma as well. And for what? For someone's profits. I'm against this expansion. Westrock has already done one expansion this year and it's time we put people and their health first. Please don't grant this expansion permit. We need to be focusing on hemp and what hemp can do for all of us with it becoming federally legal right now. It's stronger, it's lighter, it grows better and faster than trees, you don't need to add all kinds of chemicals to it to whiten it, among other advantages, it's a win/win.