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**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 10:57 AM  
**To:** Andrea Moore  
**Subject:** FW: Snapdragon Hills and the Town of La Conner

Can't remember if I asked you to post this one

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**Subject:** Snapdragon Hills and the Town of La Conner

Dear Politicians:

A couple of years ago I had a conversation with the Planner over in Roche Harbor. We discussed the property sold up on the hill on the way into the resort. What a breathtaking relief to speak with someone who understood his responsibility in preserving a historical legacy in Washington state, despite the changes associated with development.

Since arriving in La Conner in 2013, my interactions with town officials had led me to believe you are greedy, corrupt, and cruel. I now understand you are just not intelligent or "awake" enough to "get it."

So congratulations! You have finally ruined this town enough to the point where I no longer need to care. The residents clearly don't. Well, they really are just too brainwashed to care or to have enough gumption to do anything for their own well-being. Not unlike my family who are all still stuck in Mormonism.

In 1978 at the age of 8 I knew that the tenets of Mormonism were fundamentally destructive to anyone living within the institution. What a lonely place to be. However, 45 years later there are others who are finally coming out into the light to understand the destructive nature of the cult's oppressive beliefs. Unfortunately, for most, they have dedicated 45 or more years and countless amounts of money to an institution and power-hungry men.

This Town, sadly, is no different. I don't think it will take 45 years this time because people are "waking up" more quickly now days. But just like those who stayed in Mormonism most of their lives, the damage will already have been done and they and their progeny will need to live with

the consequences and shame that they didn't do something earlier to break away from and challenge the destructive nature of those in power.

The beautiful thing for all of us now is I NO LONGER NEED TO CARE. My home outside of La Conner will be ready in a few months and the only reason I will need to come into La Conner to view the atrocity that will soon be this charming, sweet, town will be by choice. A choice that seems less necessary as nothing in this Town is worth the effort any longer from what I have seen the past month.

The restaurants which used to be top quality, are no longer. The new restaurants are anything but worth my money or effort. It seems La Conner is going through another change in its life cycle. It used to be that every time La Conner went through a transition it was for the better. Unfortunately, that is not the case this time.

I hold no animosity. I no longer become vested in anything. I realize now that sometimes death is the better option for some thing so I no longer need to expend any energy worrying about it. That is truly the case here. I would say you should all be ashamed of yourselves, but it clearly wouldn't do any good.

You all take care. I am going to go and enjoy my life for the first time EVER!

Jacquelyne Bettencourt (fka Linda Clark)