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To: Kingsville Town Council

Today I read a “Warning” letter being distributed around the town and would like to put forward a thought if I may please.

It is very disturbing to see that the residents are making such uneducated and un-researched attacks on the greenhouse growers in this community. These hard working business men and women have not only contributed to the growth and success of this town financially but also feed us. Does the author of that letter prefer eating produce from Mexico for 12 months of every year?

The presence of greenhouses has not “Depreciated property values”. I believe, the growth of the greenhouse industry has supported local economy, residents, businesses, etc., and has helped sustain this town’s value. I wouldn’t blame the farmers if they move future operations to more welcoming communities.

These accusations are unfounded and ridiculous. I know this council will determine with good insight, exactly where the proper locations are for these farmers to continue on their path.

They “DO” create local jobs. Administration, sales, truck drivers, warehouse labour, packing staff, and the list goes on. Snowballing to suppliers, repair and maintain equipment companies who employ locals. People need to ask questions before beating up on others. Does the author have the employee list? Do they write the paycheques?

The greenhouses ARE “Agricultural”. They are providing Food and now medicine. God forbid those in opposition get a critical disease and don’t have access to these healthy crops due to shortage.

We have a hand full of uninformed fear mongers going around painting our hard working, valuable residents with a horrible dark paint and that is not fair.

I have every trust in our Town Council that you will see the benefits and are quite capable of deciding where more greenhouses should and shouldn’t be placed.

Thank you and regards,

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