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Some of us have had the experience of having a brilliant idea too late. An idea that would have made a difference. I had that experience recently. I had gone to Gaiser Hall to listen to the testimony before the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council regarding the Tesoro Savage oil terminal plan. The idea that I had was, I wonder how many of the people who gave testimony against the proposed project voted for the legalizing of recreational marijuana? The spark that started this thought was the testimony of a red shirted speaker who I have seen in the past at Esther Short Park with a clipboard asking for signatures to bring this issue to the voters. I have talked to him on many occasions and am confident that he, along with the majority of voters in the state voted for the legalizing and the sale of marijuana. He was the eloquent speaker who stated in his speech that he is a science teacher. The moderator of the testimony asked that only hand signs be used to express approval or

disapproval of speakers testimony. This request was ignored on occasion when the testimony given was strongly approved as when. The red shirted science teacher's eloquent statement received a loud and boisterous applause. This led me to to the assumption that many people in the audience thought like him. I know that assumptions are often wrong! But my point is it appears to me that some people believe that smoking marijuana is an acceptable risk to your lungs and brain! An oil terminal is not?

I have heard that 99% of what we worry about never happens. I like this approach to life for the most part. The testimony by the red shirts at the hearing focused on the negative only. I do not believe that this is a healthy view of the risks we are all confronted with dally! I will never know how accurate my assumption is but I do know I will accept the risk of an oil terminal over the known risk of marijuana to lungs and brain. Possibly, those who cannot accept risk, should. I was going to suggest that they use marijuana to relax, but I cannot, nor will I, suggest the use of a known health hazard to lungs and brain! Risk of the unknown is something that we all have to deal with. Take off the red shirts and learn to relax, take a deep breath

of fresh air There is a lot of it!

A point of clarification is needed regarding my references to the redshirts. The anti progress people show up at these hearings dressed in red teeshirts. I am not sure why they chose the color red but I have a suspicion. I have been told several times by them that the teeshirts are made in America! I like that fact.