

File No.: 04-1000-20-2017-524

February 8, 2018

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of December 18, 2017 for:

Records relating to Development Permit Number DP-2017-00123 from October 5, 2016 to September 19, 2017:

1. Any documents received by the City of Vancouver regarding objections from neighbouring property owners; and
2. Any documents relating to the measuring of distances between 212 East Georgia Street and any School, Community Centre or Neighbourhood house.

For part one of your request, all responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download this section here:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

For part two of your request, Development Services confirmed the distances measured for the MMRU Evaluation as 270.58 metres to Carnegie Centre and 283.87 metres to Eden Medicinal.

Please note: as per our January 16, 2018 letter, the address of your request was amended from 212 W Georgia Street to 212 E Georgia Street to match the Development Permit number provided.

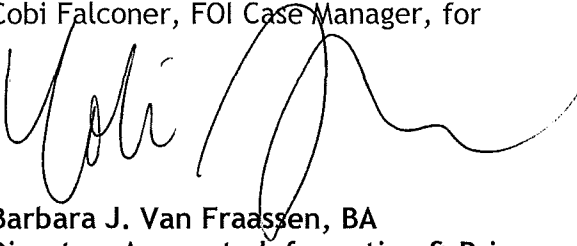
Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2017-524); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at foi@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Cobi Falconer, FOI Case Manager, for

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cobi Falconer', written over the typed name of the signatory.

Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA
Director, Access to Information & Privacy

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: The Green Room application at 212 East Georgia Street.
Date: Saturday, August 12, 2017 9:37:51 AM

Dear Mr. Pringle, If this application is illegal under the current laws around the sale of Marijuana products then I object and encourage the City to close down all the illegal pot shops in Vancouver.

Sincerely, s. 22(1)

From: [Nicole Porter](#)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: 212 East Georgia DP-2017-00123
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2017 12:11:22 PM

Hi Kyle,
Can you let me know where we can submit comments on this development application? There are a number of concerned residents in this area and I'm asking on their behalf. Thank you.

Nicole Porter
Wellness Consultant & Educator | CHNC, HWLC

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: DP-2017-00123 and DP-2017-00529
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2017 1:48:20 PM

Dear Mr. Pringle,

There is no need for more Medical Marijuana outlets in the Chinatown area. There are stores on Pender near Main, on Columbia between Hastings and Cordova, at the corner of Cordova and Carroll, and others. Too many outlets, parasitically living off the poor, mentally challenged, and foolish. There are only two liquor stores in the area, yet for some reason we need five or more Marijuana outlets.

These stores become eyesores with people camping near them, taking other drugs, leaving needles, defecating on the street.

These business establishments do not take responsibility for the disgusting mess on the block.they operate.

Recently, on Columbia at "The Farm" I saw a group of disgusted tourists stop and take pictures of the campers, a passed out street person who wet himself, and defecation on the curb. I was embarrassed for my city. I expect these pictures made the social networks - a negative connotation of the "Greenest City"

There is no need to for another outlet on East Georgia or Abbott street.

Regards,

s. 22(1)

P.S. If you need separate emails for these two development applications, I will be happy to send my concerns separately.

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: 212 East Georgia St. DP-2017-00123
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:03:41 PM

Hello Kyle,

Our property sits across from the current Café Brixton, and we applauded their presence in the neighbourhood, but the proposed Medical Marijuana shop does not belong on our street. There are businesses that have worked for many years to improve the area and to keep out the criminal elements. Families, visitors, shoppers make East Georgia a vibrant community, not to mention 221A, 222 and Centre A galleries which have become renowned in the art and culture scene.

Criminals follow where easy money comes into play; how can you say where the source of the MJ comes from, despite the legalisation. It could be money laundering, off loading onto a business despite the sincerity of their website. There could be more B and E's to sustain the habit and damage to private property.

In sum, Chinatown is a National Historic Site, and the property owners and businesses should not be have to put up with these MJ stores that DO NOT BELONG in the area.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [\[redacted\]](#); [janina metcalfe](#); [bob mccracken](#)
Subject: 212 East Georgia development application
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017 10:24:27 PM

Hi,

I just received the Notice of Development Application from you regarding changing 212 East Georgia Street from the existing restaurant to a pot shop.

I grow, smoke and eat pot. Almost all of my friends indulge in it as well. As one might surmise, I'm in favour of legalization and regulation of marijuana. But I am not in favour of a pot shop at this location. I live at s. 22(1) and my back door and parking garage is just s. 22(1) down the back alley from the front door of 212 East Georgia. EVERY single day, there is at least one or two or several people injecting whatever into themselves at the entrance to my parking garage and then laying down and twitching for however long. This habit is very prominent in the back alley behind my condo building and I feel sorry for the people that have got themselves into an addictive mess. Then there are the crack smokers, drunks, and mentally unstable all around the area too. A pot shop does not help any of these people. I would like the convenience of a liquor store close by, but I realize this is not a good area to put it in, so I travel over 10 blocks out of my way when I need to. Marijuana does not help most of these people to lead a better life--it probably does the opposite.

Why would the Director of Planning think that this misadventure in marijuana could be a good idea for the neighbourhood?! There are over 90 pot shops in Vancouver. We don't need to add another one in this area.

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: DP-2017-00123
Date: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:24:09 AM

Hi Kyle,

I am inquiring about Development permit application DP-2017-00123. We looked into the Vanmapp application the city provides and see this development permit application is within 270 meters of Carnegie Community Centre located at 401 Main Street.

Please can you answer the following 2 questions.

- 1) Is the map correct? The DP application is actually within 300 meters of a community centre.
- 2) If this is correct and the application does not comply with the city bylaws for MMRU, will this application be denied?

We appreciate your attention to this email. Depending on your answers we would like to comment further on this application.

Please respond at your earliest convenience.

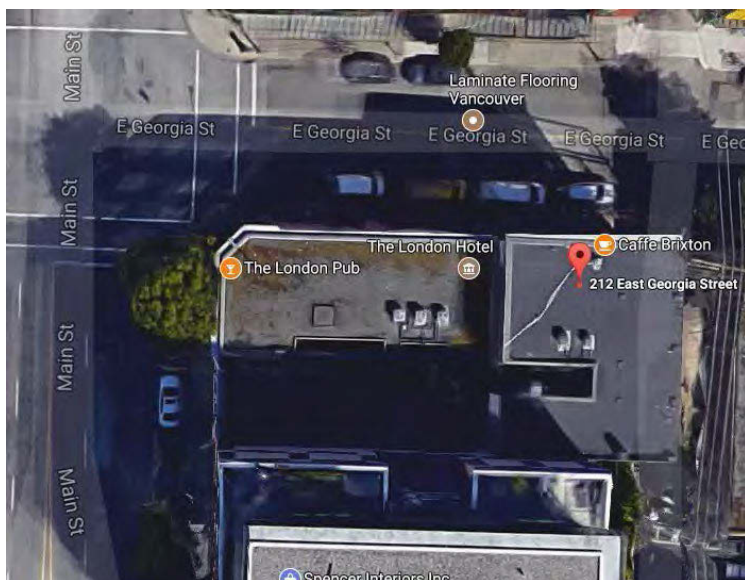
Thank You.

From: s. 22(1) on behalf of s. 22(1)
To: Pringle, Kyle
Cc: s. 22(1)
Subject: Re: Question on 212 E Georgia MMRU application
Date: Saturday, August 19, 2017 7:05:20 PM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2017-08-19 at 7:00:27 PM.png](#)

Hi Kyle,

The green is 208, not 212. The lot containing 212 is currently labelled as 211. 211 is the frontage of the London Pub, not the frontage of the current Caffè Brixton. Caffè Brixton's (212) frontage is E Georgia St only and it's also an entirely different building from 211's London Pub. Am I reading this wrong? Please see the Google Map screen shot below.

<https://www.google.ca/maps/place/212+E+Georgia+St,+Vancouver,+BC+V6A+1Z7/@49.2784474,-123.0995905,75m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x5486716ff94a2ba9:0x6026c4f4c7033a3d!8m2!3d49.278449!4d-123.0991955>



Thanks.

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On Fri, Aug 18, 2017 at 3:07 PM, Pringle, Kyle <Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi s. 22(1)

Thanks for writing in. 212 E Georgia St does have a frontage on Main St (see below).



Let me know if you have any further comments or questions.

Regards,

Kyle Pringle

Project Coordinator - Development Review Branch

Development Buildings and Licensing - City of Vancouver

West Annex at City Hall 515 West 10th Avenue
phone [\(604\)873-7088](tel:604873-7088)

email kyle.pringle@vancouver.ca

From: s. 22(1) [mailto:s. 22(1)] **On Behalf Of** s. 22(1)
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:07
To: Pringle, Kyle
Subject: Question on 212 E Georgia MMRU application

_____ Hi Kyle,

I have a question regarding the 212 E Georgia MMRU application. 212 E Georgia's property line does not touch Main St, so under the current MMRU bylaws, this would not be permitted. Am I correct?

The specific bylaw is 11.28.2(c)

A Medical Marijuana-related Use is not permitted:

(c) within the area outlined on Figure 1 below, except for sites with a property line on Hastings Street or Main Street;

<http://council.vancouver.ca/20150624/documents/ptecbylaws.pdf#page=13>

Thanks,

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From: "Executive Manager VCBA" <vcbia@vancouver-chinatown.com>

To: "Pringle, Kyle" <Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca>

Date: 8/21/2017 9:50:14 AM

Subject: Development Application to -212 East Georgia Street

Dear Mr. Kyle Pringle,

Please find attached a Letter of Opposition from Vancouver Chinatown BIA Society regarding the Development Application to 212 East Georgia Street for their Change of Use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana Related Use.

Vancouver Chinatown BIA Society

www.vancouver-chinatown.com

Tel: 604-632-3808

Fax: 604-632-3809

Address: 106 Keefer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.
V6A 1X4

The City allowing a facility for Medical Marijuana Related Use in Chinatown would be setting the neighbourhood back in its efforts to reestablish itself and is neither appropriate nor present any benefit to the community.

The City of Vancouver should be supporting the community's efforts in tandem with the City planning department by not allowing uses that will have a negative impact on the neighbourhood.

We strongly urge you to decline the Development Application at 212 East Georgia Street.

Yours truly,

VANCOUVER CHINATOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA SOCIETY



Albert Fok

cc: Mayor and Council

August 18, 2017

VIA E-MAIL

City of Vancouver
451 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Attention: Mr. Kyle Pringle, Project Coordinator

Dear Sir:

**Re: Development Application to -212 East Georgia Street
Change of Use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana Related Use**

We, the Vancouver Chinatown Business Improvement Area Society (VCBIA), are in opposition to the Development Application at 212 East Georgia Street for a change of use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana Related Use.

VCBIA mandate includes promoting, and developing the health and prosperity of Chinatown's business community. The implementation of this mandate is reinforced in the revitalization plan documented in the Chinatown Neighbourhood Plan (adopted by the City in 2012). This document took over a decade of community consultation with the City Planning Department. In summary, the VCBIA was a designated participant to implement the Chinatown Economic Revitalization Strategy Plan on the principle of Thriving Business District, Historic Neighbourhood Revitalization and Vibrant Public Spaces.

The reason for the need of a community revitalization plan was largely because the active drug market and the social issues plaguing Hastings Street were seriously affecting businesses in Chinatown and the community's health.

The specific concerns are:

1. Chinatown is designated a national historic site because it is distinct, of heritage significance and one of the original communities of the City. In particular, East Georgia Street is a major street in Chinatown with an active retail and residential community. A medical marijuana shop is inappropriate in this setting.
2. East Georgia Street is zoned retail corridor HA-1A, in keeping with its distinct heritage. The zoning bylaw, while allowing a variety of retail uses, states that a certain level of compatibility must be met. The neighbourhood's vision includes promoting a family oriented mixed income community in a pedestrian friendly environment. In addition, Chinatown is looking to reestablish its luster as a major tourist center in the City. The proposed use lends no compatibility to the neighbourhood's vision.
3. There are currently licensed and unlicensed marijuana dispensaries within a 15 minute walk from the subject site (The Dub, 138 East Pender Street, Limelight Medicinal, 326 East Hastings, The Healing Tree, 529 East Hastings, and The Medicinal Cannabis Dispensary, 880 East Hastings Street).

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Notice of Development Application: 212 East Georgia Street DP-2017-00123
Date: Monday, August 21, 2017 1:57:49 PM

RE: Notice of Development Application: 212 East Georgia Street DP-2017-00123

Hi Kyle,

I just wanted to share my comments about the development application at 212 East Georgia Street DP-2017-00123.

I believe that promoting medical marijuana facilities is of benefit to our city for more than one reason, however, I don't believe this area is suitable for this type of business. This neighbourhood is extremely vulnerable and I can't reconcile the benefit of this type of establishment in this particular location.

Thank you,

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Response to Development Application DP-2017-00123
Date: Monday, August 21, 2017 9:30:05 PM

Mr. Pringle,

Regarding the Notice of Development Application (DP-2017-00123) for change of use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana use- we strongly oppose this proposed development. We have been part of the Chinatown community for over 70 years and of late have seen aggressive gentrification efforts that we believe have not been in the best interests of Chinatown's core businesses and the people / families that make up the local community. This latest proposal to open a Marijuana dispensary, we believe, is contrary to the core values that are held by Chinatown residents and businesses.

Here are some of our reasons for holding this view:

- Proximity to elementary school (Lord Strathcona). Children will be walking by the storefront thus exposing them to drug paraphernalia and activities related to drug use. As the stigma and social barriers are lifted with greater proliferation of Marijuana use and related businesses, there would be a higher likelihood of these school age children trying Marijuana.
- As police raids of Marijuana dispensaries are happening with frequent regularity (due to illicit activity or non-compliance with existing laws), the frequent sight of police activity has the potential to negatively affect surrounding businesses, real estate values and public perception of Chinatown.
- With the aggressive gentrification development efforts, we are seeing Chinatown lose its core identity. With an average income of \$15,000, the residents of Chinatown don't need more high-end coffee shops, boutiques and yes, Marijuana dispensaries. They need services that connect with the low income Chinese seniors seeking cultural specific products.

We believe that putting this Marijuana dispensary in Chinatown does not align with the best interests for its businesses and local community – and we speak as representatives of both.

Thank you for your attention.

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From: S. [REDACTED]
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 1:49:51 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

1. The frontage of the dispensary is on E Georgia St in Chinatown, not Main St. This violates the intention of the bylaw that prohibits dispensaries in Chinatown so that vulnerable populations can be protected and the historic and cultural character of the area can be preserved. Putting a dispensary on E Georgia doesn't achieve those goals.
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3. Vancouver has become a wildwest of dispensaries - let's consider that impact.

Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 1:50:29 PM
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
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Thank you!

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
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Terrible Idea, Stop it now.

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:00:57 PM

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:04:21 PM

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If you pretend to protect and serve the City you represent, think about it for a minute: do you think there are marijuana dispensaries or sex shops in historical neighbourhoods in London, Paris or Rome? Please protect our City: this is why we have elected you !!!

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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

Sent from my iPhone

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:10:52 PM

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Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:11:03 PM

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:38:57 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Thank you, s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:40:53 PM

Dear Mr Pringle,

While it might seem a quick , logical and clever fix to locate marijuana dispensaries in what Planning seems to have deem a new dining district, i.e., get stoned, wander down the street to assuage those munchies, I urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

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In addition to the above, please consider how will this facility will effect nearby businesses such as Treasure Green Tea. This supplier is one of the block's traditional businesses and has served the Chinatown neighbourhood and community for over 30 years.

Chinatown is one of the epicentres of a decade of ill-conceived and unfortunate gentrification/densification. Both neighbourhood and community have strongly protested the manner in which Planning and Council's policies have played out, much of which is to the detriment of the local population. Can Council truly claim to be concerned about housing and affordability while following a policy that marginalises the local population and the businesses it relies on?

Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

Also, speaking against this proposal is not based in a moral judgement concerning the use of marijuana.

regards,

s. 22(1)

PS : below, a link to an essay of that should be of great interest when arriving at a decision. How Council would like to be viewed when the history of this city is

written? :

"[Richard Florida](#), one of the most influential thinkers about cities in postwar America, wants you to know that he got almost everything about cities wrong.

If you live in an urban center in North America, the United Kingdom, or Australia, you are living in Richard Florida's world. Fifteen years ago, he argued that an influx of what he called the "[creative classes](#)" — artists, hipsters, tech workers — were sparking economic growth in places like the Bay Area. Their tolerance, flexibility, and eccentricity dissolved the rigid structures of industrial production and replaced them with the kinds of workplaces and neighborhoods that attracted more young people and, importantly, more investment.

His observations quickly formed the basis of a set of breezy technical solutions. If decaying cities wanted to survive, they had to open cool bars, shabby-chic coffee shops, and art venues that attract young, educated, and tolerant residents.

Today, even Florida recognizes that he was wrong. The rise of the creative class in places like New York, London, and San Francisco created economic growth [only](#) for the already rich, displacing the poor and working classes. The problems that once plagued inner cities have [moved to the suburbs](#)."

<https://jacobinmag.com/2017/08/new-urban-crisis-review-richard-florida>

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:48:10 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

1. The frontage of the dispensary is on E Georgia St in Chinatown, not Main St. This violates the intention of the bylaw that prohibits dispensaries in Chinatown so that vulnerable populations can be protected and the historic and cultural character of the area can be preserved. Putting a dispensary on E Georgia doesn't achieve those goals.
2. A marijuana dispensary is not culturally appropriate to Chinatown. It will further erode Chinatown as a historically significant neighbourhood, especially on a street with some of the last critical affordable and culturally-appropriate green grocers in Chinatown. A dispensary on E Georgia will not fulfill the children, family and senior-friendly Chinatown Vision Directions for residents and tourists the City agreed to in 2002.

Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

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From: S.
To: Robertson, Gregor; Jang, Kerry; Kelley, Gil; Pringle, Kyle
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:04:34 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Yours truly,

s. 22(1)



Sent from my Samsung device

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:11:00 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

1. The frontage of the dispensary is on E Georgia St in Chinatown, not Main St. This violates the intention of the bylaw that prohibits dispensaries in Chinatown so that vulnerable populations can be protected and the historic and cultural character of the area can be preserved. Putting a dispensary on E Georgia doesn't achieve those goals.
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3. It's not medical. It's marijuana. culturally not appropriate. Being Chinese, it's viewed similar to opium. If they want medicinal natural medicine, I suggest some Chinese herbs which have a history of cures dating back thousands of years ago. This dispensary is not a store for the Chinese population living or visiting Chinatown.

It's an eyesore. Shame, if you are allowing this to happen.

Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:12:24 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

1. The frontage of the dispensary is on E Georgia St in Chinatown, not Main St. This violates the intention of the bylaw that prohibits dispensaries in Chinatown so that vulnerable populations can be protected and the historic and cultural character of the area can be preserved. Putting a dispensary on E Georgia doesn't achieve those goals.
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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

Actually, it's not fit for anywhere. How is it the City Hall is allowing an explosion of marijuana dispensaries throughout the city? Do you really think this is civic improvement? Where are these enterprises getting their marijuana from? Do you really think there is no relationship between the explosion in such sites and the gang wars in Surrey? Show some leadership!

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:26:05 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Sincerely,

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St.!
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:33:17 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Thank you,
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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:44:05 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

1. The frontage of the dispensary is on E Georgia St in Chinatown, not Main St. This violates the intention of the bylaw that prohibits dispensaries in Chinatown so that vulnerable populations can be protected and the historic and cultural character of the area can be preserved. Putting a dispensary on E Georgia doesn't achieve those goals.
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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

As I have written regarding earlier applications to change Chinatown, it is a precious cultural and historical jewel, which is day by day being eroded. This particular block of Georgia is one of the few left that actually has real Chinese stores on it. The Cafe Brixton was bad enough, as part of the yuppification of the neighbourhood, but a marijuana dispensary is even worse. I bought a house in this neighbourhood because I love it, my Chinese neighbours love it, and many of the Chinese seniors living in social housing in this neighbourhood not only love it but depend on the stores here.

Please reject this application.

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:45:53 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:52:56 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: 212 East Georgia Street - DP-2017-00123
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:54:15 PM

Re: 212 East Georgia Street - DP-2017-00123

I oppose this application to establish a marijuana dispensary in this location.

With location on East Georgia, this application appears to violate the intent of applicable bylaw, which I understand does NOT allow for dispensaries to be located in the Chinatown area. Furthermore, to allow this business in this location would appear to disrespect the 2002 vision directions for Chinatown. I know that Chinatown residents and advocates are deeply concerned about the potential impacts of this proposal, and I stand with them in opposition.

Sincerely,

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:04:53 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#); [Robert Orford](#); [eva grunfeld](#); [Teri Arcand](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:05:17 PM

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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown. I agree that there is no need for a marijuana shop in China town there are already too many pot shops throughout the city I favor the healthy option of green groceries.

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:06:15 PM

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:55:45 PM

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 5:44:24 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 5:58:19 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle:

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3. Currently drug users strolling on Main street is already a social problem by itself. Opening up another marijuana dispensary on E Georgia Street would lead more drug users to move from Main Street to the west side of Chinatown, thus further erode the safety and quality of living in Chinatown.

Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not fit for Chinatown.

Best regards
s. 22(1)

From: S.
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 6:14:06 PM

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I am also sick of a drug addicted society that keeps promoting use of drugs. Soon instead of driving drunk, addicts will be driving under the influence of marijuana and killing people while stoned.

Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 6:55:29 PM

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 7:36:01 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

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Please don't hasten the destruction of the historic Chinatown we love by allowing this dispensary at 212 E. Georgia. It may be legalized but there is plenty of evidence that pot is a gateway drug for young people, and turns them into underachievers.

Sincerely,

s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: DP-2017-00123
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 7:49:30 PM

Hi Kyle,

My family and I have lived in Chinatown area for 8 years now and we are very excited to see the development of the neighbourhood .

There are new buildings being built and lots of nice new restaurants and cafes around the area.

It has definitely cleaned up and is a lot better than what it used to be. I only see it getting better and better every year.

However, we believe that a marijuana dispensary is not the right business for the area. We would rather have a different type of business open up like a restaurant to attract people and so that Chinatown will continue to thrive.

Give another business the opportunity to open at this location.

I have spoken to many residents in the neighbourhood and they agree as well! We do not want another dispensary to open in our neighbourhood! We would like the City of Vancouver take our opinions into consideration and keep the residents happy.

Thank you,

s. 22(1)

From: S.
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 8:23:33 PM

I support this letter below. Sincerely, S. 22(1)

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle, I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons: 1. The frontage of the dispensary is on E Georgia St in Chinatown, not Main St. This violates the intention of the bylaw that prohibits dispensaries in Chinatown so that vulnerable populations can be protected and the historic and cultural character of the area can be preserved. Putting a dispensary on E Georgia doesn't achieve those goals. 2. A marijuana dispensary is not culturally appropriate to Chinatown. It will further erode Chinatown as a historically significant neighbourhood, especially on a street with some of the last critical affordable and culturally-appropriate green grocers in Chinatown. A dispensary on E Georgia will not fulfill the children, family and senior-friendly Chinatown Vision Directions for residents and tourists the City agreed to in 2002. Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 8:30:51 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I, as a local resident, am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

1. The frontage of the dispensary is on E Georgia St in Chinatown, not Main St. This violates the intention of the bylaw that prohibits dispensaries in Chinatown so that vulnerable populations can be protected and the historic and cultural character of the area can be preserved. Putting a dispensary on E Georgia doesn't achieve those goals.
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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Mayor and Council Correspondence](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: no marijuana shops in Chinatown - 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 9:20:27 PM

To whom it may concern,
I'm writing to say no to the marijuana dispensary application at 212 E Georgia Street, which falls within the Chinatown historic area. As such, it is not an appropriate location for such use, as it does not align with the Chinatown Vision Directions (2002) nor fulfill the Chinatown Neighbourhood Plan (2012).

East Georgia Street houses some of the last critical affordable and culturally-appropriate produce stores in Chinatown. It is also location of the Lore Krill Housing Co-op and several low-income housing developments (e.g. Arno Hotel), which represent vulnerable populations within the area that will not be served by a marijuana dispensary.

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A marijuana dispensary does not belong at 212 E Georgia nor anywhere within Chinatown as a recognized historic area. I have also been writing against the application and appeal at 138 E Pender, and will continue to write against any development application for a marijuana dispensary within Chinatown's boundaries.

Thank you for your attention. I urge you to reject the development application.

s. 22(1)

From: s.
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:00:38 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

1. The frontage of the dispensary is on E Georgia St in Chinatown, not Main St. This violates the intention of the bylaw that prohibits dispensaries in Chinatown so that vulnerable populations can be protected and the historic and cultural character of the area can be preserved. Putting a dispensary on E Georgia doesn't achieve those goals.
2. A marijuana dispensary is not culturally appropriate to Chinatown. It will further erode Chinatown as a historically significant neighbourhood, especially on a street with some of the last critical affordable and culturally-appropriate green grocers in Chinatown. A dispensary on E Georgia will not fulfill the children, family and senior-friendly Chinatown Vision Directions for residents and tourists the City agreed to in 2002.

Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

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Sent by cellphone

From: [Yee Society of Canada](#)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: application for a medical marijuana dispensary on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 11:23:24 PM

Dear Kyle Pringle,

This letter opposing the application for a **medical marijuana dispensary on [212 E Georgia St](#)** is from the Yee Fung Toy Society of Canada, a family association with a property just two buildings away at 226 E. Georgia St.

The Chairman and members of the board of our organization have instructed me to voice the following position to City Council for consideration.

1. The frontage of the dispensary is on E Georgia St, not Main St. Although this building is on the same lot as the building next door with a property line on Main St where dispensaries are allowed under the [bylaw](#), this application violates the intention of the bylaw. The City bylaw prohibits dispensaries in Chinatown so that vulnerable populations can be protected and the historic and cultural character of the area can be conserved. Putting a dispensary on E Georgia doesn't achieve those goals.
2. A marijuana dispensary is not culturally appropriate to Chinatown. It will further erode a historically significant neighbourhood, especially on a street with some of the last critical affordable and culturally-appropriate green grocers. It will not fulfill the children, family and senior-friendly [Chinatown Vision Directions](#) for residents and tourists the City agreed to in 2002.
3. Ongoing programming activities held at our building include weekly, monthly, semi-annual, and annual events for member groups such as Seniors, Women, and Youth, as well as for general members. We also plan to revive our Martial Arts and Chinese language classes for youth that we had held in our facilities on a weekly basis until a few years ago. It would not be highly appropriate to permit a medical marijuana dispensary so close to our building.

This is an unacceptable application that should not be approved.

Regards,
Jim Yee
Vice Chairman of the Board,
Yee Fung Toy Society of Canada
[226 E. Georgia St](#)
[Vancouver, BC](#)

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Green Room Dispensary
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:01:53 AM

My neighbour just informed me that a marijuana shop called The Green Room might open up in our neighbourhood. I am writing this letter to voice my concerns. First, there are a few marijuana shop near by already. If The Green Room does open, it would be another marijuana shop right in our community. Second, the neighbourhood is slowly becoming a safer one and I am concerned about safety. Third, I believe there is enough dispensaries in the city as there are so many already open. I am not sure how you decide if another one should be open or not but please hear our concerns and keep us in mind. Thank you.

Best regards,

s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:16:43 AM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

1. The frontage of the dispensary is on E Georgia St in Chinatown, not Main St. This violates the intention of the bylaw that prohibits dispensaries in Chinatown so that vulnerable populations can be protected and the historic and cultural character of the area can be preserved. Putting a dispensary on E Georgia doesn't achieve those goals.
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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:26:04 AM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

Sent from my iPhone

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:32:29 AM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Sent from my iPad

From: [Jordan <jordaneng@telus.net>](mailto:jordaneng@telus.net)

To: ["Pringle, Kyle" <Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca)

Date: 8/23/2017 11:45:16 AM

Subject: Notice of Development Application -212 East Georgia Street -Letters of Opposition

Attachments: Letter of Opposition-212 E Georgia DP App-Pacific Crown-Aug 23-17.pdf

Letter of Opposition-212 E Georgia DP App-Success Realty-Aug 23-17.pdf

Please find attached letters from Success Realty & Insurance Ltd. and Pacific Crown Investment Corp. opposing the Development Application for change of use to Marijuana Related use at subject location.

Would you confirm receipt.

Thank you,

Jordan Eng

SUCCESS REALTY & INSURANCE LTD.

145 Keefer Street
Van, BC V6A 1X3
cel (604) 728-0883
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August 22, 2017

VIA E-MAIL

City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Attention: Mr. Kyle Pringle, Project Coordinator

Dear Sir:

**Re: Development Application to -212 East Georgia Street
Change of Use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana Related Uses**

I am writing to express my opposition to the Development Application at 212 East Georgia Street for a change of use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana.

I have been a business and property owner in the Downtown Eastside and Chinatown since the late 1970s. I have personally experienced how the unstoppable social disorder from mental illness and drug addiction has led to the decline of the neighbourhood.

I currently own four commercial buildings in Chinatown which house approximately 35 businesses and employ about two hundred people. The business owners all share the same sentiment as I that Chinatown is a jewel in the City and that the application for a marijuana related operation is not welcomed.

In particular, our concerns are:

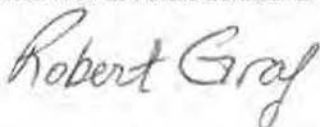
1. The Chinese community has suffered long enough from the effects of the Hastings Street drug market and the City's goal should be to promote policies that bring new life to Chinatown and build a healthy environment to live and work.
2. Chinatown is a major tourist attraction in the City and a designated a national historic site because of its distinct heritage significance. East Georgia Street is a major street in Chinatown with an active retail and residential community. A medical marijuana shop is inappropriate in this setting.
3. East Georgia Street is zoned retail corridor HA-1A, in keeping with its distinct heritage. The zoning bylaw while allowing a variety of retail uses, states that a certain level of compatibility must be met. The neighbourhood's vision includes promoting a family oriented mixed income community in a pedestrian friendly environment. In addition, Chinatown is looking to reestablish its luster as a major tourist center in the City. The proposed use lends no compatibility to the neighbourhood's vision.
4. There area is already well served by legal and illegal marijuana dispensaries within blocks of 212 East Georgia Street.

We strongly urge you to decline the Development Application at 212 East Georgia Street.

Yours very truly,

PACIFIC CROWN INVESTMENT CORP.

Robert Graf



August 22, 2017

VIA E-MAIL

City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Attention: Mr. Kyle Pringle, Project Coordinator

Dear Sir:

**Re: Development Application to -212 East Georgia Street
Change of Use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana**

We write to express our opposition to the Development Application at 212 East Georgia Street for a change of use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana.

Success Realty & Insurance Ltd. has been a property and business owner in Chinatown since 1959. Since the early 1980s we have seen a steady decline in our once vibrant and safe neighbourhood coinciding with the increase of social disorder in the area resulting from mental illness and drug addiction.

The community has been struggling through a decade long revitalization program initiated by the City and supported by the business, cultural and historic organizations of Chinatown. The goal has been to bring new life to Chinatown and build a healthy environment to live and work.

The specific concerns are:

1. Chinatown is a major tourist attraction in the City and a designated a national historic site because of its distinct heritage significance. East Georgia Street is a major shopping street in Chinatown with an active retail and residential community. A medical marijuana shop is inappropriate in this setting.
2. East Georgia Street is zoned retail corridor HA-1A, in keeping with its distinct heritage. The zoning bylaw while allowing a variety of retail uses, states that a certain level of compatibility must be met. The neighbourhood's vision includes promoting a family oriented mixed income community in a pedestrian friendly environment. In addition, Chinatown is looking to reestablish its luster as a major tourist center in the City. The proposed use lends no compatibility to the neighbourhood's vision.
3. There are currently licensed and unlicensed marijuana dispensaries within a 15 minute walk from the subject site (The Dub, 138 East Pender Street, Limelight Medicinal, 326 East Hastings, The Healing Tree, 529 East Hastings, and The Medicinal Cannabis Dispensary, 880 East Hastings Street).

The City allowing Medical Marijuana related uses in Chinatown would be setting the neighbourhood back in its efforts to reestablish itself and is in no way appropriate or compatible with the community's vision.

Success Realty & Insurance Ltd.

MEMBER OF VANCOUVER REAL ESTATE BOARD
SUCCESS PROJECTIONS LTD.

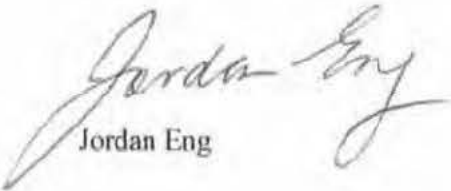
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BUILDING &
DEVELOPMENTS

We strongly urge you to decline the Development Application at 212 East Georgia Street.

Yours truly,

SUCCESS REALTY & INSURANCE LTD.


Jordan Eng

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 1:12:45 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St.

A marijuana dispensary is not culturally appropriate to Chinatown. It will further erode Chinatown as a historically significant neighbourhood, especially on a street with some of the last critical affordable and culturally-appropriate green grocers in Chinatown. A dispensary on E Georgia will not contribute to reviving Chinatown as senior-friendly and family-oriented neighbourhood that the community wants to see in such a significant historical sites in Canada.

Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia Street.

A green grocer, yes. But NOT a "Green Room"!

Sincerely

s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 1:18:44 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to ask that you reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St.

There are cultural and historical arguments against putting a dispensary into this location, given its proximity to Chinatown.

More broadly, please be cautious in permitting dispensaries in the City. Accept some applications. Be comfortable rejecting others.

Let's move slowly for the first few years with dispensaries. Let's learn what works.

Thank you,

s. 22(1)



From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 2:42:19 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:01:39 PM

Subject: **Marijuana Shop in Chinatown, 212 E Georgia St**

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the above marijuana dispensary application. It should **not be approved** given **location and cultural sensitivity of the neighbourhood**. This should be fairly clear yet we have to write and formally disapprove of this application. Frankly marijuana should be sold at the BC Liquor Store and not under the ruse of medical marijuana stores which is a farce. Either way this location should not be for such an enterprise. By way of example, currently **138 E Pender's** marijuana dispensary is **operating without a licence** and the city has yet to enforce it given manpower shortages, it is operating illegally, (it's application was refused by the development permit board). It appears that the city is letting these operations run without permits !

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From: s. 22(1) on behalf of s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Dispensary in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:14:28 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St as it is not a fit for Chinatown.

Regards,
s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Opposed to 212 East Georgia Street - DP-2017-00123
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:41:21 PM

Hello Kyle Pringle,

I am a Vancouver resident for the past ten years and have frequented the Chinatown area for work, business and community events during the last 10 years. I understand that Medical Marijuana Related businesses are inevitable part of our changing city and I do not oppose them generally speaking but I DO OPPOSE the application for 212 East Georgia Street.

I am writing to oppose the application for Green Room Society to change the use of this existing commercial unit from "Caffe Brixton" to Class 1 to Medical Marijuana Related Use for location 212 East Georgia Street, Vancouver.

Currently, applications are only allowed to operate in commercial zones and at least 300 metres from Schools, Community Centres and Neighbourhood Houses according to the COV Regulations for medical marijuana ([By Law No. 4450](#))

The basis of this opposition is that this specific location is LESS than 300 metres to organizations that provide education and community programs --- similar to Schools, Community Centres and Neighbourhood Houses.

212 East Georgia is exactly 280 metres from the Chinatown Memorial Plaza, a public space for community programs

212 East Georgia is exactly 120 metres from UBC Learning Exchange, which is a school, education facility operated by UBC

212 East Georgia is exactly 94 metres from Access Gallery, with free public and education programs

212 East Georgia is exactly 48 metres from Centre A Gallery (free public gallery for Contemporary Asian Art) with free public and education programs

212 East Georgia is exactly 24 metres from 221a Gallery, with free public and education programs

The opposition is that these facilities are schools (or act like schools by providing free education programming) and provide a safe space for community. And a Medical Marijuana Related business should not be allowed 300 metres from these facilities.

Please do not allow Green Room Society to bring Medical Marijuana Related Business near these facilities because it will be deemed illegal according to the COV regulations.

Thank you for your time.

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s. 22(1)

From: [VCMA <vcmacanada@gmail.com>](mailto:vcmacanada@gmail.com)

To: ["Pringle, Kyle" <Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca)

["Mayor and Council Correspondence" <mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca>](mailto:mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca)

Date: 8/23/2017 2:44:59 PM

Subject: Re: Development Application to - 212 East Georgia Street

Attachments: 2017.8.23 Letter to oppose Marijuana Store at 212 E. Georgia .pdf

Dear Kyle, Mayor & Council,

Attached please find the letter sent from the Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association to oppose the Development Application for the "Change of Use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana Related Use" at 212 East Georgia Street. Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Best regards,

Daniel Ho
VCMA Office Manager



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Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association

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August 23, 2017

City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4

Attention: Mr. Kyle Pringle, Project Coordinator

Re: Development Application to - 212 East Georgia Street
Change of Use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana Related Use

Dear Mr. Pringle:

The Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association (VCMA) does **NOT** support the Development Application at 212 East Georgia Street for a change of use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana.

The VCMA is an advocacy organization representing more than 100 independent, traditional Chinatown businesses. These businesses are the core of the “Chinatown Character” of our National Historic Site.

For years, our members have struggled with the decades long flight to the suburbs and the state of siege from the open-air drug market in our neighbourhood. We are seeing signs of a slow revitalization with increased investment in a broad range of housing forms and renewed interest in setting up shop in Chinatown. A medical marijuana will hurt the fragile recovery of our business community.

In solidarity with our neighbours in the Downtown Eastside, our members have cautiously supported the many harm reduction strategies and social support organizations in Chinatown and the surrounding communities. However, we do not support the proliferation of the licensed and unlicensed marijuana outlet here.

The VCMA have been great supporters of the Chinatown Neighbourhood Plan and the Chinatown Economic Revitalization Strategy. It is this spirit that the VCMA urges the City of Vancouver to reject this Development Permit Application for 212 East Georgia Street to allow a change of use to a Medical Marijuana business.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Willie Chan'.

Willie Chan,
President, Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association

cc. Mayor and Council

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:50:54 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

s. 22(1)



From: ["Carol Lee" <calee@linacare.com>](mailto:calee@linacare.com)

To: ["Pringle, Kyle" <Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca)

Date: 8/23/2017 3:35:28 PM

Subject: Development Application for 212 East Georgia Street - Change of Use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana Related Use

Attachments: VCRC Letter Re Marijuana Use Permit 170823.pdf

As per attached.

August 23, 2017

Mr. Kyle Pringle, Project Coordinator
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 1V4



**Re: Development Application for 212 East Georgia Street
Change of Use from Restaurant to Medical Marijuana Related Use**

Dear Mr. Pringle,

The Vancouver Chinatown Revitalization Committee (VCRC) wishes to express their strong opposition to the Development Permit Application to change the use of 212 East Georgia Street from Restaurant use to Medical Marijuana-related.

212 East Georgia Street is located in Vancouver's Chinatown neighbourhood, a historic area zoned HA-1A to protect its unique cultural heritage. It is not only disrespectful, but completely inappropriate, to allow medical marijuana related businesses to operate within this culturally sensitive and important neighbourhood. Chinatown's roots lie in businesses and services that cater to working class families, children and seniors. Permitting a medical marijuana business in an area that has already been negatively impacted by the social problems of the Downtown Eastside over the past few decades is an insult to this community. Moreover, community centres, elementary schools, language schools, and other after-school or weekend programs for kids are abundant in this neighbourhood.

Thousands of people visit Chinatown to learn about the remarkable history of Chinatown - a story of discrimination and racism, but also hope and resilience. As an endangered National Historic Site and a global tourist attraction, visitors come to Chinatown and expect to see unique businesses that reflect this history. Already Chinatown has lost so many retail uses to businesses that no longer support this expectation. Approving this permit will be a huge setback in our mission to revitalize the neighbourhood. We must seriously consider the impact of the introduction of inappropriate uses to a fragile neighbourhood on the brink of being destroyed.

We seek the City of Vancouver's support of our community by not permitting uses that are completely inconsistent with the historic and cultural heritage of the neighbourhood.

We hope the City will help us protect Chinatown by not allowing the Development Permit Application 212 East Georgia Street.

Sincerely,

Carol Lee,
Chair

Cc: Mayor and Council

From: s. 22(1) on behalf of s. 22(1)
To: s. 22(1)
Cc: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Re: Reject Marijuana Dispensary in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:42:14 PM

Hello,

One more comment: There is a school, UBC Learning Exchange, that is less than 300m away from the marijuana application on 212 E Georgia. This contravenes city policy for MMRUs.

Regards,
s. 22(1)

On Wednesday, August 23, 2017, s. 22(1) <s. 22(1)> wrote:
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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St as it is not a fit for Chinatown.

Regards,
s. 22(1)

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: I object to any Marijuana Dispensary in Chinatown
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:47:34 PM

Dear Sirs,

I object to any Marijuana Dispensary in Chinatown, because it is obviously culturally incompatible.

Chinese have made use of the Marijuana plants to construct ropes, sacks, cloth(good material for hot weather) but not for recreational drug.

Namely:1 The new application on 212 E Georgia St where the store front will be on E Georgia St.;

2 The (no license) shop at 138 E Pender St.

We at the Chinatown Concern Group wants no Marijuana related business in Chinatown. With the homeless, drug sellers/users, mentally disable and illegal street paddlers on E Hastings, it degrades the security and business in Chinatown.

Instead of revitalization, CRAP.....STOP the INVASION of marijuana and any culturally incompatble business in the name of multiculturalizing, which works to dilute and eventually replace the culture of Chinatown!

Hurry and move the ugly scene on E Hastings to a more appropriate location!

Thanks.

s. 22(1)



From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 5:09:00 PM

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Thank you.

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Re: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 5:52:18 PM

Thank you, your help is much appreciated.

At present, there are already two marijuana shops on the same 100s block Penders, and these two are also not fit for the historical Chinatown.

Thanks again,
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From: Pringle, Kyle <Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca>
Sent: August 23, 2017 7:53 AM
To: s. 22(1)
Subject: RE: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St

Hi s. 22(1)

Thank you for sending comments. I will present them to the Director of Planning when we meet to determine if this application should be approved or refused.

Regards,

Kyle Pringle
Project Coordinator - Development Review Branch
Development, Buildings, and Licensing - City of Vancouver
West Annex at City Hall, 515 West 10th Avenue
phone (604)873-7088
email kyle.pringle@vancouver.ca

From: s. 22(1) [mailto:s. 22(1)]
Sent: T u g u s t 22, 2017 4:56 PM
To: Robertson, Gregor; Jang, Kerry; Kelley, Gil; Pringle, Kyle
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St

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Sincerely,

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 5:56:52 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 6:00:42 PM
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

I am writing to urge you to reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St for the following reasons:

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I and many families live on this street. We can barely sleep at night with the noise from the bars and now this. Not acceptable.

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From: "Mark S." ^{s. 22(1)}

To: "Pringle, Kyle" <Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca>

Date: 8/23/2017 7:29:50 PM

Subject: Oppose 212 E Georgia Street DP-2017-00123 Medical Marijuana

Attachments: 170823_FAT_LtrRe212EGeorgia_v1.pdf

Dear Kyle,

I attach a letter of opposition regarding the application at 212 E Georgia Street for your and staff's consideration.

Thank you,
Mark Shieh

Fat Mao Kitchen Inc.
Attn: Angus An and Mark Shieh
217 East Georgia Street
Vancouver, BC V6A 1Z6

August 23, 2017

VIA EMAIL kyle.pringle@vancouver.ca

City of Vancouver
Attn: Kyle Pringle
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mr. Pringle:

Re: Oppose 212 E Georgia Street DP-2017-00123 Medical Marijuana

We are the co-owners of Fat Mao restaurant at 217 E Georgia Street. We are writing to oppose the application to change the use at 212 E Georgia Street from Restaurant Class 1 to Medical Marijuana Related Use.


Regarding this application, we understand that there are positive uses of medical marijuana. However, we do not believe a medical marijuana dispensary is compatible with this block of Georgia Street in Chinatown.

Chinatown Neighbourhood Plan (2012) articulates the importance of culture and heritage: “Vancouver’s Chinatown is a valued cultural and heritage resource. The neighbourhood has an opportunity to become a regional—even global—destination where people can experience Chinatown’s culture and heritage...” More specifically, the 200 block of East Georgia is emerging as one of Vancouver’s most interesting streets in terms of a healthy kind of mix that strengthens the Chinatown context. Heritage expert John Atkins, in a Vancouver Sun article, describes this block: “You’ve got everything that new urbanists strive for. You have your interesting and quirky restaurants; you have existing kind-of-cool Chinese vegetable retailers; you’ve got your tea shop; you’ve got art galleries; you’ve got your dentist’s (office).”^{*} In this context, a marijuana dispensary is not a complementary use.

This short block is special in Chinatown. It’s bounded by Main Street to the west and by Gore Avenue to the east—a unique condition created by the first Georgia Viaduct and Maclean Park social housing project built in the 1960s. Today, an ecosystem of commercial, social, and residential uses that bridges “old” and “new” in a way that

respects the Chinatown context is emerging here. We respectfully ask the City to decline this application because a marijuana dispensary will disrupt and weaken this ecosystem.

Thank you for inviting community's comments.


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Mark Shieh

* Source: <http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/old-and-new-chinatown-meet-in-the-200-block-of-east-georgia>

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: 212 E Georgia Street - Development Application
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:50:25 PM

Hi Kyle,

My name is s. 22(1) and I reside at s. 22(1). My family has lived and worked in Chinatown for several generations. I'm writing regarding the Green Room Society's application for 212 E Georgia. I am strongly opposed to the introduction of a medical marijuana business into the neighbourhood. It is not keeping with the history or feel of the Chinatown community. I would hope that as part of the efforts of the various groups working for Chinatown revitalization, businesses that are more in alignment with the community could be supported.

Best regards,

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:37:33 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Please reject the marijuana dispensary application on 212 E Georgia St. It's not a fit for Chinatown.

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Sent from my Galaxy Tab A (2016)

From: s. 22(1)
To: [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Cc: [Kelley, Gil](#)
Subject: 212 East Georgia Street - DP-2017-00123
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 12:38:27 AM

Attention: Kyle Pringle, Project Coordinator

I am writing to express my objection to the captioned application for the following reasons:

1. The subject site is located along one of the major thoroughfares running through Vancouver's Chinatown, a designated National Historic Site. The proposed Medical Marijuana Related Use is highly incompatible with the surrounding cultural landscape, including historic Chinese clan association/society buildings (Yee Fung Toy Society of Canada at 222-226 East Georgia Street), traditional Chinese businesses and green grocers serving the local community, and a number of housing developments. It does not comply with the zoning intent of the HA-1A district to accommodate a range of uses in which reasonable concerns for compatibility are met.

2. The application does not comply with the regulations for medical marijuana-related businesses as outlined below:

- The Chinatown Historic Area (comprising the HA-1 and HA-1A zones) is not a commercial zone, but a diverse mixed use cultural landscape that contained 726 dwelling units and accommodated 1,123 persons according to the 2016 Census. Along the 200-block East Georgia Street alone, there are at least 3 Single Room Accommodations (SRAs), some housing vulnerable individuals, a housing co-op and some market housing. Further to the north along Keefer and East Pender Streets are several more SRAs.
- The following sensitive uses can be found within 300 m from the subject site:
 - Carnegie Community Centre, 401 Main Street (a community centre frequented by many at risk persons, including youths)
 - UBC Learning Exchange, 612 Main Street (a school and centre mainly serving new immigrants)
 - A number of educational, cultural and social facilities catering to mostly Chinese school-aged children and youth (Chinese language classes, art and dance classes, martial arts classes, etc) that are open 7 days a week and within the business hours of the proposed marijuana business
 - Another marijuana-related business at 138 East Pender Street (this business has been operating illegally and without a permit for more than a year at this location, and was refused a development permit in April 2017)

but is pending an appeal by the appellant)

3. The proposed use does not comply with the following policies and guidelines:

- Chinatown Neighbourhood Plan – Medical marijuana-related uses do not enhance the character and cultural uniqueness of Chinatown, unlike an herbal shop or traditional Chinese medicine practitioner.
- Chinatown HA-1A Design Guidelines – The use is located within a heritage building and does not respect widely adopted and common conservation principles, especially for adaptive re-use, as set out in the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places*.
- Chinatown Vision Directions – The proposed use does not provide a sense of public safety and security or encourage positive street activities that serve the needs of residents, youth and visitors. The area is already littered with used needles and other drug paraphernalia.

4. The area is already within a high risk area for vulnerable members of our society, including those with substance abuse and mental health issues, single women with or without children and other marginalized communities. The addition of a medical marijuana-related use to the neighborhood would not help this population, but rather create more challenges and hindrances to support them.

5. Finally, as Chair of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee, a City-appointed Advisory Body, I find it extremely disappointing that this Development Permit Application had not been forwarded to the committee for comments, particularly as Sec. 3.1 (b) of the HA-1A District Schedule states that consideration of Conditional Approval Uses should consider and include the submission of any advisory group, property owner or tenant.

As a Conditional Approval Use that does not comply with the intent of the HA-1A District Schedule, the applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council or have support of the surrounding business owners and tenants or the Chinatown community at large, I respectfully request that the Director of Planning reject this application for a medical marijuana-related use in the Chinatown Historic Area.

Regards,

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From: s. 22(1)
To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:59:54 AM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 1:02:42 PM

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To: [Robertson, Gregor](#); [Jang, Kerry](#); [Kelley, Gil](#); [Pringle, Kyle](#)
Subject: Reject Marijuana Shop in Chinatown on 212 E Georgia St
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 8:46:05 PM

Dear Mayor Robertson, Councillor Jang, Mr Kelley and Mr Pringle,

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Seriously,

Enough

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Sent from my iPhone

From: ["Chinese Freemasons Vancouver" <chinesefreemasonsvancouver@gmail.com>](mailto:chinesefreemasonsvancouver@gmail.com)

To: ["Pringle, Kyle" <Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Kyle.Pringle@vancouver.ca)

Date: 9/4/2017 8:30:35 PM

Subject: DP-2017-00123 212 E. Georgia St.

Attachments: CF letter 201708 - 212 E Georgia.docx

Please find attached letter by the Chinese Freemasons of Vancouver regarding the application for a marijuana stop on 212 E. Georgia. We understand we've missed the deadline, we would very much appreciate if our comments will still be considered.

Thank you very much.

Best ,

Chinese Freemasons Vancouver

洪門民治黨溫哥華支部

116 E. Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1T3

chinesefreemasonsvancouver@gmail.com

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

RE: DP-2017-00123 212 E. Georgia

We are writing to express our absolute objection to the application of the Green Room Society to set up a marijuana shop on 212 E. Georgia. We strongly urge the city follow its own zoning bylaw on medical marijuana-related use.

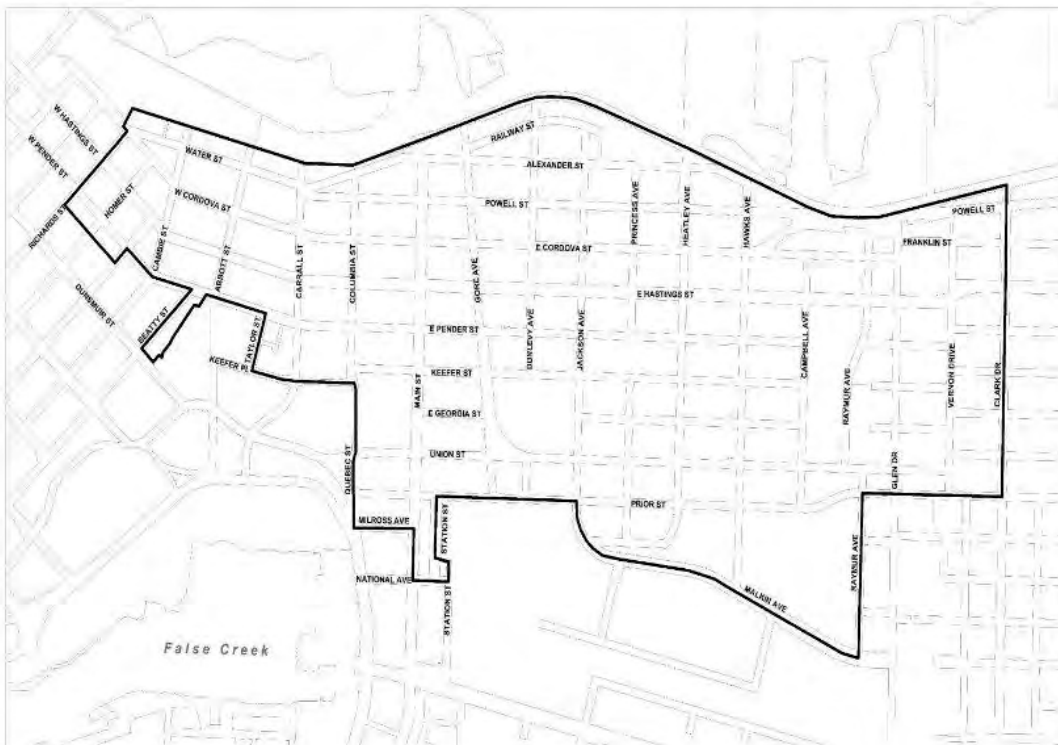
Here are our arguments:

(1). According to the City's Zoning District Plan Amendment in 2015 that amends the Zoning and Development By-law No.3575:

11.28.2 A Medical Marijuana-related Use is not permitted:

(c) within the area outlined on Figure 1 below, except for sites with a property line on Hastings Street or Main Street

Figure 1



This bylaw is **UNEQUIVOCALLY** clear about where the boundaries of prohibition of setting up pot shops are. A boundary is a boundary is a boundary. Rejection of

setting up ANY pot shops should be AUTOMATIC. The city should follow its own bylaw.

(2). According to the city's website, the application process for a medical marijuana-related business licence contains three steps:

Each application must:

- 1. Find a business location that meets all City zoning requirements*
- 2. Obtain a development permit*
- 3. Obtain a business licence*

The location on 212 E. Georgia hasn't even met the first criteria. The city should AUTOMATICALLY reject the application, rather than soliciting comments from neighbours.

We urge the city to diligently reject the application. We also want the city to follow its own bylaws. It is very clear that marijuana shops are not welcome in Chinatown. We are determined to fight it!

Sincerely,

Chinese Freemasons of Vancouver

MEMORANDUM

September 12, 2017

TO: Director of Planning

FROM: [sign]SigningUserName

SUBJECT: **212 East Georgia Street**
Development Application Number DP-2017-00123

Following a detailed review of the above noted application, I recommend **REFUSAL** for the following reasons:

- Non-compliance - Regulations; the proposed development does not comply with the regulations of the Zoning and Development By-law that affect the site, in particular Section 11.28.2(b);
- Objections Received; objections have been received from neighbouring property owners;

Project Description

Including Letter of Operation submitted by Caz Holland DBA, Green Room Society stamped "RECEIVED" by this department on July 31, 2017, to provide interior alterations and change of use of approximately 1,300 sq. ft. from Restaurant Class 1 to Medical Marijuana-Related Use at this existing commercial building for a limited period of time, expiring XXXXXX, XX, 201X, unless extended in writing by the Director of Planning.

Summary

This location is within 300 m of Carnegie Community Centre, and it is therefore non-compliant with Section 11.28.2(b) of the Zoning & Development Bylaw. This provision is not relaxable, and it alone is grounds for refusal.

Technical Summary

The proposed change of use is for approximately 1300 sq. ft., and, per Section 4.3.4 of the Parking Bylaw, no parking changes are required (the change is from an Active to an Active use).

Notification

A site sign was installed facing East Georgia St, and postcards were sent to 809 neighbours. We received 74 responses with one in support and the rest opposed. The reasons for opposition were:

- Use is unsatisfactory in Chinatown, especially given the proximity to the Downtown Eastside;
- There are too many MMRUs operating already;
- MMRUs are not culturally appropriate in Chinatown.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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[sign]SigningUserName

[sign]SigningUserEmailAddress

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Evaluate Potential MMRU

Number: Street Name:

Address Queried: 212 E Georgia St

Results:

Zone: HA-1A, in the permitted zone

Failed Buffering From Sensitive Use Sites

Layer	Site Name	Site Address	Distance (m)
Community Centres	Carnegie Centre	401 Main St	279.56

Failed Buffering From Approved/In-Stream MMRU Sites

Layer	Site ID	Site Name	Site Address	Distance (m)
In-Stream Tentative	DP-2017-00220	Green Room	208 E GEORGIA ST	0.00
In-Stream Tentative	DP-2017-00654	Eden Medicinal	146 E HASTINGS ST	283.87

