

File No.: 04-1000-20-2018-129

March 23, 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 March 7, 2018 for:

**Letters of opposition from the neighbourhood notification process related to DP application for 208 (210) East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

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](mailto: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 (#04-1000-20-2018-129); 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](mailto:foi@vancouver.ca) if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



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**Director, Access to Information & Privacy**

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## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 12:34 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** Development application DE420163

Dear Mr. Freeman;

I am most definitely NOT in favour of this application for the reason that there are 2 other dispensaries within 100 metres: one right across the street and one on Main St. And 16th Ave. How can this application even be considered when it violates what I believed were density regulations of such dispensaries? I would like it to be clear that I do not oppose the retailing of medical marijuana at all, but I do think there should be some limits as to how many exist in such a small radius.

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Sent from my iPhone

## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 1:22 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** 210 East 16th Avenue

Dear John,

I'm emailing today to voice my concern regarding development application DE420163.

I oppose changing the use to a medical marijuana related retail store. I'm not sure if anyone from your office has taken the time to visit this location but if you do, you will see that there is a marijuana store located DIRECTLY across East 16th Avenue from this location and another one on Main Street, which you can also see if you are standing in front of this property at 210 East 16th Avenue.

I don't believe that the residents in this area require that many stores in such close proximity nor do I believe it should be allowed (if it even is).

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I look forward to hearing the outcome.

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## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:22 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Cc:** s.22(1)  
**Subject:** Medical Marijuana Submissions

Hi John,

I've recently received notices from your office of applications for Medical Marijuana facilities at:

1. 210 East 16<sup>th</sup> (around the corner from a building I own at s.22(1) and
2. Main and 27<sup>th</sup> (around the corner from where I've lived with my family for 16 years).

I oppose both facilities as we live in a productive, family neighbourhood that doesn't require these facilities. On Main Street from SW. Marine to Coal Harbour there is a single liquor store. I think a similar model would work for Marijuana.

Best regards,

s.22(1)

**Freeman, John**

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 3:13 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** Development Application No. DE420163

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Mr. Freeman,

I write in regard to the current development application to change the use of 210 East 16th Avenue from retail to 'medical' marijuana-related use.

I oppose this application given its proximity to Teaswamp Park and Playground, not to mention the fact that one of these dispensaries already exists one block west at the corner of Main Street and 16th Avenue.

While not generally opposed to the legalization of marijuana for the purposes of taxation, I do not wish to expose kids to the trafficking that would occur a stone's throw from their swing set.

Please consider my opposition to this particular application when making your decision.

Regards,

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## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 10:08 AM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** 208 East 16th Ave

Hello Mr. Freeman,

This is regarding having another Medical Marijuana store in our neighbourhood - I totally believe there is enough around as we have 2 already and have elementary schools only 4 blocks away going west and about 6 blocks going south. Our neighbourhood has many issues so having another marijuana store would not be fair to our neighbourhood.

Thank you - so if we do get to vote we have 4 people in our household and we all vote NO!

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**Freeman, John**

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**From:** Kevin Krause s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 9:34 AM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** Development Application NO. DE420163 // 210 East 16th Ave

To Whom it concerns,

Please be advised that the owners of the Newport Apartments located at 160 East 16th Ave do not wish to see Medical Marijuana - Related use at the commercial building mentioned in the heading.

Sincerely,

Kevin Krause  
Property Manager  
Newport Apartments

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## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 9:32 AM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** Development Application No. DE420163

I am writing to express my views on Development Application No. DE420163 (210 E. 16th Avenue).

I live in s.22(1) and I am against having a Medical Marijuana Related-Use business in s.22(1). I feel strongly that any legal and approved businesses of this nature (alcohol, marijuana, etc.) should be in commercial-only facilities, not buildings containing majority residential and that are located one block from a preschool and two blocks from an elementary school.

Thank you,  
s.22(1)  
Vancouver, BC

## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 7:49 AM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** development application no. DE420163

I have received the notification regarding the development application for 210 East 16th. I am unsure why we need another 'pot shop' on this corner. There is one directly across the street and one kitty corner on Main at 16th. All just a couple of blocks from an elementary school on 16th. I do not disagree with the concepts of these 'clinics' but do not believe that this overabundance of them reflects the fact that this neighbourhood is family oriented with many young children.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 8:44 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** RE: Development Application No DE420163

Dear Mr Freeman

I am writing with respect to the application DE420163 to open yet another Medical Marijuana facility in our neighbourhood.

Enough is enough. There already exist several such facilities (three if I am not mistaken!) within a three block radius of this proposed new facility. In addition, I note that on the City website, an additional 3 applications are submitted for Medical Marijuana facilities within another 5-6 block radius. It is frankly easier to get marijuana than go to a regular pharmacy.

I do not support allowing as many Medical Marijuana facilities entering a neighbourhood as the greedy marijuana distributors desire- these facilities are open 7 days a week 12 hours a day. Regardless of their letters of application, the 'clients' they attract include a high proportion of marijuana addicts- this is not a healthy environment for our neighbourhood to flourish or to feel safe.

I strongly oppose filling our neighbourhood with entrepreneurial marijuana peddlers, and pushing out other varied shops providing services to the many people in our neighbourhood- old and young, and young families. We have enough of these facilities already, I personally do not want to see 1-2 dispensaries on every block.

Thank you.

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Vancouver BC

## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 4:35 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** Development Application No. DE420163

Dear John,

My name is s.22(1) and I'm emailing you to express my feelings towards this application. First and foremost I have absolutely no problem with dispensaries around the city. My only issue with them and especially this one, is just how close they are to each other. You can correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe there's a rule that these shops must be at least 300 metres away from each other. The location of this development application is literally across the street from one which is called Greatful Med Society. The stores are like 10 metres away from each other. I just find its a little ridiculous to have two so close to each other.

Thanks for taking the time to read this email, I really do appreciate it.

Sincerely, s.22(1)

**Freeman, John**

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2016 12:29 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** Development Application #DE420163

To the City of Vancouver,

Please be advised that my family is strongly against the approval of this application in any shape or form. On 16th Ave. there is a shelter for mothers and (potentially) troubled children. On 12th Ave there is a large school with hundreds of children nearby. There are other schools not far east from this location.

The proposed facility would potentially expose many of these children to chemical agents harmful to developing brain cells.

Approval of this application would be wrong.

Sincerely,

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## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 9:04 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** Development application DE420163

This Is insane. One place across the street and another on Main at 16th so we'll have 3 places within a hundred metres of each other???? Last I heard the city makes a fortune on these places so that's what it's all about. Why do you even ask? Other than legally you have to. It's a done deal and I'm sorry for wasting my time complaining.

Sent from [Outlook Mobile](#)

## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 6:07 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** DE420163

Hi John,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the development application DE420163. When we purchased our apartment in November of 2013 there were no cannabis stores in our neighborhood. Here we are a few years later and there is a Pot Shop in s.22(1) called Lotus lounge, there's Grateful Med across the street and now this application for a third cannabis store right across the street from Grateful Med. We feel the existence of these establishments is decreasing our property value, the family friendly vibe in our neighbourhood, and we feel it would be a ridiculous addition to the already oversaturation of medical marijuana sales stores in our neighbourhood. These shops are within a 10 second walk from one another. How many pot shops does one intersection need?!!!

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## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2016 6:58 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** Development Application DE420163

Dear Sir,

Following your invitation to share comments regarding the above development application, I am extremely concerned that the application proposed demonstrates the potential to adversely impact some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

On the 300 East block of 16th Avenue is a shelter, accommodation and detox facility designed to assist female victims of intimate partner violence. The facility has been a welcome addition to our neighbourhood since starting, providing much-needed services to an extremely vulnerable population. The facility provides security, shelter and social services to women and their families, with a significant number of children residing with their mothers.

I would like to draw wider public support to address this issue but cannot - for obvious reasons, the facility cannot have its location shared publicly. Both the female residents of the facility and their children deserve the opportunity to escape the violence and trauma they have experienced, and deserve the opportunity to do so in a neighbourhood that doesn't expose them to potentially adverse consequences of marijuana consumption. While I support the proposed legalization of marijuana - particularly where demonstrated evidence of effective medical intervention is shown - I am worried that widespread public sale and distribution of the same in such close proximity to the shelter would adversely affect women and children who deserve every opportunity of success in life.

I'd be happy to share my thoughts with any city staff who wish to understand my position. Please feel free to contact me if there's any further information or feedback required.

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