

File No.: 04-1000-20-2018-135

April 5, 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 Development Permit application for 2137 Commercial Drive.

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

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 (#04-1000-20-2018-135); 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,



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

Barbara.vanfraassen@vancouver.ca
453 W. 12th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4
Phone: 604.873.7999
Fax: 604.873.7419

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From: s.22(1)

To: "Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>

Date: 11/17/2016 3:15:01 PM

Subject: Development Application - 2137 Commercial Drive - DE419513

Dear Mr. Freeman,

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According to City of Vancouver, Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 3575, section 11.28.2:

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Further, this type of premises should be at least 300 metres of "youth facilities that serve vulnerable youth".

Contrary to the above by-law, the VPMS is within 300 metres of a number of social and community centres for children and at-risk youth:

1. Grandview Elementary School - 2055 Woodland Drive

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/grandview>

The school premises also contain a large park, playground and vegetable and fruit garden for the children.

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<http://www.grandviewterracechildcare.com/>

A daycare and out of school facility for children 3 to 12 years of age. They also provide full-time summer programs for children.

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Again, this premises encapsulates a large field, playground and community garden for children.

4. McSpadden Park - 2125 Victoria Drive

<http://covapp.vancouver.ca/parkfinder/parkdetail.aspx?inparkid=54>

This is a large park, upon which the Queen Victoria Elementary School and playground sit.

5. Drive Youth Employment Services - 2106 Commercial Drive

<http://www.driveyouthemployment.ca/>

This facility for unemployed youth is designed to help youth between 16 and 30 years secure

sustainable employment. They also offer one-to-one Case Management services and a drop-in resource room.

Drive Youth Employment Services is also part of the Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House. Further, it should be noted that this facility is directly across the street from the VPMS.

6. The Frames Film Program - 2106 Commercial Drive

<http://www.framesfilmproject.com>

This program is also operating across the street from VPMS. As set out in their mission, this program is for "multi-barriered (ie. mental health, homelessness, unemployed)" youths, ages 16 to 30, to receive support from a full youth Case Management Team, a Frames' Social Worker and Film Instructor.

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<http://rclbranch179.ca/monthly-events/>

This is a community center for the neighbourhood - with events, programs and other activities being hosted for the community.

8. Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation - 2350 Commercial Dr.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/social-development-and-social-innovation>

The purpose of this Ministry is to: 1) provide income and disability assistance to those in need; 2) delivering employment programs and services to unemployed and underemployed individuals; 3) supporting community living services that help adults with developmental disabilities and their families develop connections and inclusion with their communities; and 4) supporting social innovation and social entrepreneurship to improve social outcomes for all British Columbians.

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<http://cannaclinics.org/#focus>

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<http://www.eggscanna.ca/commercial-location/>

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I hope you take the above into consideration.

Best regards,

s.22(1)



From: s.22(1)

To: "[Medical Marijuana](mailto:Medical.Marijuana@vancouver.ca)" <Medical.Marijuana@vancouver.ca>

Date: 11/18/2016 2:47:30 PM

Subject: Fwd: Development Application - 2137 Commercial Drive - DE419513

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From: s.22(1)

Date: Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 11:40 PM

Subject: Re: Development Application - 2137 Commercial Drive - DE419513

To: john.freeman@vancouver.ca

Dear Mr. Freeman,

Further to my submission below, I attach a diagram showing the various facilities surrounding the VPMS.

All of the schools, youth, community centres and neighbourhood houses are numbered in orange - and correspond to the paragraph numbers in my submission.

The two medical marijuana dispensaries are numbered in green.

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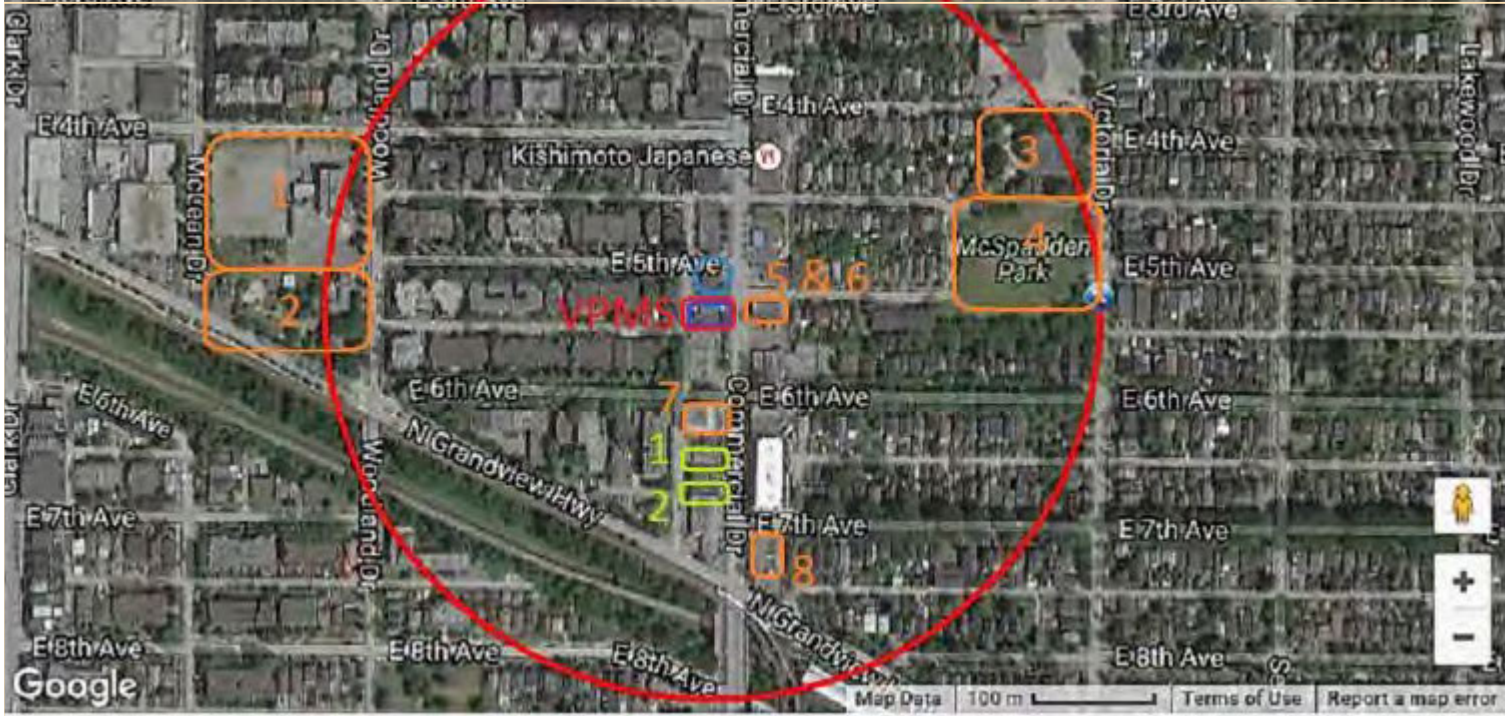
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To: ["Medical Marijuana" <Medical.Marijuana@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Medical.Marijuana@vancouver.ca)
["Kwan, Alice" <alice.kwan@vancouver.ca>](mailto:alice.kwan@vancouver.ca)
["Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>](mailto:John.Freeman@vancouver.ca)

Date: 11/20/2016 11:29:47 PM

Subject: Fwd: Notice of Development Application DE419513

Ms Kwan: received an out-of-office reply from Mr Freeman's email address. Your name is listed therein for immediate assistance. Please forward the email below on Development Application DE419513 to the appropriate City of Vancouver office.

Thank you.

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From: s.22(1)
Date: Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 1:21 AM
Subject: Notice of Development Application DE419513
To: john.freeman@vancouver.ca

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Dear Mr Freeman:

As owners of property just s.22(1) form 2137 Commercial Drive, we strongly urge the City of Vancouver to NOT PERMIT the Vancouver Pain Management Society at said address to change the premise to a so called "medical marijuana-related" use facility.

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an illegal operation, and is absolutely unacceptable. In fact, we are opposed to having this type of illegal operation in the area at all.

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We request an acknowledgement of receipt of this email. A return email will be very much appreciated.

Respectfully.

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Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC.

From: s.22(1)

To: ["Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>](mailto:John.Freeman@vancouver.ca)

Date: 11/9/2016 10:54:51 AM

Subject: Notice of Development Application for 2137 Commercial Dr.

Good morning. I recently received notice that the city has received a request to change the use of the above location to Medical Marijuana Related Use from retail. I am confused by this. The company, Vancouver Pain Management Society, who applied for this, already does Marijuana Related business in this location. What is the purpose of the application? My real concern here is that there are 3 such companies in a 2 block area on Commercial. Are they legal businesses in the eye of the city?

From: s.22(1)
To: "Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>
Date: 12/15/2016 11:09:18 AM
Subject: Re: DE419513 2137 Commercial Dr MMRU application

Hi John,

My thoughts are that the concentration of dispensaries on that part of Commercial is too high - there are three within 2 blocks and another few more within four blocks.

I don't think that the regulation regarding proximity to schools should be disregarded.

Thank you.

s.22(1)

On Dec 2, 2016, at 10:05 AM, Freeman, John <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi s.22(1)

I don't recall getting your comments so perhaps better to resend just in case. No online survey as this is for a specific application. Our consultation period prior to enactment of the new Bylaw was back in 2015; public meetings and hearings at Council.

Regards,

John Freeman Project Facilitator 604 871 6076
Development, Building, & Licensing - City of Vancouver

UPCOMING OUT OF OFFICE Dec 9 & 12th

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 12:17 AM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: Re: DE419513 2137 Commercial Dr MMRU application

Hello, and thank you.

I may have misunderstood but I thought you said there was an online survey?

Or, should I just email my comments to you again?

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On Dec 1, 2016, at 10:48 AM, Freeman, John <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi s.22(1)

Please find the application you are enquiring about at this link: <http://development.vancouver.ca/2137commercial/index.htm>
The Board of Variance information can be found here: <http://vancouver.ca/your-government/board-of-variance.aspx>

Please note there are numerous un-approved dispensaries in your neighbourhood. You can find more information about our Bylaw regulating Medical Marijuana-Related Use (MMRU) businesses including where approvals, applications, appeals and issued Business Licenses are located. There is also a lot of background to be found as well. <http://vancouver.ca/doing-business/medical-marijuana-related-business-licence.aspx>

2235 Commercial Dr is another application that was initially refused and has been now overturned by the BOV. Here is a map of the application at 2137 Commercial showing the proximity of the two schools. The blue circle is a 300m radius from the property lines of the parcel.

I hope this is helpful.

<image001.png>

Regards,

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Development, Building, & Licensing - City of Vancouver

UPCOMING OUT OF OFFICE Dec 9 & 12th

From: s.22(1)
To: "Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>
Date: 11/17/2016 11:47:01 PM
Subject: RE: Development Application DE419513

Dear Mr. Freeman,

We are writing in response to a postcard Notice of Development Application DE419513 relating to Change of Use for Medical Marijuana storefront located at 2137 Commercial Drive. As residents of this neighbourhood, we are opposed to the occupation of this site for either the existing Retail marijuana dispensary or to the proposed Medical marijuana related use. We are not quite sure why they are proposing to change the use and we are asking if it is to reduce the licensing fee of \$30,000? Also, we are not sure of the difference between the business of their existing retail use and the proposed medical use.

Your postcard states that their application is for a proposed floor area of approximately 1,260 square feet, yet the posted sign on the building states the application is for a proposed floor area of 1,400 square feet. Is this a proposed expansion (why?) or is this the square footage of the existing retail space? We noticed that another "Medical" marijuana dispensary on Commercial Drive has also requested a change of use on Development Application DE419598. Is there a possibility that there will be another application for permission to change the use from Canna Clinic on Commercial Drive? Are these businesses even legal?

It is our understanding that the City of Vancouver's regulations for Medical Marijuana businesses is that they are not allowed to be within 300 meters of each other yet these two businesses have been allowed to operate despite being less than the 300 meters apart.

We understand that Commercial Drive is a city commercial zone, but it is also a residential community. In our community, and close to the Canna Clinic and the Vancouver Pain Management Society stores, are an elementary school, a day care, an aboriginal preschool and a church which has youth programs. Our street also houses families in three different housing cooperatives. There must be a more suitable commercial zone in which these dispensaries can conduct business, away from young people. We are not suggesting at all that they sell to minors, but why expose them to the smell? The marijuana smell on those two blocks is pervasive. There was an interesting article in MacLeans Magazine by the journalist, Meagan Campbell on the science behind the marijuana smell. It can be found on the link: <http://www.macleans.ca/news/canada/sniffing-around-for-the-smell-of-drugs/>.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Regards,

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From: s.22(1)
To: "[Freeman, John](mailto:John.Freeman@vancouver.ca)" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>
Date: 11/24/2016 6:00:22 PM
Subject: Re: Notice of Development Application DE419513

Thank you, Mr Freeman.

s.22(1)

On Thu, Nov 24, 2016 at 6:39 PM, Freeman, John <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi s.22(1)

Not to worry about the timing of your comment. I have recorded your comments in our reviews of this application. See below.

Thank you very much for your email about **2137 Commercial Drive**. Your letter will become part of the official file for this Development Application (**DE419513**). Staff will review the comments from the General Public with regards to this Application. If you have responded within the comments period ending **November 18th 2016**, you will receive an update when the Application has arrived at a Decision by the Director of Planning and if it is issued. All comments will be considered up until the date of Decision. Your feedback is very important to the process and will help shape this application.

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Kind Regards,

John Freeman Project Facilitator 604 871 6076

John.freeman@vancouver.ca Development, Building and Licensing - City of Vancouver

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2016 10:22 PM
To: Freeman, John

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>
Date: 11/15/2016 5:56:44 PM
Subject: Re: re DE419513 2137 Commercial Drive

Hi John,

I would caution another Retail Marijuana space on the Drive. Already within a block or two there is another retail space. It has brought it's own congestion of people aggregating around there. Some people smoke up on the side and back of that retail space as they do across the street near JJ Bean and the Post Office.

I am not supportive of more of this and would prefer, as many residents do, to see it stop. I am therefore not supportive of another retail space for marijuana.

Thanks,

On Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 12:43 PM, Freeman, John <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Hi s.22(1)

Yes please send me your comments on this application. Thanks, J

John Freeman Project Facilitator [604 871 6076](tel:6048716076)

Development, Building, & Licensing - City of Vancouver

UPCOMING OUT OF OFFICE Nov 21, 22 and 23

From: s.22(1)] On Behalf Of s.22(1)
Sent: Saturday, November 12, 2016 3:31 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: re DE419513 2137 Commercial Drive

Hi John,

Can I simply email my comments re this devapp to you?

Regards,

s.22(1)

From: s.22(1)
To: "Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>
Date: 11/17/2016 10:24:40 AM
Subject: Re: Statement Opposing the Development Application for 2137 Commercial Drive (DE419513)

Thank you John. Look forward to hearing about the results.

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On Nov 17, 2016, at 09:18, Freeman, John <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca> wrote:

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From: s.22(1)
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 8:16 AM
To: Freeman, John
Cc: s.22(1)
Subject: Statement Opposing the Development Application for 2137 Commercial Drive (DE419513)
Importance: High

13 November, 2016

Dear Mr. Freeman,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Development Application for 2137 Commercial Drive (DE419513).

We are homeowners and residents on s.22(1). We are also licensed health professionals and parents. **We wish to state clearly that we do NOT support the continued licensing approval of this facility, "Vancouver Pain Management Society".**

Our issues are in twofold, the contravention of City of Vancouver Regulations and concerns regarding the effect of this business, and businesses like it, on livability in our neighborhood. As a preface, we note that currently, marijuana is not legal for recreational purposes and legal access to medical marijuana is via a mail order program (<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/marihuana/access-acceder-eng.php>) throughout Canada, allowing a person needing marijuana, as medicine, to get it delivered directly to their home.

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Section 11.28.2 a)

There are several dispensaries on Commercial Drive, including the Canna Clinic at 2223 Commercial Drive, 110m from the location under discussion.

Section 11.28.2 b)

The facility, as the crow flies, is less than 300m from the nearest property line for both Grandview Elementary and Queen Victoria Annex elementary (exactly 300m by sidewalk route from Grandview and 325m from Queen Vic, as per google maps). Additionally, the facility is less than 50m (directly across the street) from the site of Drive Youth Employment Services (D-YES), offering employment services for vulnerable youth.

2. Effect on livability in our neighborhood.

While we do anticipate that marijuana will be legalized for recreational use in Canada soon, we are disappointed that there appear to be very few consequences of illegal sale of this substance. We would expect rational, evidence-based policy to guide locations, density of retail outlets, advertising, signage, restriction of sale to adults to be very important topics that could help integrate this new substance into mainstream community. The regulations, as established by City of Vancouver in April 2015 do lay a groundwork for this and we are optimistic that they will be enforced as rigorously as possible and kept up to date with emerging evidence and learning from other jurisdictions with similar cultural and legislative changes towards marijuana.

As parents, we are grateful, for example, that there is minimal packaging visible for sale of tobacco products, and that the density of liquor outlets is restricted in the neighborhood. This helps me explain substance use and misuse to our children and also regulate their exposure. We do not have this structure to rely on when it comes to marijuana dispensaries, they have become ubiquitous and conferred a broadly applied "medical" designation in the absence of robust medical evidence.

As healthcare providers, given the legal (and illegal, but meeting city regulations) mechanisms of obtaining marijuana in Vancouver, we are assured that no one needing the substance, in the rare case when pain management is resistant to all other treatment, will be denied.

In summary, as citizens, parents, health care providers and taxpayers, we support a rational and evidence-based approach by City Hall to regulate marijuana dispensaries and ultimately sale of marijuana for recreational use, and **we re-iterate our request to deny this application.**

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>
Date: 11/14/2016 3:32:28 PM
Subject: Statement Opposing the Development Application for 2137 Commercial Drive (DE419513)

Dear Mr Freeman,

It was brought to my attention by a neighbor that The Pain Management Society is applying for a permit change for medicinal marijuana use at their current location of 2137 Commercial Drive. I live on s.22(1) and had not been given the flyer informing me of this development application, I have recently discovered many of my neighbors also did not receive a copy.

I DO NOT support the continued licensing approval of this facility. I have attached a letter below which was written by one of my neighbors, which details the reasons, I too, oppose this application. A more comprehensive understanding of community views is necessary before undertaking this development. I hope that you will allow more time and opportunity for community feedback regarding this important decision.

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In summary, as citizens, parents, health care providers and taxpayers, we support a rational and evidence-based approach by City Hall to regulate marijuana dispensaries and ultimately sale of marijuana for recreational use, and **we re-iterate our request to deny this application.**

From: s.22(1)

To: ["Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>](mailto:John.Freeman@vancouver.ca)

Date: 11/12/2016 11:31:43 PM

Subject: 2137 Commercial drive, DE419513

Hi John,

Referred to your notice of development application of 2137 Commercial drive, DE419513 which I received a few days ago and I strongly against for this application.

The reason behind is the following:

1. The propose shop location is only one block away from Grandview Elementary school and Grandview Terrace childcare center. The proposed shop is too close to the school and will have a negative influence for the children.
2. The proposed shop location is only a few steps away from the Grandview Lanes where children will be hangout for bowling and other social activities.

Please think about those children in our neighborhood and turn down this application! Thank you for your kindly consideration.

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From: s.22(1)
To: "Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>
Date: 11/13/2016 5:37:27 PM
Subject: 2137 Commercial Drive DE419513

Dear Mr. Freeman, members of Council,

The City of Vancouver is condoning the illegal sale and use of narcotics by considering the above property for a development application.
I oppose this application because this method of distribution and sale of marijuana is illegal.

Regards,

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From: s.22(1)

To: ["Freeman, John" <John.Freeman@vancouver.ca>](mailto:John.Freeman@vancouver.ca)

Date: 11/11/2016 8:12:54 PM

Subject: 2137 Commercial Drive - DE419513

Hello Sir

There are already a few of these establishments on Commercial Dr.

We don't need anymore. Every time I wheel my daughter past one of these places in her stroller, we get a big noseful of smoke and have to try and squeeze past the 'customers',,,,not usually the most upstanding of citizens.

Commercial drive already has enough people on it that seem to think it's OK to hang out on the street, sleep in doorways, and ask for change. I don't even know how I am supposed to explain all the pot shops or the 'homeless' on the street to my daughter once she is old enough to ask the question.

FYI, I am not confusing real homelessness and those with mental issues, with those that look able bodied but can't be bothered working. The whole issue with how this city and province deal with mental illness is a whole other topic.

Please keep these things away. Commercial Drive is also a family neighbourhood, not just some place for people to hang out and socialize

Thank you

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