

File No. 04-1000-20-2016-138

May 11, 2016

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 April 21, 2016 for:

For April 21, 2016, the Mayor and Council Feedback Reports (source: 3-1-1, in-person, mail and mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca), which includes, but is not limited to: the city branch notified, feedback type, requester name, phone, email, whether citizen requested a response, topic, case details, additional case details, and event notes.

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 (#04-1000-20-2016-138); 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Van Fraassen', with a stylized, flowing script.

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City Clerk's Department, City of Vancouver
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Mayor and Council Feedback Report

Source: 3-1-1, in-person, mail and mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

Date range: April 21, 2016

Action or Review Required from MAYOR/COUNCILLORS								
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Mayor & Council	opinion	s.22(1)			Yes	1550 West 29th Ave	Beautiful home being demolished. Cannot believe it.	See attachment: s.22(1)
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)	s.22(1)		Yes	Abandoned Waste	Citizen submitted a requested for abandoned waste to be collected in the alley. He also requested for a follow up call from sanitation which he never received. He is dissatisfied with the service of sanitation and would like to discuss this matter with the mayor.	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)	s.22(1)	s.22(1)	Yes	Climate Change/Kinder Morgan Expansion	<p>Dear Mayor Robertson, Cc: Vancouver City Council</p> <p>Thank you so much for your statement quoted in this morning's</p> <p>Vancouver Sun (pg. A7 "Robertson rips Ottawa over climate policy")</p> <p>http://vancouversun.com/news/national/robertson-rips-pipeline-over-emissions</p> <p>"Environment and Climate Change Canada must consider both upstream and downstream climate impacts to Trans Mountain's expansion to fully assess the significant safety, environmental and public health hazards the project carries."</p> <p>Justin Trudeau has launched a charm offensive we haven't seen for years. The promises he made during the campaign re the NEB process and the promises he made in Paris last December, are fading from public consciousness. Some would forgive him any hypocrisy, as acceptable for a newly elected politician.</p> <p>But Climate Change is different. Canada must immediately make up for the climate sins of the last 10 (or 20) years. If a rich country like Canada chooses not to keep its promise to future generations (reducing GHG's 30% below 2005 levels by 2030), then humanity's goose is cooked.</p> <p>There is no compromise: Canada's GHG goals are simply lies, if Kinder Morgan's TMEP is approved. I will do every thing in my power to stop this pipeline, and to slow Global Warming. I appreciate your courage. "The emperor has no clothes." Thanks for pointing that out.</p> <p>spokesperson for BROKE (Burnaby Residents Opposing Kinder Morgan Expansion)</p>	

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Mayor & Council, Asst Dir. of Housing Policy	opinion	s.22(1)	s.22(1)	s.22(1)	Yes	Hyper Development	<p>Citizen is concerned over the "hyper development" of our City and making impossible scenarios." He wants to express the following points:</p> <p>- "Vancouver has grown way too fast"; He feels "nauseated by it all"</p> <p>- "The only thing that could stop the growth would be an earthquake or a serious economic downfall"</p> <p>- "The City is full of poorly conceived, small, and extremely expensive high-rises and condos"</p> <p>- "And what is affordable housing? Who is entitled to it?"</p> <p>- "Why is the City running a deficit?"</p> <p>- "It's completely insane"</p> <p>"The whole scenario is screwed up"</p> <p>"The world is owned by big huge corporations, like concrete and real-estate"</p> <p>- As well, the City is "plagued with parking meters"</p>	

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Mayor & Council, Assoc Dir. of Revenue Srvs	complaint	s.22(1)		s.22(1)	Yes	Land Averaging	<p>land Averaging, we miss it by 1.03%! our building has been assessed at an increase of 30.9% from last year! we employ 30 people that 27 voted for you, are working for us?? I already pay \$20k on 5000 sqft and another 20k\$ on another building, that 40k!! now that is going to go through the roof, you are not working for us, who are you working for? other than more bike lanes, what have you done? 200 mil to take down the viaduct, don't you need that money for transit? we can no longer sustain doing business here, that's jobs, taxes and so on. we are very disappointed that you are going to make us move out of east Vancouver, the assessments are no where near fair and we can no longer pass these increases on to our customers! shame shame</p> <p>we can only hope there is a shift in power, the big question is you along with all other taxes take \$0.60 - yes that 60 cents of every dollar I earn goes to taxes, that leaves me with 40 cents! Greg, I make 200k a year! 120 goes to taxes.</p> <p>it can sustain at this level, it will never go down, will the city of Vancouver be happy with 100% tax rates? or will you ask for more?</p> <p>the election is not that far off, something has to be done! I still see 7 guys digging a hole!!</p>	

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Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)		s.22(1)	Yes	Vancouver's 420 Event	<p>If there is no smoking in the park, there is no smoking in the park. Please explain how a small population of pot smokers can disrupt a park, used by many, for a whole day. Did the city make money from this? How was this allowed? Where is your transparent government? How have you changed as you promised you would do in your tearful apology to the people of Vancouver? How is it acceptable that you, yes YOU are allowing individuals to hijack the park and smoke illegal drugs - yes, pot is STILL illegal regardless of what you think - in a public park? Can cigar aficionados do it now? How about pipe enthusiasts...where does it end and what's appropriate.</p> <p>Whatever you think of pot is not the point. Others are affected by the smoke in - second hand smoke is just as bad from unfiltered marijuana cigarettes and perhaps more so. People are unable to use the beach and amenities that our taxes pay for. We don't pay to have a special interest group hijack the park. This is just so disappointing. You are a hypocrite and, as a previous supporter and defender of you, I am now not.</p> <p>Please do not run for another term as mayor. You have proved yourself open to special interest groups, have made clear your agent is not for the average citizen that is trying to make a living a do their best, and are only about yourself and your legacy. I cannot express my disappointment in you. Was that whole thing after the previous election just a grand plan to make you seem humble and willing to do better....because you're not, it seem, on either front.</p>	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)	s.22(1)		Yes	Vancouver's 420 Event	<p>Citizen informed he was at the 420 event yesterday at Sunset beach and noticed the city closed all sources of water and sewage (including the Vancouver Aquatic Center), only giving access to portable toilets. He mentioned there were particularly no drinking fountains available. He would like a call back please.</p>	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)		s.22(1)	Yes	Vancouver's 420 Event	<p>As of 8:30 this morning, the noise level coming from the unsanctioned 4/20 event at the art gallery is ridiculously loud. I fail to understand how an unsanctioned for-profit event is allowed to cause such a disturbance for residents of the area, and especially the various office workers in the area (which is a significant number). I struggle to understand how an event that is breaking not only current Canadian law, but also local bylaws is allowed to negatively impact residents and other users for an entire day without any consequences.</p> <p>Why is this particular group being given preferential treatment over everyone else? This is negatively impacting people's ability to work, while the organizers are allowed to set up their unsanctioned for-profit event in a location that they have been told is not accessible to them?</p>	

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Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)		s.22(1)	Yes	Vancouver's 420 Event	Complaint about water being shut off for Sunset Beach Park during 420 Protest. s.22(1) states all water fountains were shut off. Concerned this goes against UN Convention and wants to know why this decision was made.	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)	s.22(1)	s.22(1)	Yes	Vancouver's 420 Event	Citizen would like to file a complaint against the 420 event yesterday at Sunset beach. She informed that the City should not be responsible for the cost of the cleanup as it is taxpayers money. She heard that grass was damaged as well during the event. She is requesting a call back please.	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)	s.22(1)	s.22(1)	Yes	Vancouver's 420 Event	<p>I am thoroughly disgusted with the "event" or rather very planned protest of the 4/20 that happened today.</p> <p>I feel the bylaws of a no smoking ban were not respected. Why even have this bylaw if it's not properly enforced. It could have easily been enforced, instead, city officials have chosen to ignore their own bylaw. This could indeed increase the revenue for the city of Vancouver.</p> <p>Do you just have the bylaw because it looks good on a sign or on paper because it makes the city look "good" to have it?</p> <p>Or, do you actually have the bylaw to protect individuals from second hand smoke.</p> <p>I live at s.22(1), am a taxpayer and feel my rights were not respected or health in regards to second hand smoke were not in place during this planned protest.</p> <p>I've had to close my windows all day and evening (despite this heat), because of the pot smoke in the vicinity and entering my building and suite.</p> <p>It also took 30 minutes just to exit the Granville street bridge because traffic was at a standstill. Officers guided me on how to enter down Pacific St and Howe, just so I could enter the alley just off Howe Street and Beach Avenue.</p> <p>Even the fireworks, a planned event, the traffic is not this congested, or the chaos not present. I am extremely disappointed this event has become a political power play with Parks Board, The City of Vancouver and the protestors. Who do you represent?</p> <p>The taxpayers, law abiding citizens or is this just another play in the political arena regarding Marijuana in the city and B.C.?</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	

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Mayor & Council	opinion			s.22(1)	No	Animal Ctrl Bylaw Amendment	It seems the City of Vancouver bylaw does not allow the keeping of any fowl other than chickens. It would be more progressive if the City could amend the bylaw to include Quails and Ducks. Quails require about as much space as a guinea pig and consistently produce eggs for a longer period of time than a chicken. Ducks are more resistant to disease, better foragers, more productive egg layers, less intrusive of gardens, and more sociable than chickens. Please amend the bylaw in order to allow more Vancouver residents access to a variety of pets and greater food security.	
Mayor & Council	opinion	s.22(1)		s.22(1)	No	BC Real Estate Firm	Tricks of the trade: Inside a B.C. real estate firm that has home sellers crying foul - Globe and Mail Hello Mayor and Council, Please read the following article from the Globe and Mail relating to housing unaffordability in Vancouver and unethical practices taking place: http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/investigations/inside-a-fast-growing-bc-firm-that-has-home-sellers-crying-foul/article29578417/ Here is another article: http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/bc-real-estate-firm-put-on-short-leash-over-controversial-training/article29582286/	
Mayor & Council	opinion	Anonymous, 2016 April			No	City Budget	He was reading up on the City budget. He says one way is to balance the budget is the reduce city staff wages and not reduce the amount staff and not to provide few services the reduce the amount we pay for the services. He has dealt with city staff before and they are getting paid too much for the services that they provided.	
Mayor & Council	complaint		s.22(1)		No	City Noise	I live at s.22(1). Due to my occupation I go to bed quite late between 2 and 2 30 most weeknights. Due to the cities noise and construction laws I have been unable to get a sufficient sleep to maintain a satisfying quality of life. I'm constantly tired and rarely ever the ability to catch up on sleep. Especially with the nice weather on Sundays bringing people out to garden I just don't have an opportunity to get more that 5 hours a night. It doesn't matter how 'green' and 'beautiful' a city is if your so tired you cant enjoy it.	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)			No	Floating Billboard	Caller just want to voice his disagreement with return of the Floating Neon Billboard in False Creek again. It's ugly and it doesn't belong to False Creek. People do not want to see it. Caller understands it's not under City's Jurisdiction, but wants to voice his opinion. Caller said he will call Transport Canada also.	
Mayor & Council, Lead Ranger Pk Bd	complaint			s.22(1)	No	Nelson Park	Nelson Park Please enforce the bylaw. Those of us who pay to create and maintain parks shouldn't have to step over street scum every morning,	

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Mayor & Council, Deputy Chief Licence Inspector	opinion	Anonymous, 2016 April			No	Opposing Weeds Glass & Gifts Business	Residents & Merchants of COV strongly oppose current situation of Weeds Glass & Gifts on 6657 Main St., Vancouver	See attachment: Petition, Residents & Merchants
Mayor & Council, Superintenden t of Parking Enforcement, Ops Supervisor	complaint	s.22(1)			No	Parking Ticket	Caller received a parking ticket - ED75377 yesterday while he was parking in the lane behind his girl friend's building returning from Costco with bags of groceries. Caller indicated he has a s.22(1) so they were just parking there for less than 5 mins just to unload their stuffs. Caller spoke with the dispute officer, was told they don't look at any reasons behind it. They system is very unfair if we only look at whether people are in violations.	
Mayor & Council	opinion	Anonymous, 2016 April			No	Property Taxes	Citizen wanted to add his input for property taxes. They are way to high because he does not see that he's obtaining any reasonable balance for the cost of taxes. They are driving him out of his home so if the City is looking at affordability of living, one of the issues is property taxes.	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)	s.22(1)		No	Tree Removal	How dare you? The rules for everyone else are so strict and rightly so about not removing trees but it is ok for City Hall to do it. I don't think so.	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)	s.22(1)		No	Trees Cut	http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-art-gallery-trees-1.3544150 Just completely A HUGE MISTAKE ! Those "old" trees were healthy....and they could have been very well a PART of the new design. Such a mistake, Vancouver used to be very intolerant against people cutting trees, and now this... It will be difficult now, to intervene for the city when people want to cut trees. Bad example. Oh, Gregor, where are you ? I voted for you and your team.	

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Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)			No	Trees Cut	<p>I was very sad to see in the news the pictures of the cutting down of many, beautiful mature and healthy trees in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery. I am aware that a new plaza is being created, but I do not believe the story put out that the trees were diseased.</p> <p>The plan for the new plaza shows new trees, but there was nothing wrong with the old trees. They have been a wonderful feature along Georgia and Hornby Streets for decades. Shame on those who made this terrible decision !</p> <p>The beautiful old trees can never be replaced. If the City has no respect for these trees, how can home owners be expected to preserve their trees? Is it a question of do as I say and not as I do ?</p>	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)			No	Vancouver's 420 Event	<p>Caller was watching the 420 events yesterday across from the other side of water near the MacMillan Centre. He saw a barge with a big sign of Marc Emery. Caller thinks that this event is nothing but promoting business. Caller doesn't understand the point of having such an event every year.</p>	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)		s.22(1)	No	Vancouver's 420 Event	<p>I live at s.22(1) and my apartment overlooks Sunset Beach. Over the years I have seen many events on the grass in front of my apartment. Yesterday's event was too loud and offensive. The event was way too big for the area. We had troubles getting home after work, there were not enough police to help us get our vehicle home. This morning there is a sea of garbage on the grass out front. I do support legalizing pot. However, I do not support an event such as yesterday's 4/20 whatsoever. Keep it classy Vancouver.</p>	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)			No	Vancouver's 420 Event	<p>If the city did not consent/sanction the 4 20 event then why wasn't more done to stop it? To have zero arrest during an illegal activity is mind blowing, it wasn't a protest it was a pure festival that wasted innocent peoples tax money. The city should do more to make it to the people that suffered from the Bull Shit of an event. It simple had negative impacts on citizens of the city of Vancouver. Perhaps City of Port Moody should indirectly host it as Vancouver has!</p>	
Mayor & Council	complaint	s.22(1)			No	Vancouver's 420 Event	<p>Caller is not complaining about the 420 event itself. Caller is complaining about the way we covered all the garbage bins and recycling bins with plastic bags and water fountains were also turned off during the event. This is an events with so many people. The public should have access to the both water and garbage bins.</p>	

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Mayor & Council	opinion	s.22(1)		s.22(1)	No	Vancouver's 420 Event	Mr. Bromley Please find attached my February 17, 2016 email to Mr. Sadhu Johnston and his cop-out of a response in regard to the above subject. Further to my email, I would like to add that the event is unsanctioned and unpermitted since the core activity involves the consumption of illegal drugs. There had been one other unpermitted event planned earlier this year where the Mayor and Council stepped in and told organizers and event goers not to show up under any circumstances, but Vision Vancouver Council majority somehow is not making any fuss with this unsanctioned and unpermitted event. Mr. Johnston does recognize that the 4/20 marijuana protest is “incredibly disruptive”, “very challenging because of the scale of this event” and “increasingly unsafe”, but concedes that, “it is their right to protest”. I would like to add that the issue at hand involves a clash of rights: the right to protest versus the right to feel safe and the right to peace and quiet and enjoyment of our homes. What I take away from all this is that the rights of 20,000 plus stoned people trump the rights of thousands of ordinary citizens like myself.	See attachments: s.22(1)

Service Requests or Feedback Sent to OTHER DEPARTMENT for Action or Review

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Response or Action Update from OTHER DEPARTMENT

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From: [Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office](#)

To: s.22(1)

Date: 4/18/2016 3:47:38 PM

Subject: FW: 4/20 MARIJUANA EVENT AT SUNSET BEACH PARK

Attachments: RE_4_20 MARIJUANA PROTEST.eml (13.3 KB).msg
RE_2016 SUNSET BEACH EVENT LIST.eml (11.3 KB).msg

Dear s.22(1)

Thank you for your email regarding the 4/20 protest at Sunset Beach Park.

We share your valid concerns about using a park location for this type of activity and wish to reiterate that this is an unsanctioned, unpermitted event. 4/20 organizers are proceeding with the event despite objections from both the City and the Park Board which worked with the organizers to find an alternate location.

As with any unpermitted event or protest, the priority of the Park Board, City agencies and all partners will be the health and safety of all participants and members of the surrounding community.

Together with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD), the Park Board is communicating directly with residents adjacent to Sunset Beach Park to make them aware of the event. In addition, VPD, Vancouver Fire and Rescue, City and Park Board are assigning the appropriate resources and staff to Sunset Beach in order to mitigate the impact of the event on neighbours, local amenities and services.

The Park Board and its partners at the City and the VPD will be making every effort to prevent 4/20 organizers from coming back to the Park in 2017.

I trust this helps address your concerns.

Sincerely,

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**From:** s.22(1)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 6:38 PM

**To:** Vancouver Park Board

**Cc:** Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; Johnston, Sadhu

**Subject:** 4/20 MARIJUANA EVENT AT SUNSET BEACH PARK

Mr. Bromley

Please find attached my February 17, 2016 email to Mr. Sadhu Johnston and his cop-out of a response in regard to the above subject.

Further to my email, I would like to add that the event is unsanctioned and unpermitted since the core activity involves the consumption of illegal drugs. There had been one other unpermitted event planned earlier this year where the Mayor and Council stepped in and told organizers and event goers not to show up under any circumstances, but Vision Vancouver Council majority somehow is not making any fuss with this unsanctioned and unpermitted event.

Mr. Johnston does recognize that the 4/20 marijuana protest is "incredibly disruptive", "very challenging because of the scale of this event" and "increasingly unsafe", but concedes that, "it is their right to protest". I would like to add that the issue at hand involves a clash of rights: the right to protest versus the right to feel safe and the right to peace and quiet and enjoyment of our homes. What I take away from all this is that the rights of 20,000 plus stoned people trump the rights of thousands of ordinary citizens like myself.

Sincerely

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From: "Rieberger, Dave" <dave.rieberger@vancouver.ca>

To: s.22(1)

Date: 2/22/2016 3:02:37 PM

Subject: RE: 2016 SUNSET BEACH EVENT LIST

Hi s.22(1)

My apologies for the delay, here is the list requested.

|                   |                                                                      |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Feb. 14           | First Half, Half Marathon (road closures)                            |
| April 17          | Sun Run (road closures)                                              |
| May 1             | BMO Marathon (road closures)                                         |
| June 11           | Stiletto-Strut (event in Sunset)                                     |
| June 26           | Scotiabank Half Marathon (road closures)                             |
| July 18 & 19      | Vikings Swim Meet (event in Sunset)                                  |
| July 23, 27, & 30 | Celebration of Light (event in Sunset, road closures)                |
| July 31           | Vancouver Pride Festival and Parade (event in Sunset, road closures) |
| August 13         | Seawheeze Half Marathon (road closures)                              |
| August 20         | Cavalier Cup (event in Sunset)                                       |
| Sept. 25          | Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life (event in Sunset)                      |
| October 23        | Rock n Roll Half Marathon (road closures)                            |

Regards,

Dave

**Dave Rieberger**

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From: s.22(1)

Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 11:51 AM

To: Rieberger, Dave

Subject: 2016 SUNSET BEACH EVENT LIST

Hello Dave

I have yet to receive the Sunset Beach event list for 2016 from you which you promised to forward by end of Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Please ensure that the list includes all the events, such as road races, which will effect road closures on Beach/Pacific Streets.

Thanking you in advance

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From: ["Johnston, Sadhu" <Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca)

To: s.22(1)

Date: 2/17/2016 4:58:36 PM

Subject: RE: 4/20 MARIJUANA PROTEST

Greetings Ms. Gidden-

Thanks for your note.

The city of vancouver has had challenges with this protest for years. It's not a city sponsored or supported event. We recognize their legal right to protest, but have had challenges with the scale of this event. Our emergency management staff have had significant concerns with it at VAG site location. We proposed multiple city sites that they move to. Sunset beach was not one of the sites we proposed to them. They didn't like any of the sites that we suggested and instead chose to go to Sunset beach.

As we have done each year, we will do what we can to minimize the negative impacts of this event taking place.

I don't imagine that this helps address your concerns, but I hope at least it helps to shed some light on the challenging position that we've found ourselves in for years...

Best

Sadhu

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**From:** s.22(1)

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:28 PM

**To:** Johnston, Sadhu

**Cc:** Kirby-Yung, Sarah; Rieberger, Dave

**Subject:** 4/20 MARIJUANA PROTEST

Mr. Johnston

As a owner/resident residing directly above Sunset Beach, I feel I can no longer suffer in silence in regard to the ongoing unacceptable noise due to the numerous events held at Sunset Beach since 2008

The Vancouver Park Board established and made it official in April 1986 to designate and to continue to regulate three Vancouver beaches as "quiet beaches". These three are Locarno, Spanish Banks and Sunset Beaches.

This policy had been respected until 2008. 2008 is the year a Vision dominated Park Board took control.

I was appalled, but not surprised after reading newspaper articles on February 16, that in your opinion, "the 4/20 marijuana protest's move to Sunset Beach is a safer option than it's traditional home outside the Vancouver Art Gallery". You continue to state that: "The 4/20 protest event has outgrown its current location at the VAG, become incredibly disruptive and increasingly unsafe". With an estimated 20,000 marijuana enthusiasts participating in the gathering each April 20, an event the City finds "disruptive and increasingly unsafe", how can Sunset Beach be a "better alternative"?

Sunset Beach is a residential area and, therefore, received the "Quiet Beach" designation as a show of respect to area residents from the Park Board under the Boards "good neighbour" policy.

I met with Mr. Dave Rieberger, Film and Events Officer for the Vancouver Boards of Parks and Recreation on February 12, 2016 in regard to the numerous events held yearly in Sunset Beach. At that time, I briefly discussed the negative effect all these extremely noisy and disruptive events have on my health and that of my neighbours and questioned the reasoning why Sunset Beach is the location of choice. I also requested a complete list of events planned for 2016 for the Sunset Beach location. He promised to provide me with a complete list of 2016 events and road closures planned for the area by February 17, 2016.

In the meantime, I sincerely hope and urge the City of Vancouver and Board of Parks and Recreation to resign themselves to find an alternative location to Sunset Beach for the 4/20 marijuana protest.

Sincerely

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Mayor Gregor Robinson and Council

Vancouver City Hall

453 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Vancouver, B. C. V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor Robinson and Council,

Re: 1550 West 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Vancouver

I simply cannot believe this!! Another stunningly beautiful home [in Shaughnessy, no less] is going to be demolished. Why on earth is this being allowed, and why haven't you put legislation in place to stop it? There are many examples of real craftsmanship in the older character homes that are not found in the new home being built today. Can you imagine what is being carted off, truckload after truckload, to the landfill? Beautiful fireplace surrounds, staircases, wainscoting, crown moldings, inlaid hardwood flooring, built-in cabinetry and, in many cases, leaded glass and stained glass windows. In my opinion, it is just criminal what is happening to Vancouver. Tell me... why are we recycling? The citizenry is busy diligently separating paper, newsprint, plastic and glass into the appropriate receptacles, and garden and food waste into the green bins, yet beautiful heritage-style homes are dumped in the landfill. WHY?

Yours sincerely,

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NICK PROCAYLO / PNG

Jeff Moore, who lived in this unique heritage home in Vancouver, decries that the 94-year-old structure, along with its 1920s handiwork by talented tradespeople, is slated for demolition to make way for a new, bigger house.

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Having a marijuana outlet in such close proximity to where children congregate is unhealthy and dangerous, not the least of which because of the clientele that frequent such establishments.

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