

File No. 04-1000-20-2017-081

March 21, 2017

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 February 22, 2017 for:

All letters received from the public on file regarding the business development permit for 2868 West 4th Avenue, from October 1, 2016 to December 17, 2016.

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 (#04-1000-20-2017-081); 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 long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA
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Telephone: 604.873.7999

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Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Saturday, December 17, 2016 2:07 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: Re: Marijuana shop Application 2868 W 4th Avenue DE419516

Sir:

It is unbelievable that the City of Vancouver would consider putting a marijuana distributing store on W 4th Avenue.

Has anybody in your office taken the time to study the location of this shop? We remind you that this location is two blocks from the new General Gordon school - a fact you should be aware of, since the City of Vancouver has just rebuilt the school and spent millions of dollars doing that.

Marijuana is an entry drug to many harder drugs. Nine people died in Vancouver Thursday night from drug overdoses.

We are totally against this proposal. We are sure there are much better things the City can do with our hard-earned taxpayers' money rather than wasting it on these stupid proposals.

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Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 6:37 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: DE419516

Mr. Freeman,

I am writing to express my objection to the development application DE419516 - medical marijuana-related use application for 2868 W 4th Ave. s.22(1) General Gordon Elementary, which is 2 blocks from the proposed marijuana store, on W 6th Ave. We are resigned to the idea that there will be many retail outlets in this neighbourhood soon, but the proposed location is too close to an elementary school. Recreational marijuana stores don't even exist yet, but it is very likely that every medical marijuana store will apply for a recreational license and this industry has not established a track record to guide decisions around the ideal 'safe' radius around schools. Until that time, this seems to us much too close.

Sincerely,

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Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 2:26 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: Re: Notice from City of Vancouver - 2868 west 4th Avenue DE419516

Thanks John for the prompt reply!

cheers,

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From: [Freeman, John](#)
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 12:25 PM
To: s.22(1)
Subject: RE: Notice from City of Vancouver - 2868 west 4th Avenue DE419516

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you very much for your email about **2868 West 4th Ave.** Your letter will become part of the official file for this Development Application (DE419516). Staff will review the comments from the General Public with regards to this Application. If you have responded within the comments period ending **December 19th 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 for this process and will help shape this application.

Your email will only be used to communicate with you about this Development Application. Please note that all comments and responses to this application are subject to, and may be released, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The Act does, however, protect your privacy by prohibiting disclosure of personal information (such as names, addresses and other identifying information).

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: Thursday, December 15, 2016 11:15 AM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: Notice from City of Vancouver - 2868 west 4th Avenue DE419516

Hi John,

My name is s.22(1) West 4th Avenue, I just got a Notice from City of Vancouver regarding an application for changing the use of the commercial unit from retail to Marijuana use at 2868 West 4th Avenue, I would like to raise my concern to this matter.

As the widespread practice of marijuana use will have severe social impact in the community, health problem, crime, family conflicts, insanity and idleness are the inevitable consequences of its use. Being one of the owners in the neighbourhood, I strongly object this application for changing the use of the commercial unit from retail to Marijuana use at the subject location. I appreciate it if you can take this into consideration when reviewing the proposal.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,

s.22(1)

Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 8:20 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: Re. DE419516 @2868 West 4th Ave

Hi John,

Re. DE419516. Google maps gives me 350 m from General Gordon, and not the corner of the school or school lot. It's almost certainly < 300 m as the crow flies no matter how you slice it.

Just turn it down.

Thanks,

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Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 6:39 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: 2868 West 4th Avenue

Dear Mr. Freeman,

I received a notice of development application regarding 2868 West 4th Avenue. I am not in agreement with any marijuana being dispensed anywhere in the city. There are children living in the neighbourhood and are subjected to second hand smoke that is not healthy for them (not to mention to adults too). West 4th is a very popular shopping district and any pungent smells from such smoke will definitely chase away regular business customers. I personally am allergic to the second hand smoke to the point of vomiting and headaches.

Please do not approve the sale of marijuana in our city, and especially near where I live and work.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Sunday, December 11, 2016 6:48 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: Development Application at 2868 West 4th Ave

Dear John,

We object to this application for Medical Marijuana Related use. Here are our concerns:

- 1) There are multiple healthcare providers within the same block as this location. Their clients include young children and teenagers. It is not appropriate to expose them to Marijuana use.
- 2) There is a Tae Kwan Do training center across the street. Their clients are mainly children. Again, they should not have exposure to Marijuana.
- 3) This location is too close to family residents. All commercial establishments should not put them at risk.

Thank you.

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Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2016 9:07 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: Evergreen Cannabis Redevelopment

I am writing in support of the development application for Evergreen Cannabis Society.

While I have not used the facility often, the few times I have, they have been extremely helpful, to the point that I thanked them for being part of the neighbourhood. They have provided me with excellent products with honest advice for my condition, and I found them most helpful. They always ask for ID, and clearly pose no threat to minors.

The last time I was there, it was a chance experience as I and neighbours wanted to go to Darby's in order to evaluate their development application. Darby's was so loud, with televisions everywhere that we did not last more than one minute. We found refuge at Evergreen and were thankful for the calm gathering place - a fire, acoustic guitar and comfortable seats.

Beyond my personal experiences within the shop, I have passed by on many occasions to see them hating various events - all positive for the neighbourhood.

Furthermore, s.22(1), I will state that there has never been any issues with noise, or anything else (unlike many of the approved businesses like Shaw or Darby's).

Evergreen is an asset to Kits, and I support there application without any concerns whatsoever.

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Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 3:21 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: Notice of Development Application DE419516

Dear John Freeman,

RE: Notice of Development Application (2868 West 4th Avenue) DE419516

As a s.22(1) I consider myself and my property to be affected by the proposal from Evergreen Cannabis Society to change the use of the existing commercial unit from Retail to Medical-Marijuana-Related Use.

I am **NOT in favour** of changing the use of the existing commercial unit from Retail Sore to Medical Marijuana-Related use.

Sincerely,

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Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 6:54 AM
To: Freeman, John
Cc: s.22(1)
Subject: 2868 West 4th Avenue - DE419516

In regards to dev app DE419516 located at 2868 West 4th Avenue.

I support this location for approval as a dispensary.

This group have been great neighbours, and much more than just a place for people to purchase cannabis. I really prefer this business to the others in the neighbourhood.

On a side note, I do not purchase or use cannabis. I just appreciate businesses that give back to their neighbourhood like Evergreen Cannabis Society has.

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Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 6:24 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: Development Application for 2868 West 4th. DE419516

Dear Sir,

We are adamantly opposed to the proposal to change the use of this unit from retail to a Medical Marijuana Related Use for the above-noted property. In very close proximity to this location are many residential units housing families with young children. There is also a daycare within a couple of blocks as well as an elementary school. We do not want the young children and families exposed to a medical marijuana outlet so nearby. Please do NOT approve this application.

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Freeman, John

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 5:25 PM
To: Freeman, John
Subject: 2868 W 4th - Medical Marijuana

We do not want this type of store in our area. They are a joke and a fraud.

95% of the people that would use this type of store for medical purpose are not sick. The doctors that write prescriptions should have their licence pulled and they should be charged.

Please do not allow this store to open. Nobody in the area wants it.

Thanks !

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