

File No.: 04-1000-20-2018-133

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 Development Permit application for 369 Columbia Street.**

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 (#04-1000-20-2018-133); 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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August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Mr. John Freeman  
Program Facilitator  
City of Vancouver  
Re: Application DE419361

Hi John,

We represent the owners, managers, and tenants of 71-77 E Hastings St. Our site neighbours 351 Columbia St. (369 Columbia St.) directly to the west. Our group has been investing in Vancouver for over 60 yrs and continues to make what we'd think is a valuable contribution to every neighbourhood where we live and work. To this end, **we are strongly opposed to this application for the Farm Dispensary DE491361.**

On a daily basis we deal with the spillover effects of the Farm and 351 Columbia (the Persepolis) that acts a hub for illicit activities. A quick check of your 311 system will also reveal that on a weekly basis we are left with no other option but to constantly report issues pertaining to sanitation and police services for 351 Columbia St. Allowing the Farm to set a quasi-legal drug dispensary within a notorious rooming house is a hazard to all its tenants and neighbours. Working with the VPD members and City crews that put in tireless efforts every day in the DTES, we know how stretched their resources are and can only imagine what this means if the Farm is legitimized.

We would also like to remind you that the City of Vancouver's own regulations for Medical Marijuana, in spite of Health Canada's positions around supply and distribution, stipulates that these businesses are only allowed at least 300 m from other marijuana-related businesses. Eden Medicinal's application to set up a Medical Marijuana business at 138 E Hastings puts each of this outfits within 90 m of each other. While we are opposed to any of these outlets until such time that legal supply and distribution is federally legislated, given the Farm's location and track record of being anything but a good neighbor, the Eden site is preferable.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)



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## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2016 11:37 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** DE419361 application

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hello John

I am writing as an owner at s.22(1) in opposition to the application for 351 Columbia to become a dispensary. There are a number of alternatives in this neighbourhood already. I would rather see more opportunities for artists or small businesses as opposed to another dispensary. Let's believe and provide more for the downtown east side than helping create it into a ghetto of \$3 beer bars and pot shops.

Thanks for being open to feedback.

Do you know when we will have a decision or update in regards to the application for the Eden site at E Hastings next to the Carnegie community centre?

Thx!

s.22(1)

Sent from my iPhone

## Freeman, John

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2016 10:06 AM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** 351 Columbia St. Proposal

Dear Mr. Freeman,

I am strongly opposed to the proposal to open a Medical Marijuana outlet at 351 Columbia St. As I'm sure you know, the area around East Hastings St. is home to several methadone clinics, drug rehab centers, temporary shelters, and other facilities that serve the needs of the homeless, the addicted and the mentally ill. All well and good—any compassionate city needs to provide these services. Compassion come with a cost, however, and those who live in the area, including families with children, must pay more than their fair share of this cost.

The proposed Medical Marijuana outlet will be open seven days a week from 9am to 10pm. These hours guarantee more traffic, more noise and more disruption to the everyday lives of the people who live and work in the area. Please...enough is enough. While the outlet may serve the legitimate needs of those patients who actually need marijuana for pain relief, we all know how easy it is to get a "doctor" to prescribe marijuana for people who intend to use the drug recreationally or sell it. The last we need is more people coming to the area to buy and possibly sell marijuana on the streets.

While many consider the area to be Vancouver's Skid Row (even Trip Advisor cautions travelers to avoid the area because it is too dangerous), many of us call it home. I hope you will consider our rights and concerns. Let's not add yet another facility that will lessen the quality of life for those of us who live here.

Sincerely,

s.22(1)

Owner and resident of s.22(1)

**Freeman, John**

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016 7:54 PM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** 351/369 Columbia Street - DE419361

As an owner of a property in the area surrounding the above-noted address I have received a notice regarding this development application. I am opposed to this application. There are too many marijuana dispensaries in Vancouver.

Regards,

s.22(1)

**Freeman, John**

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**From:** s.22(1)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016 11:36 AM  
**To:** Freeman, John  
**Subject:** DE419361

Good Morning,

Regarding this development application.

As a local resident I am opposed to this development as I believe there are already multiple "dispensaries" in this area and that the DTES does not need any additional encouragement to become the drug-purchasing center of the city.

I note also:

I encourage you to visit this location; it is a focal point for criminal types. Don't take my word for it. Go and have a look.

I do not understand how it is already selling weed if the location is not already licenced by the city as such.

Regards

s.22(1)