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Hello Mayor Helps and Victoria City Councillors,

My name is Matt Dell, I am the current president of South Jubilee Neighbourhood. I am writing in support of the Rezoning Application No. 00713 for 1881 Fort Street.

Myself, and many others in our community, are excited that a vacant commercial space will become utilized by a new local business. We have a small commercial base in the Jubilees, so it's important all spaces are used to help build a vibrant community. 1881 Fort has been vacant for a long time, so it's fantastic Pacificanna wants to come to South Jubilee.

Cannabis was legalized in Canada in 2018 and has since become a very important medical and recreational substance for many Canadians, including those in our community. It is vital that local people have a safe, legal dispensary, especially for those who use THC/CBD for medical conditions. Many folks with mobility issues need a local source. We used to have an illegal Trees location on Fort/Oak Bay corner that was extremely popular with folks of all ages.

I've spent some time researching this application and I believe it conforms with all local requirements:

- The property complies with every single aspect of the Storefront Cannabis Retailer Rezoning Policy.
- The property is located within a 'large urban village' as identified in the Official Community Plan (where the rezoning policy suggests cannabis stores should be located)
- Next closest store is almost 1km away (former illegal "Trees" location that has been shut down at the Oak Bay junction, and whether or not it re-opens is questionable). If not then next closest stores would be Farm on Hillside or downtown.
- Supports business growth along the Fort corridor which is part of the strategic plan of the city's OCP.
- The province completes an extensive background check on all individuals related to the business. Pacificanna has two retail cannabis stores operating successfully in the north Island.

The South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association has been soliciting feedback on this application for a few months and has not received much community input. Most folks I talk to are supportive, considering cannabis is now legal. SJNA CALUC has not received any comments on this application. We have solicited feedback on our website, but not received anything.

City staff have also recommended that council support this proposal.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

-Matt Dell
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South Jubilee Neighbourhood President