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Subject: Retraction of Letter of Opposition for Proposed Development at 650 Speed Avenue

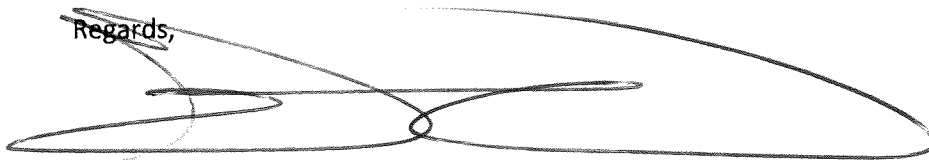
Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to start this letter off with a formal apology. When I submitted my letter of opposition to the temporary use permit at 650 Speed Avenue, I had not been provided concise information around what Victoria Cool Aid Society was proposing for the property. Further, various parties had provided me with conflicting and incorrect information resulting in my uncertainty and concerns with the proposal. Unfortunately, with the pressure of delivering a letter to the City by the Committee of the Whole deadline for this proposal, I chose to submit my letter of opposition without all the facts.

Since then, however, my team and I have had the opportunity to connect with and be fully informed by Victoria Cool Aid Society, and as such I would like to formally retract my letter of opposition.

Victoria Cool Aid Society is a demonstrated operator of a wide spectrum of housing and facilities such as the one outlined in this proposal, which are critical to the health of our city. From my discussions with Victoria Cool Aid Society, I feel comfortable with their ability to operate temporary housing at this location and have the confidence in their commitment.

Regards,



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President

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From: Jamie Van Delft [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Public Hearings
Cc: Lexi Iulianella
Subject: City Council Meeting - May 14 - Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00016

Good-day Victoria City Council and Staff,

As a homeowner of 5 years in the Mayfair Walk building @ 630 Speed avenue, I'm writing in **support** of the temporary use application by Coolaid Society.

After a community meeting with Coolaid, I left feeling much more comfortable about the arrangement. Further, knowing that the residents from the Cedar-Grove were well-established clients in good-standing, only further reduced my reservations about hosting a supportive housing complex on the street.

My one concern is shelter "creep". Our neighbourhood is already saturated with other types of housing on the spectrum of care.

After the placement of the homeless in multiple hotels and motels in the area, with the potential of that arrangement becoming a permanent; what is stopping Mayfair motel from becoming another shelter after the two year temporary-use permit is up? As experienced, moratoriums with the neighbourhood don't hold any weight over the crisis that we are experiencing!

I fear that the precedent of over-using the Burnside-Gorge area to house region's homeless has already been set-in-motion, which makes my wife and I uncomfortable about raising our child in the neighbourhood long-term.

Sincerely,
Jamie Van Delft

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