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From: Arianna Mavrikos [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 3:38 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: 425 Simcoe Rezoning Public Hearing

Dear Mayor & Council,

This rezoning application conforms to all aspects of the rezoning policy that council considers. As a downtown resident who works in the James Bay neighbourhood, a cannabis store would be a welcome addition. I know many people in the neighbourhood who would appreciate not having to travel all the way downtown. I also would appreciate having a cannabis store closer to my residence.

Thanks kindly,

Arianna Mavrikos
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Please keep my contact information confidential

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From: Anne Moon [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: re: Amendment Bylaw 21-073

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing to protest in the strongest possible way the rezoning for a cannabis store in James Bay.

As a former longtime resident on the same block (562 Simcoe) and now as a resident in the north end of James Bay I know this area well.

Those who want to buy cannabis can find plenty of it downtown. Those seniors who need cannabis salve for their arthritis can get it by mail.

Cannabis, when smoked, is bad for your lungs. I JUST got off the bus, which I shared (unhappily) with an unmasked man who said his coughing was from his cannabis use! We want to encourage that?

We also have the recent example of unscrupulous vendors peddling cannabis in packages attractive to children--sending five of them to hospital.

James Bay could use a hardware store. And a cobbler. We can get high enough on the beauty of our neighbourhood.

Please reject this re-zoning of 425-475 Simcoe St.

Regards,

Anne Moon

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From: Stefanos Mavrikos [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 3:39 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: 425 Simcoe Rezoning Public Hearing

Mayor & Council:

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Thank you,
Stefanos Mavrikos
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Please keep my contact information confidential

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From: Fred Freitag [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2021 7:28 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: I am against the local distribution of cannabis

I am against the local distribution of cannabis, because it pollutes the air in my neighbourhood and because it attracts more cannabis users. Would Government buildings or Medical buildings not be a better place to sell cannabis?

Short-term effects of weed include:

- inability to focus
- increased appetite
- coordination problems
- sleepiness
- restlessness
- rapid heart rate
- dry mouth and eyes
- confusion
- feeling sick or faint
- anxiety or paranoia

In rare cases, high doses of weed can cause hallucinations, delusions, and psychosis.

Smoking or ingesting weed on a regular basis can have additional effects on your mind and body. You might be at risk of developing:

- cognitive impairments
- memory impairments
- learning impairments
- diseases such as heart disease and stroke
- respiratory illnesses, such as bronchitis and lung infections
- mood disorders, such as depression and anxiety
- hallucinations and psychosis

If you use weed while you're pregnant or breastfeeding, there's a greater chance that your baby will have birth defects or problems with brain development.

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From: Victoria Mayor and Council
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 3:23 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Fw: Proposal for Development of Simcoe and Menzies site

From: Barbara Guidetti [REDACTED]
Sent: July 31, 2021 9:07 AM
To: Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>; Lisa Helps (Mayor) <LHelps@victoria.ca>; Stephen Andrew (Councillor) <stephen.andrew@victoria.ca>; josie.osborne.mla@leg.bc.ca <josie.osborne.mla@leg.bc.ca>; executive.office@tourismvictoria.com <executive.office@tourismvictoria.com>
Subject: Proposal for Development of Simcoe and Menzies site

In reading the Times Colonist this morning I read with utter shock that a cannabis store is being proposed for this site. We have just survived a year and a half of disgrace and pain in our community with the destruction and abuse of our beloved parks including Beacon Hill Park and Irving Park, soaring crime rates that continue, sirens that resound 24-7 to sort out yet another drug addict or criminal, and wreckless overnight campers that continue in our parks and streets. It is proven that smoking cannabis leads to more harmful drug abuse. How many stores of this type does this city need? They serve no purpose other than to satisfy human greed in 'making a dollar off the ills of society'. The corner of Menzies and Simcoe is the heart of our James Bay community. If this store gets approved, it will ruin the 'heart' of our community. This proposal is not a 'fit' for our community anywhere, let alone in this prominent location.

What does James Bay need?? More benches and more garbage cans for the many pedestrians, more bike racks outside of businesses, Peter Pollen Park needs to be developed into something beautiful and taken out of its current abysmal state, a water park for children, an outdoor swimming pool for the community and tourists, more restaurants, a doctor's office, public fountains, a hardware store. The list of positive needs goes on and on, and a cannabis store is not on the list of a need.

Put your social conscious hat on, do not approve this proposed development. Act like city councillors that represent the positive needs of a community and oppose this proposal. Imagine your personal home beside this site and make a decision that would impact you personally. James Bay should be the jewel of this city as it once was. It is not a dumping ground for cannabis businesses that already flourish in this city.

Barbara Guidetti
James Bay, Victoria

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From: Jerri Carson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 4:18 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: 425 Simcoe Rezoning Public Hearing

Mayor & Council:

I understand a cannabis retail store is being considered for the James Bay neighborhood. The next closest retail options are in the downtown core, and adding this business to the busy commercial hub in James Bay, with a wide mix of other businesses makes much sense. I also understand it complies with all aspects of the rezoning policy and so I wish to voice my support.

Sincerely,

Jerri Carson

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