Margaret McLynn Thursday, March 10, 2022 2:13 PM Legislative Services email 1400 Quadra st. application for cannabis retail store licence

Hello there, I live in the 900 block of Yates St. Last evening I had to walk a few blocks to choir practice and that block of Quadra St. was completely taken over by homeless people, some of whom were shooting up.

Please do not add fuel to the fire by opening a cannabis store in our neighbourhood (the very same block).

Please go and see this situation for yourself, it is dire and needs to be dealt with immediately. It is so sad to see what is happening to these people on the street. With the status quo the way it is I am amazed at the city's lack of awareness and sensitivity toward the tax payers who live in the neighbourhood.

Sincerely, Margaret McLynn.

Sent from Mail for Windows

Xing Chen Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:59 PM Legislative Services email a resident's view of license application for cannabis retail at 1400 Quadra St.

Hello,

I'm a resident living in 845 Johnson St. I am strongly opposed to allowing any cannabis retail stores in the nearby neighbourhood due to following reasons:

1. Bad behaviour impacts to children living in nearby communities

2. Air pollution

3. Negative impact to house value in area

4. Possible increase of crime or public safety concerns (if addicts take cannabis nearby)

5. Negative impact to local traffic/parking conditions

6. Possible increase of traffic accidents in area (if addicts can't help taking cannabis immediately while driving away after purchasing)

7. etc.

Please take all these into consideration. Thanks, Xing Chen 1606-845 Johnson St.,

Melissa Zacharias Monday, March 14, 2022 10:52 AM Legislative Services email Fwd: Recommendation - Clarity Cannabis

Hello,

I received a letter asking for my recommendation regarding whether the Province should issue a cannabis retail store licence.

I live at 834 Johnson street. The address of the proposed cannabis store is for 1400 Quadra Street. We already have at least two cannabis dispensaries within walking distance, if not more. Currently, there is a homeless shelter and supportive housing apartment building around the corner from 1400 Quadra. Many people who struggle with addiction, which has often started from cannabis and trauma, live in this area. Please do not provide another burden for these people to imagine a life free from drugs. We do not need another cannabis store in this area. And I would strongly state it would do more harm to our neighbours than good. My neighbours are already so incredibly vulnerable.

How about instead opening a place for people to access supports? This is what our community needs. Not another cannabis store. Please. It's too much to watch people do drugs on the street knowing they have pain they are trying to escape and they could be dying in front of my eyes. We don't need another store to help them do this. We need supports for them to build themselves out of this trap they have found themselves in. I'm tired of calling 9-1-1. I'm tired of screaming at them to wake-up and scared they won't. We don't need another store that keeps them distant from being present in their lives. The presence of the store itself is another message that we don't care about them.

Please don't allow another cannabis store to open in our neighbourhood.

Thank you for reading my recommendation.

Sincerely, Melissa Zacharias

markbachynski Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:30 AM Legislative Services email Clarity Cannabis

I am not in favor of approving this organization to operate on this block. There is a concentrated drug and criminal element on this block already and I want it to get better not worse.

Thank you

Sent from my Galaxy



March 15, 2022

City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square VICTORIA, BC V8W 1P6

Re: Provincial License application for Clarity Cannabis at 1400 Quadra Street

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

We are writing in opposition to the provincial license application for Clarity Cannabis at 1400 Quadra Street.

We operate a large school and concert venue bordering the 1400 block of Quadra Street, 900 block of Johnson Street, and 900 block of Pandora Ave., directly across from the site in question. We serve thousands of infants, school-aged children, adults, and seniors. We also run the Music Diploma Program for Camosun College and so have teenage and young adult students attending our campus for that program.

Our neighbourhood already has a severe criminality problem, many drug problems, and mental health problems. The overconcentration of social services in the neighbourhood has resulted in copious levels of illegal activity and widespread disorder on the streets.

We feel that it is completely inappropriate to locate a drug seller in this neighbourhood and next to a large school and thus are very much opposed to this application. A drug operation should not be located beside a school, nor in a neighbourhood with such high social disorder.

Sincerely,

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Chris Kask Chief Financial & Operating Officer