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To: Legislative Services email
Subject: Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00022

I object, in the strongest terms, to the issuing of this permit. This is not a case of "not in my backyard." It is a case of not a fifth one of these facilities in my backyard. In the short distance between my two nearest bus stops there are now five hotel/motel sized facilities of this type. The negative impact on the neighbourhood of the five facilities has been significant. The impact of the most recent facility, at 650 Speed Avenue, has been devastating to the neighbours living on Speed Avenue.

Speed Avenue was a street that most people didn't know existed. The facility established by Cool Aid at 650 Speed Avenue has, however, become a magnet for people engaged in drug use, property crime and extreme anti-social behaviour. Residents of the facility and their friends have been the sources of property crime, screams of profanities at all hours of the day and night, threatening behaviour, open drug use, people passed out on the sidewalks - along with the expected garbage and abandoned shopping cart issues. The facility is located at the entrance to a dead-end street. It is the first and last image people have of the Speed Avenue. It is the gauntlet that must be run to get to and from my home.

This is a family neighbourhood with residents ranging in age from infants to seniors. Dealing with the impacts of all these facilities in a small neighbourhood has been a tremendous challenge; the addition of the 650 Speed Avenue facility has been beyond what should reasonably be asked of any neighbourhood. One of my neighbours recently put their townhouse on the market, as they are seeking a safer neighbourhood to raise their toddler - someone stole the "For Sale" sign.

Cool Aid does not appear willing to acknowledge the impacts of their facility - instead employing a deflect and deny strategy - despite their own security camera evidence supporting many of my claims. Cool Aid wishes us to accept these levels of crime, drug use, garbage etc. as the new normal. To grant this application Council would need to share that view.

During consultation on the initial permit application there were strong objections from the neighbourhood. Council and Cool Aid attempted to mute these objections with assurances that the requested use would only be for two years. Changing the permit term from two years to five years makes the initial consultation irrelevant and insincere.

I implore Council to live up to their assurances and to hold Cool Aid to their assurances by declining to approve this application.

Sincerely,

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