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**From:** Debashis Sahoo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022 3:03 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Public comment for proposed changes to 1802 Cook Street

Dear Sir/Madam,

I live in the same neighborhood as 1802 Cook Street.

I don't support the idea of having a Cannabis distribution shop near our neighborhood. Though it has been mentioned in the letter it is supposed to be temporary but the duration of this arrangement is not specified. I am not an expert in this field but I am strongly opposed to this idea on behalf of myself and my family.

I implore the city council to consider the below objections before deciding on the matter:

1. Has the City done any assessment on how Cannabis distribution centers affect residents, especially with children nearby? I have read multiple articles and they suggest it affects negatively. Is there any action plan by the city in case the distribution leads to increased crime in the nearby area?
2. The North Park area is already plagued with people having several socio-economic issues. How does distributing cannabis to these people as part of harm services is going to help reduce it?
3. Though BC's "TOBACCO AND VAPOUR PRODUCTS CONTROL ACT" says not to smoke inside covered transit shelters, people continue smoking under it despite the ban. What will be the health impacts to transit users if cannabis is smoked under these shelters? What are the penalties for people who don't abide by the laws and how will they be enforced?
4. On multiple occasions, I have encountered people with mental health issues, who shout slurs and insults at complete strangers, walls and statues. They sit near the transit shelters, sidewalks and sometimes small parks smoking and gesticulating. Will this distribution help reduce such acts or in reality, increase the frequency of such incidents?
5. The distribution center will be within 500-750 meters of 2 different schools. Has the city done any possible impact analysis on how it might affect young kids if they come in contact with Cannabis?

If the city council cannot have any concrete impact analysis on the opening of the distribution centre, I would highly advise against taking the action. Gambling with vulnerable young lives and endangering family people in residential neighborhoods is not a positive feather to add to the council's cap.

Thank you for hearing me out. Hope you decide well!

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Thanks,  
Debashis