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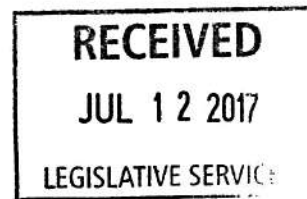
From: Peter Lindqvist [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 8:55 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: The herb collins group

Hello,

I just wanted to express the importance of Herb's shop to. I am myself dealing with chronic back pains and sleeping problems, and I go to Herb's as i need it. Him and his employees have helped and supported me tremendously for the last couple years. Its always such a pleasure to go down there and see everyone that works there, as well as it being a clean, safe and comfortable area of town. I am forever grateful for everything he has done for me, and I know he's done the same for many others. Please consider keeping his shop open. Me and many others rely on his compassion, knowledge, and positive attitude to keep us feeling our very best.

Thanks for reading,
Sincerely,
Peter

City Council Public Hearing July 13, 2017
6:30 pm, Council Chambers
Victoria City Hall, #1 Centennial Square



Zoning Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1091) No. 17-029

Purpose – to rezone the land known as 1010 Cook Street:

From C-1 Zone Limited Commercial District

To C1-C2 Zone Limited Commercial Small Cannabis District

We appose this amendment to rezone the land known as 1010 Cook Street.

Cannabis doesn't mix with family-oriented neighbourhoods.

1010 Cook Street sits on a small block between Rockland and Meares Streets; there are five, small retail shops and an apartment building on the south west corner of that block.

The expansive neighbourhood around 1010 Cook Street is residential and consists mainly of rental apartment buildings, condominiums, a few single-family homes and new construction at Fort and Cook Street that will increase the residential base even more. The nearby residential streets include Vancouver, Meares, Rockland, Burdett, McClure, Richardson, Fairfield and others.

Cannabis doesn't mix with family-oriented neighbourhoods especially before the Federal rules on legalizing marijuana are known. It is still illegal to sell pot.

School.

Christ Church Cathedral School is only one block away situated on the corner of Vancouver and Rockland, another reason a "Cannabis District Zone" should not be approved as it is not appropriate zoning near a school.

No need.

There are numerous cannabis outlets nearby – people can access shops in the Cook Street Village or in downtown locations like the recently-rezoned lower Yates Street outlet.

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From: Wayne Margetish [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:05 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: herbs

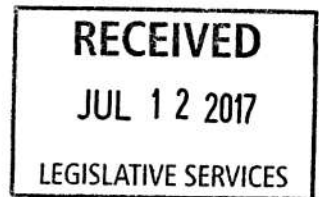
hello

My name is wayne, and I want Herb's Holistic Herbs to remain open as part of Victoria's business community. Herb's provides safe, respectful, and consistent access to Cannabis, which I need access to because it is how i manage my pain. I go to Herb's because I believe it provides an essential service to the community. It is both a responsible business and a positive social actor. In my opinion, the neighbourhood is improved by having Herb's Herbs as a part of it.

If Herb's were to close, I would no longer have safe , convenient access to Cannabis, which I need to manage my pain. This would force me to take my business elsewhere, taking my money out of the neighbourhood. I value supporting local businesses, and i want Herb's Holistic Herbs to stay open because it enhances my community and enriches the neighbourhood.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

thank you,
wayne margetish



July 11, 2017

Mayor and Council

For July 13, 2017 – 6:30 PM Council Meeting at Victoria City Hall, #1, Centennial Square, Council Chambers

RE: Zoning Regulation Bylaw – Amendment Bylaw (No. 1091) No. 17-029

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From C-1 Zone Limited Commercial District

To C1-C2 Zone Limited Commercial Small Cannabis District

We do not support this change for the following reasons:

Cannabis is still an illegal substance in Canada. Therefore the City of Victoria should have instructed the Victoria/Esquimalt Police force to shut down the “pot shops” as they illegally set up shop as was done in the City of Langford. The Mayor and Council of the City of Victoria chose to ignore the laws of Canada and enabled the proliferation of, at last count, 37 illegal cannabis operations to continue in the City not only operating in violation of the laws of the land but also without any business licenses. For the City to now try and legitimize this by rezoning various addresses to permit such illegal activity is mind blowing.

1010 Cook Street is located in a primarily residential neighbourhood. It is situated between Rockland and Meares Streets and consists mainly of rental apartment buildings, condominiums, a few single family homes and nearby residential streets - Vancouver, Burdett, McClure, Linden, Richardson and Fairfield. The businesses beside 1010 Cook Street include a bike shop, restaurant, bakery and tattoo shop – all legal businesses. We don’t think a cannabis shop is a good fit.

Christ Church Cathedral School is only one block away situated on the corner of Vancouver and Rockland. It is simply not appropriate to rezone 1010 Cook Street a Cannabis District Zone so close to an elementary school.

There is no need to allow another cannabis outlet in this area. The City of Victoria and in particular this neighbourhood is over served with these shops. There is the Gulf Island Organics Cannabis Dispensary at 1038/40 Fort Street just around the corner, a shop in the 700 block of Fort Street (in the queue for rezoning), two in the Cook Street Village, two in North Park (left on Cook Street, in the middle of the block before Vancouver) almost side by side! It matters not if they have yet to be rezoned and licensed they are there and operating now and all of them illegally.

Banks and other financial institutions will not provide funding or open accounts for these illegal entities and this is also a major concern to us as we wonder who is fronting some of the money for all of these stores to pay for leases, operating money, pay for inventory etc. These “businesses” are forced to be cash only and at a higher risk for robberies. Where is the cannabis coming from? Is anyone responsible to ensure it is a safe product. Hopefully the taxpayers will not be responsible should someone purchase

an illegal substance from a shop rezoned and licensed by the City of Victoria before it is legal and suffer severe health issues and sue the City for damages. In closing we think it is time for the City and Council to sit back and wait for cannabis to become legal before proceeding with further rezoning and issuing of business licenses and do not support the rezoning of 1010 Cook Street.

Sincerely

G & D Kirk

Linden

Cc: City Solicitor