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From: Gail Stanford [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 5:34 PM  
To: Councillors <Councillors@victoria.ca>  
Cc: Community Planning email inquiries <CommunityPlanning@victoria.ca>; nag@quadravillagecc.com  
Subject: Cannabis Retailer Rezoning Applications - Quadra Village

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I wanted to send this e-mail to Victoria City Councillors and the Community Planning Department to express my views on this situation.

As a long time resident in the neighborhood, I must confess I'm very distraught about this news! I know the cannabis issue is now before us and the City will have to deal with these types of applications but I had to let my view be known. I don't believe having a cannabis business in Quadra Village will add any pleasant ambience to our village. In fact, I believe it will greatly detract from the neighborhood village feeling!!! Having even one of these applications approved is very troubling to me!! Having two of them approved would be unthinkable! Our little village would become the cannabis village for Victoria!! And if the City does approve even one application, I hope they will take a long look at the business and ensure the business doesn't have a tacky appearance at store front and is a very respectable business!!

My hope is that **none** of the applications will be approved and failing that, that only one would be approved. Even one is too many!!

Thanking you for your attention.

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February 28th, 2017.

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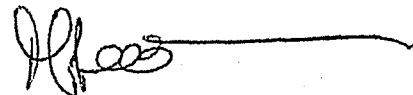
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Sincerely –



Michael Wegner, Founder

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**Subject:** Rezoning No. 00571 & No. 00570

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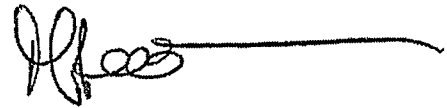
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