

January 20, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in support of the proposal for a Heritage Alteration Permit and Demolition Permit for Anthem Properties Group.

Red Brick Media has been residing in the offices of Market Square for over 4 years. In that time we have been in over 5 different spaces, both on the Johnson Street side, and the Pandora Street side. We currently hold 4 office spaces in the building, 2 of which face the covered courtyard area.

The demolition permit to remove the covered courtyard roof is paramount to preventing further deterioration and rot to the surrounding buildings. We've experienced firsthand the adverse effects and leakage after a heavy rainfall, and the wear and tear it takes on these old buildings.

Our team greatly benefits from the amenities and services provided by Anthem Properties in Market Square, including the bike lockups and security, staged area and concerts in the summer, and the hospitality and atmosphere the courtyard provides for people. Whether it be relaxing on a break, enjoying a meal at the picnic tables, doing some work in the fresh air, or shopping, Market Square draws people from all walks for all purposes.

The completion of the proposed work to the courtyard and surrounding area, including the removal of the covering structure, will serve only to continue to improve and beautify the setting for all those to enjoy, be it tourists, locals, students, or businesses.

We at Red Brick Media feel that Kim Harrap and the team at Anthem Properties have done and will continue to do an excellent job in enhancing Market Square and the Downtown area, while keeping the heritage and community aspects a focal point.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: tobyn.sowden@redbrickmedia.com.

Sincerely Tobyn Sowden CEO

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## **Kim Harrap**

From: Sent: To: Subject: John Pettigrew <johnp@kpljames.com> Tuesday, January 19, 2016 3:18 PM Kim Harrap Market Square renovations

Kim,

This email is is to add our support to the proposed demolition of the covering over the courtyard and the unoccupied main floor space that was previously a display suite. We concur that the condition of the roof is in poor condition and the facility will benefit from its removal and the other proposed work.

We are proud to have our offices in Market Square and look forward to having the property refurbished.

Thank-you

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Mayor Lisa Helps and Council:

Please accept this letter demonstrating Pacific Rim College's support of Anthem Properties Group's vision for reviving Market Square as indicated in a letter sent to you by Anthem dated December 11.

As a 10-year tenant of Market Square, our students and employees have benefitted from the peaceful urban environment that Market Square provides. Despite its wonderful character and strengths as a unique venue, however, infrastructure within the Square, including the courtyard roof and wooden walkways, are deteriorating and creating hazards. Additionally, local traffic seems to navigate around the outside of Market Square rather than through it, often leaving a less than vibrant courtyard atmosphere. We think all the proposed changes will help to deal with the above concerns and make Market Square a better community hub.

Thanks very much for your consideration. Should you require any additional information, we would be happy to provide it to you.

Sincerely,

Todd Howard President