

## Alicia Ferguson

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**From:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** RE: Tempt Use Permit Application No. 00004 (1601 Douglas)

**From:** Robin Adams  
**Sent:** January 20, 2018 3:39 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings <PublicHearings@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** Tempt Use Permit Application No. 00004 (1601 Douglas)

To the City of Victoria Council Members,

Regarding the meeting to take place on January 25th, 2018 to consider a temporary use permit for the purpose of allowing a storefront cannabis retailer at 1601 Douglas Street, I am submitting my input by email. I feel very strongly that the 'Lotusland' cannabis retailer should be permitted to stay and operate in their existing location on Douglas Street because their presence in this neighborhood enhances the community and provides a vital service to its inhabitants. I feel much better knowing that quality controlled, knowledgeable, and organized sales of cannabis take place down the street from my home. The alternative might be that people in this area turn to 'under the table' sales of cannabis with product that may not be properly checked for dangerous substances added. It is also a benefit to have close access to safe cannabis, for those that use it medicinally.

I live a block away from the store, and I walk by it constantly. I have never seen or heard of any incidents in or around their store. Their store front is always well kept and clean. The staff are always exceedingly compassionate, knowledgeable, and courteous. This business is a credit to our corner of downtown.

Please consider approving their application for a temporary use permit for the purposes of allowing a storefront cannabis retailer.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robin Adams  
770 Fisgard Street (The Hudson Building)

**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 23, 2018 11:34 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Cannabis retailer

RE: Temporary Use Permit Application No: 00004

Hi I am the owner of one of the units in [REDACTED].

I DONOT want to have a cannabis retailer in my neighborhood.

Please donot disclose my email or any personal information.

Thank you,  
Property Owner

## Pamela Martin

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**From:** Maryse Dallaire [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 23, 2018 5:09 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00004

To whom it may concern,

From the letter dated January 12, 2018, we strongly oppose the issuing of a Temporary Use Permit for the land known as 1601 Douglas Street, for the purpose of allowing a storefront cannabis retailer.

For many years we have worked at the opposite in cleaning the area of drugs like the relocation of the needle depot that was on Blanchard and Cormorant so it safe for our children. This is not the group of people we want to attract to our neighbourhood. Notwithstanding the impact having a cannabis store will have on our resale value of our condo.

Regards,

Frédéric Torres

Co-Owner of 732 Cormorant

## Pamela Martin

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**From:** ROBERT MILLER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 24, 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Temporary Use Permit application No. 00004

To Mayor and Council,

I am a resident of 732 Cormorant St, and have have lived at this location for over six years, and have worked in the downtown core for 19 years. I am writing to express my concerns over the above noted application.

Over the past few years the city has seen a rapid proliferation of cannabis retailers/dispensaries in the downtown core, in anticipation of federal and provincial regulatory changes that are proposed, but not yet in effect. In this environment it is difficult to implement good long term planning, so the City has fortunately created some regulatory guidelines as criteria to help inform their decisions. In the case of this application, the city's criteria are not being met.

Specifically:

1. The location is within 400 meters of other cannabis retailers 2. The location is within 200 meters of a school, as well as a day care

In addition, the subject location is

A) directly across the street from the Centennial Square, a location frequented by families and children.

B) It is also located within a building that houses some of the City's most vulnerable residents (and the City subsidizes the owner of this building to assist in making housing at this location available to them). It would be short sighted to encourage a use which could put them at risk.

C) there is a clear lack of community support by residents and other concerned parties for allowing this application

In light of this I strongly encourage you to NOT approve this application.

Robert Miller

Sent from my iPad