

Regarding: 1601 Douglas St, For the purpose
of allowing a storefront Cannabis
Retailer.



My Name is Erin De Vega I Live at
#403-732 Cormorant in the Corozon
building. I have Lived here for 5
years Now and have Seen Many
Changes to our neighborhood.

I have an 8 year old Daughter
and when we moved into the
Corozon we noticed a lot of street
people outside our building and
realized the needle Exchange used
to be across the Road from
Blanshard. Many times we would
look outside and see people using
drugs in the Courtyard we over
look. I was really dissapointed and
had moved here to be close to work
and my daughters preschool.

When I heard a Marijuana Store
was opening on the Corner I thought
that it would only get worse but too
my Surprise it actually got better.
Less street people and Less crime
too. We also Enjoyed the Store →

Front windows on Special holidays
they were always nicely decorated.
I realized to that my daughter
knows now more about Cannabis
then I did at her age and the
reality is that more } more stores
are helping alot of people that
maybe dealing with acute pain to
Anxiety, depression or stress. To
see how busy they are tells you
that people need this store to be
here. They get used to the Employees
who I'm sure are very knowledgable
otherwise they wouldn't be as
busy as they are. We need to
support our local businesses if
not us who will? I have lived
my whole life in Victoria and
truly believe in supporting local
all the way!

Sincerely,
Erin De Vega



Pamela Martin

From: L Cooney [REDACTED]
Sent: January 24, 2018 11:49 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Temporary use Permit Application No. 00004

Hello:

Thank you for requesting feedback and I do apologize for such a late reply.

I am having a really hard time as a Victoria resident, homeowner, taxpayer, and citizen understanding any reason for providing anyone a permit to break a law. The is what I see this application as. I have really felt offended every time I see a pot shop in Victoria. Granted, if they are not opening until July 1 2018 when this product will be legal, possibly, I can see why they would apply. But BC, let alone Victoria has not finalized how this product will be distributed. If it is a medicine why would it be sold anywhere other than where medicines are sold? Is it like an herb? Then what is the fuss?

It seems a big mess. It adversely affects the developing brain. Why would we provide access to those who #1 do not have fully developed brains and therefore #2 do not have fully developed awareness of the consequences of their actions?

I understand by legalizing it there is a possibility of deflating a criminal element in the sale of this product, and thereby inflating our tax base. Very seductive reasoning.

I know this is a hard decision for Council. Go with what you expect the majority of your electoral base would say, because that is what you are elected to do.

Good luck
Linda Cooney

Pamela Martin

From: Geoffrey Manson [REDACTED]
Sent: January 25, 2018 10:42 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Temporary Use Permit Application No. 00004

Hi there,

I'd like to defend Lotusland Cannabis Club in their desire to stay at 1601 Douglas St.

I've been a customer of theirs for years now, and it's always been a busy store, with friendly, informative staff. In undergoing chemotherapy treatment 2 years ago, they were extremely helpful in helping me choose a plan to manage my pain. I know that dispensaries sometimes get a negative view from the public at large, but I feel that Lotusland has always been a welcoming part of this neighborhood, and I would hate to see it go.

Thank you,

Geoff Manson.

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