

Pamela Martin

From: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: opposition to zoning bylaw amendment bylaw (No. 1115) No. 17-094

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Sunday, January 07, 2018 2:06 PM
To: Public Hearings <PublicHearings@victoria.ca>
Subject: opposition to zoning bylaw amendment bylaw (No. 1115) No. 17-094

To Victoria City Council members:

I am opposed to changing zoning CA-83 Harris Green (Cannabis) 2 District for the following reason:

In the immediate area there are at least four other businesses from which to purchase Cannabis. I own a condo facing the former Central Care home. at 834 Johnson. Next door in the former Care home there are now housed the former tent city residents; many of them drug addicts and pot smokers.

To approve this would mean that the 834 would be sandwiched between these two buildings. How much is one block expected to absorb? What's next - a strip joint and a beer hall?!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Victoria.

Please keep my email confidential - thank you!

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 11:32 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Input for Rezoning Application No. 00584 for 818-826 Johnson Street

Good morning,

Myself and partner are residents at 834 Johnson Street. There is another marijuana dispensary located across the street next to the Ageless Living Market. We would argue that one dispensary located on this block of Johnson Street is sufficient, and having a dispensary situated beside a commercial business (the market) is better than next to a residence (The 834).

Therefore, we would like to submit our "no" vote for the proposed rezoning application No. 00584.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 834 Johnson St.

Please note, we request our names to remain confidential.

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From: Gerald Hamonic [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 11:33 PM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: Input - CA-83, Harris Green (Cannbis) 2 District

I oppose the new storefront cannabis retailer on a number of points. The establishment of this business will undoubtedly effect the quality of life in the area by increasing crime, driving away tenants to my building, and scare away tourists.

The National Institute of Drug Abuse notes that marijuana also affects brain development. When people begin using marijuana as teenagers, the drug may impair thinking, memory, and learning functions and affect how the brain builds connections between the areas necessary for these functions. Researchers are still studying how long marijuana's effects last and whether some changes may be permanent. For example, a study from New Zealand conducted in part by researchers at Duke University showed that people who started smoking marijuana heavily in their teens and had an ongoing marijuana use disorder lost an average of 8 IQ points between ages 13 and 38. The lost mental abilities didn't fully return in those who quit marijuana as adults.

In the US, States that have legalized marijuana are coming to grips with the fact that it is bad for public health. Marijuana is also a drug that has shown to lead to more serious drug abuse and has shown to increase the frequency of motor vehicle accidents.

Please keep this neighborhood clean.

Thank you.

W. Gerald Hamoinic, Ph.D.

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