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City of Victoria, 1 Centennial Square Victoria, B.C. V8W 1P6

Attn: Victoria City Council

Re: Rezoning application 2018 Douglas St., Victoria, B.C.

We are writing in response to your recent letter seeking input in connection with the above noted.

Our company owns the commercial property located at 2000-2016 Douglas St. as well as the adjacent property located at 660-664 Discovery St. in all comprising seven commercial tenants,

all located directly within the by law restriction zone for the applicant's type of business.

While we are not necessarily against the concept of a street access marijuana vendor per se, we are strongly opposed to a business of this nature being located directly adjacent to our building as it is not compatible with our current mix of tenants. Furthermore, according to local commercial property managers, it would restrict the scope of prospective tenants in the future.

For example, located at 2016 Douglas St, directly next door to the south of the applicant is an excellent tenant, a family run business that sells school supplies. Their typical customer base includes teachers, grades K -12, parents of schoolchildren and schoolchildren themselves either accompanied by parents or shopping with their peers. Locating a marijuana shop next to this business makes no sense from any perspective, except that of the applicant.

Moving southward, next to the school supply store is another excellent tenant, a specialty food market whose customer base is families. Again, locating a marijuana shop within say, 40 feet of their door, is not compatible with this family run business and is in the best interest of the applicant only.

Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the rezoning meeting but are sending this letter as our representation in connection with this matter in our stead.

Yours truly,

David Holmes, President

