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From: Michael Angrove
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 8:27 AM
To: Public Hearings
Subject: FW: Request for Rezoning - Douglas & Johnson

Correspondence for 1402 Douglas Street (September 21st Public Hearing).

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From: Anne McFarlane [REDACTED]
Sent: September 11, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Michael Angrove <mangrove@victoria.ca>
Subject: Request for Rezoning - Douglas & Johnson

Dear Mr. Angrove,

I understand you are responsible for rezoning requests related to cannabis shops.

I am writing to express my disagreement with a proposal to allow a cannabis shop to be placed on the west side of Douglas Street on Johnson Street. An Aveda salon currently occupies the building, I believe.

Although I live in Saanichton, I drive to Victoria about 5 times a week to shop or attend classes or cultural events. As I walk around the downtown core, I note there are cannabis shops on Fort Street (one at 778 and one at 1040), on Cormorant, at 950 Yates, at 826 Johnson, 543 Herald Street and 1725 Cook Street. In addition, areas like Quadra and King have three or four shops in a two block stretch. I don't think another cannabis shop is needed in the downtown core.

Over the past few years the city has taken positive steps to improve the livability of the downtown. The new approaches to parking and the decoration of the streets are two example. There are great construction projects going on. But a proliferation of cannabis shops will not contribute to the vibrant downtown the city is working hard to create.

I would be happy to discuss this further with you if that would be helpful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anne McFarlane