

# LORE GENERAL STORE

Mayor and Council  
City of Victoria, 1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC, V8W 1P6  
c/o [publichearings@victoria.ca](mailto:publichearings@victoria.ca)  
RE: Opposing Medical Cannabis Dispensary Rezoning

April 12, 2017

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am a small business owner on Government Street and resident of James Bay. I strongly oppose the rezoning for Cannabis Dispensaries for the following reasons:

- Cannabis Dispensaries are illegal businesses. The City of Victoria should not be making up their own rules around this matter.
- Cannabis Dispensaries do not pay taxes to the government like other small businesses in the city.
- Dispensaries are not able to buy from Government approved sources therefore they are buying from illegal sources.
- Under the Law, The City of Victoria would be receiving profits of crime when taking payment for the new business license.
- Regular Small Business owners are being punished for not following the rules, yet the city has turned a blind eye to these illegal businesses.
- Medical Patients have access to Cannabis as they are able to receive Cannabis by Mail from Government approved sources.
- Landlords in the City of Victoria are also receiving Profits of Crime from these illegal businesses.

It is simply not fair; The City of Victoria is deciding to make their own laws when it comes to these kinds of businesses. These businesses are illegal currently in the eyes of the Government of Canada. These business are not paying taxes or employment wages and are mostly cash based businesses. It is wrong to endorse this type of business in our City. Un-Fair to the other small business owners who are struggling to survive and play by the rules.

Sincerely

Stephanie Hartwig  
Lore General Store

**Pamela Martin**

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**From:** Thomas Haas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:07 PM  
**To:** Public Hearings  
**Subject:** Zoning Bylaw (546 Yates Street) Amendment -- April 13, 2017

Hello City Council,

As a landlord for 560 Yates Street (688429 BC LTD) it concerns us that a storefront cannabis retailer wishes to open up shop several doors from our property.

From a business and investment stand point we feel that this would impact our ability to lease our property and potentially affect its property value in a negative way.

We object to this proposed change for 546 Yates Street.

We do not wish to share our contact information.

Regards,

688429BC LTD