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From: Chinese Freemasons Of Vancouver Info s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
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Attn.: His Worship, Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vancouver City Councilors

Dear Sirs or Madams:

We wish to strongly express the concerns of our members regarding the recommendations presented in the report by the Chief License Inspector and the General Manager of Planning and Development Services pertaining to the regulations of retail dealers of Medical Marijuana.

In particular, we oppose the suggestion that Hastings and Main Streets be the two corridors in the DTES where dispensaries are allowed. Hastings Street runs the northern border of Chinatown, while Main Street bisects the historic community.

Chinatown has already been adversely affected by the drug issues that have plagued the DTES. Ongoing governmental programs to mitigate the negative effects have not been successful.

Work done by the community and the City through Historic Area Height Review, the Chinatown Neighbourhood Plan and the Chinatown Economic Revitalization Strategy Plan to revitalize Chinatown will be reversed by legitimizing and encouraging illegal drug use in the heart of Chinatown as an approved location for dispensaries.

All the hard work by the Community, City Council and City staff will be wasted if all of the City's woes continue to be piled on into the neighbourhood. The Hastings street market, the open drug use, the open drug dealing and now a City sponsored plan to concentrate marijuana dispensaries in the neighbourhood all contribute to a sense of civic disorder that even the most aggressive and well-funded marketing and revitalization programs cannot dispel.

We hope that City Council will reconsider the planning department's recommendation that legitimizes and encourages the concentration of illegal drug use in the DTES by not allowing marijuana dispensaries in the Chinatown precinct.

Yours truly,

James Chu,
President,
Chinese Benevolent Association

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From: PAMELA MCCOLL s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
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Subject: Fwd: Letter to the Editor

Dear Letter to the Editor Surrey Now

Such a public outcry over yoga on a bridge that the Premier was "compelled" to interject and yet the "Ballem Plan" to license illegal pot shops goes unchallenged by Provincial leadership.

The travesty taking place at City Hall should have every parent, educator, business owner and non-pot user, ever physician, psychiatrist, law enforcement officer, addictions councillor up in arms and the full attention of the Premier of the Province and the Minister of Education.

Why the non-response ? There has been a consorted effort to lull the public with rhetoric of regulate and patient's interests, and a sorry lack of discussion over the impact of commercialization of a substance that has been proven not safe for human consumption. What is missing is the evidence of science.

The gross omission of the risks of harms associated with the use of marijuana for anyone at any age is the offense that should cost City Manager Ballem her job, along with her admission that proximity guidelines for daycares were not included in the license pot plan to ease the burden on the marijuana sector in adhering to the rules. The facts:

In September 2009 marijuana smoked was added to the list of chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity by the California Environmental Protection Agency and Office of Environmental Health Hazard. - There are over 300 studies about the cell damage done from fat soluble marijuana. Two of the cells directly affected are the sperm and the ovum, which can lead to sexual dysfunction.- Secondhand marijuana smoke contains many of the same toxins and carcinogens found in marijuana smoke. Secondhand smoke kills 600,000 worldwide annually, and nearly two thirds of the deaths occur in children. Enough said. Write MayorandCouncil@Vancouver.ca today.

Pamela McColl
Smart Approaches to Marijuana Canada (SAM Canada)

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From: Ruth McMillan s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
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Subject: Miss information from marpole bia

The bia from marpole omitted telling you all that 2 banks were robbed last week, however the 3 dispensaries were left alone Additionally the seniors in marpole go to the Erbachay dispensary prior to going to the library and mr lee's Grand Marpole produce store; both in marpole Additionally stores r empty in the area due to extremely high rents and the increases over the past years

Ruth