

Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 9:21 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Medical Cannabis

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From: jeff gaudette s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 9:05 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Medical Cannabis

I will keep this short and sweet.

I am one of 3 Canadians who has a certificate in Medical Cannabis from Oaksterdam University in California. I have vast knowledge on dispensary operations and medical uses for cannabis. Laura Ambrose, health Canada has very little knowledge on medical cannabis so I don't think they can represent the general public. She has a bachelors of art degree, woopy-doo. Smoking cannabis is the most harmful way to ingest cannabis and also the least effective to treat patients, other than bulimia. If this is the type of person representing medical marijuana patients across Canada, then nobody will be treated properly. The true medicine is in the oils extracted from the bio mass, bio mass is carcinogenic.

Kazakoff, Laura

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 9:59 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Mayor and Council - Allow Stratas to Restrict Marijuana Stores in their Buildings

From: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 9:54 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Mayor and Council - Allow Stratas to Restrict Marijuana Stores in their Buildings

Mayor and Council,

As a Strata Council volunteer for s.22(1) Personal and Confidential I do not offer an opinion of support or non-support for the regulation of marijuana retail stores. I am writing to ask that if the proposed framework is to be passed, that it restricts marijuana stores from operating in a mixed residential-commercial building, or that you allow Strata Councils to make that decision for their own building and incorporate into their by-laws.

As a volunteer Strata Council, it would be beyond our ability to balance the varying opinions of Owners in the building regarding this issue. Currently, the only way to make this change to the by-law is to have a 3/4 vote from the Commercial units. If they do not allow it, the only option for Residential units would be to utilize the courts, which would be costly and expensive.

Since we are moving to more mixed use buildings, I highly encourage you to give this some serious thought. Strata Councils are already currently stressed with rising utility costs, building repairs, security, etc. This would be an added burden we could not handle.

Best regards,

Noy Leksinski
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

"I am grateful for rain puddles after the storm."

Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 10:45 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Medical Marijuana Dispensary Regulation

From: Ray Nikiel s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 10:24 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Medical Marijuana Dispensary Regulation

I think you are doing the right thing by regulating these much needed business. I feel that the licencing fee is extremely excessive in comparison to other businesses selling tobacco and liquor. The 300 metre distancing from schools, community centres, and neighbourhood houses is also excessive considering that liquor stores are regulated at a distance of 150 metres from these facilities in the city and I think this would be an acceptable distance for dispensaries.

Thank you,

Ray Nikiel

Kazakoff, Laura

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 11:44 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Comments on proposed dispensary regulations

From: D Russo s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 11:46 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments on proposed dispensary regulations

Dear Mr Mayor and Members of Council,

I welcome and support regulations for dispensaries.

I commend the City of Vancouver for supporting peoples right to safe access and for being a leader towards change and understanding.

Dispensaries are like a life line for many of the people that access them and without access to dispensaries they're forced to the street to buy what is supposed to be medicine.

Many of them are unable to get access to the federal program as their Doctors are not supportive.

The dispensary I am a member of, The Medicinal Cannabis Dispensary, provides a safe environment, a thorough orientation for new members and product counselling for members in a clean professional setting. Each product has a detailed description and has been through rigorous inspection/quality control.

They've been supportive towards the communities in which they operate and their presence in those communities has actually helped make them safer.

They are the example the city ought to be looking towards.

I can't imagine them moving from the 880 E Hastings location - they've been operating at that location for 7 years, with no issues - they would be forced to close down or move with the proposed regulations as they are within 300 meters of RayCam Community centre.

Many of people who live in that community are the ones accessing that Dispensary.

If they're forced to move, it would likely have to be out of the area completely when taking all of the other regulations into consideration and this would be extremely unfortunate for the community.

The same can be said for The BC compassion club, they've been operating out of their location for well over and decade (almost two decades!) with no issues and it would be really unfortunate to see them forced out as well.

The proposal that anyone under the age of 18 would not be permitted in any Medicinal Cannabis Dispensary Is discriminatory.

In some cases, a minor under the age of 18 may be a member - under full support and supervision of the Doctor and parent/guardian - Illness doesn't age discriminate. They, as members have the right to learn about their medicine and receive the same benefit/consultation as everyone else. They must be accompanied by their parent/guardian at The Medicinal Cannabis Dispensary, so I really don't see a problem there.

The environment they provide is completely appropriate for children, it is no different than bringing your child(ren) to the pharmacy or doctors office. Parents should not have to seek out childcare so they can access

their medicine, this also seems discriminatory.

This is not a recreational proposal - if this was a proposal for recreational regulations the 'no persons under 18' component would be different and I would support that.

I am concerned about not having access to edibles or oils any longer as that is all I use for my own medicine and I know there are many like myself. I'm not able to make my own - There is a certain amount of knowledge and skill involved and not everyone is going to be capable of this. Many seniors and people with disabilities rely on these medicines in particular and without them they are being denied access to their medicine.

Thank you for reading and taking into consideration my concerns about the proposed regulations.

And thank you for standing up for the rights of Vancouverites, other cities in BC are following in Vancouver's footsteps and I have hope that one day we will have a Prime Minister who will stand up for the rights of all Canadians.

Sincerely,

Danett Russo
Vancouver, BC