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Dear Mayor Stewart and City Councilors:

We are writing to impress upon you the importance of rezoning 1636 Clark Drive and 1321-1395 E 1st Ave to move forward with the proposed project. We would like to convey our support as medical students and future physicians for all components of the planned facility, including:

- the social housing units
- short-term housing units
- withdrawal management centre
- social enterprise centre supporting Indigenous healing, wellness, and employment
- academic learning
- culturally appropriate service components

Each aspect of the facility addresses fundamental social determinants of health which, when integrated and addressed simultaneously, create sustainable solutions for recovery.

The centre represents the integration of services, holistic approaches, and evidence-based addiction treatments that can meet the public and populations' health care needs, especially in the context of the current opioid crisis. We think the development of the facility is imperative and hold you accountable to your platform and published strategies; namely Housing and Healthy City. We ask for this (and more) facilities to provide affordable housing and access to addiction services be developed with urgency.

Thank you,

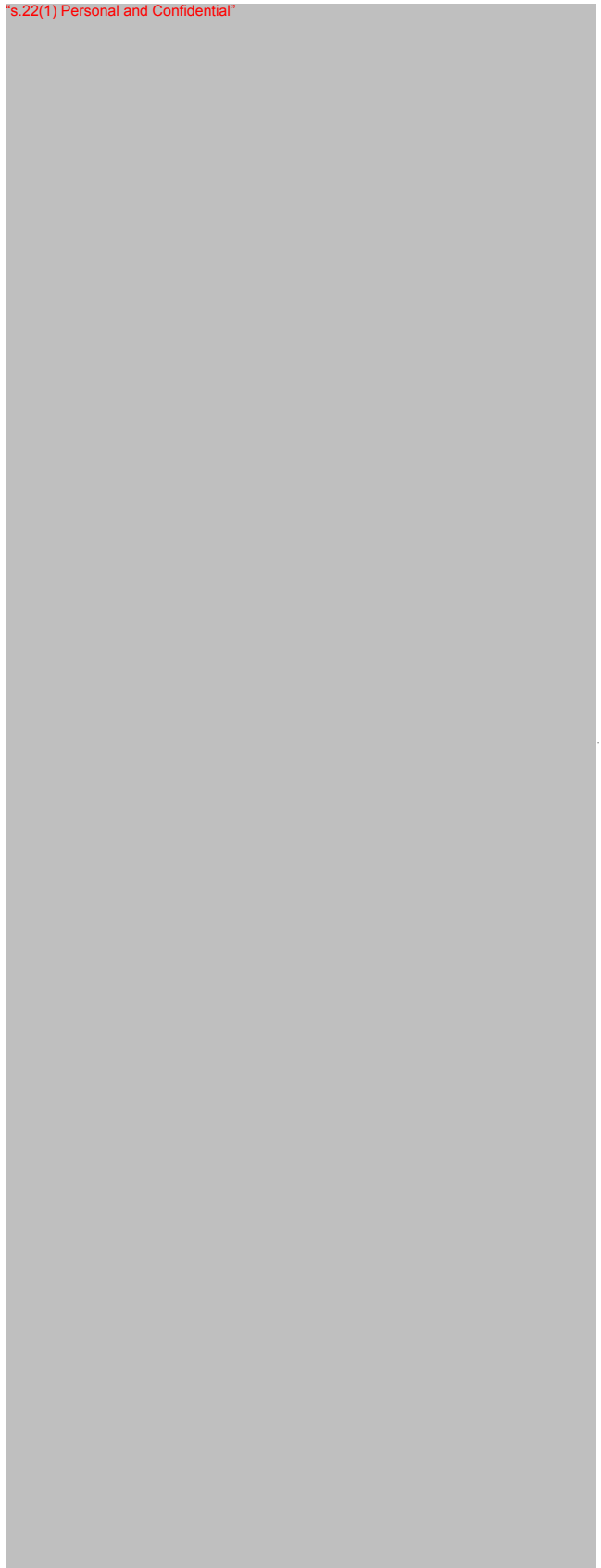
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