

Public Hearing Correspondence Case

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Incident Location

Address: 311 UNADDRESSED LOCATION, VANCOUVER, VAN 311

Address2:

Location name:

Original Address: 311 UNADDRESSED LOCATION

Request Details

1. Subject (address if applicable):

DEOD OCP Retail Continuity

2. Position:

Support

3. Comments:

Our 6 decade, Vancouver-based business temporarily relocated to Hastings and Columbia from 2016-2020. As a property owner and manager, we were well versed in the practical realities of being street front because our site had sat empty for sometime before we took the plunge. We also brought along a partner company in architecture and design. Upon trying to get them a business license, we were shocked to learn of the power an advocate community group had dictating to the city what does and doesn't service the immediate neighbourhood. As a long time Vancouver community member and taxpayer, I would argue that any of this discretionary power has contributed the crises in the DTES by ensuring small business and economic development is ignored. We WHOLLY support the expansion of retail uses in the DEOD because boarded up windows and stoops have done nothing to help anyone's livability. During the 5 yrs we remained non compliant by licensing but with an office complement of 15 and accurate reporting, our economic contribution beyond property and business taxes was \$172,342. These monies were spread over small businesses within walking distance, NPO's such as MP, and directly to local residents in the form of casual task. Along the way, we took pride on our street and cared for our neighbours - to the point of resuscitating 2 overdose victims. Expanding the retail continuity should also decentralize the ad hoc power given to committees that would have been just as happy to continue the status quo and forgo economic contributions and engagement that small businesses excel at.

4. Neighbourhood:

Downtown

5. Full name:

Drew Ratcliffe

6. Organization you represent:

The Arpeg Group

7. Email:

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8. Subject classification:

PH2 - 2. Employment Lands and Economy Review Quick Start Actions: Downtown-Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan Text Amendment – Retail Continuity Policy Review for Flexibility of Ground Floor Uses

Additional Details

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Case Notes

Photo

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