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Dear New Westminster City Council and Mayor,

I am in full support of the Temporary Use Permit Application for the ghost of the Army and Navy Store at 502 Columbia.

I am proud to live in a city that provides services and protection to meet the fundamental human rights for all its residence. This application is a continuance of the work of volunteers and NGO's that make this a better city.

My thoughts on this project:

1. We need to provide a extreme weather shelter for anyone that needs shelter from extreme cold and now, extreme heat.
2. The location is a good choice as to my understanding the building recently had an upgrade to it fire suppression system. Making it a safe place to have these services.
3. The building is large enough to facilitate the additional inclusion of a homeless shelter.
4. The building has an entrance on Front Street that will minimize the negative visual exposure that can work against this kind of facility. I hope for a day that the facility uses the Columbia doors for the pride of the residence.
5. The proximity to Skytrain and bus service will offer the people using the facility easy access to other serviced they need.
6. Finally, there is a need and Purpose Society if a good choice to meet that need,

Further thoughts include adding businesses that could offer services to the neighbourhood and offer employment, training, and growth of experience to the people needing these services. Be it a restaurant, a depot for receiving packages from online shopping. The location is large enough to hold a dental centre, a medical centre, a safe injection site and other health related services.

This is a good idea that I support whole heartedly. I live less than a block from the location and have no fear of increased criminal activity. I can and will encourage my fellow Condo residence to step up resident responsibility in security, something they should already be doing.

Finally let me encourage that the folks that operate this service include the surrounding residence in their plans. They can look to the efforts of Genesis Society and their cooperation with the downtown residence. They are the model that I refer to when speaking about how a service provider can become part of the community.

Thank you for the opportunity for New Westminster to further its success of providing services and

facilities for all residents; it is a human right.

Yours sincerely,

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