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I have a question about the city properly supporting small businesses in the downtown core. And yes, this is somewhat related to the proposed use of the army navy building. I learned that Santosha Yoga studio was forced to close down because the landlord wanted to "more than double" their rent. Which is outrageous. It's so outrageous that the city prohibits this kind of rent increase in residential rentals. Why is this allowed to happen to a small business owner in our downtown?

The location of Santosha Yoga? In an otherwise vacant building next to the old army navy building.

This is the exact type of thing I question the city's preparedness to deal with if the temporary use permit goes through. Everyone needs shelter, and small businesses deserve to thrive in downtown new west.

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