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Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of Community Living Society. We are located on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor at 713 Columbia Street. We support over 400 vulnerable adults who have developmental disabilities throughout the Lower Mainland and we have over 500 employees – 35 of whom work at this location. On a regular basis the people we support and our employees who work out in the field come to our office.

Over the 10 years that we have owned and operated out of this location, we have seen a steep decline in the area with more drug entrenched, homeless and mentally unstable people literally living in the two blocks surrounding our building. We have had numerous instances of people in our stairwells using drugs, smoking, defecating, urinating and even being violently aggressive towards tenants and visitors. We have had people enter our premises and steal belongings and be verbally and physically aggressive.

Our employees park their vehicles in the parkade on Clarkson which is located directly across from the site that is applying for the temporary use permit. On many occasion the entrance to the parkade is blocked by people setting up camp, using drugs, and using the walkway and garden as a toilet.

Our employees and the people we support often do not feel safe at this location. This topic is a regular agenda item at the strata meetings for our building. We are constantly sharing stories and ideas on how we can ensure the safety of our tenants and the security of our building. We believe allowing for the use of the space for the purposes outlined in the application would add to the current problems and therefore we are opposed to it being approved.

We would be very interested to hear about ways the City can address these issues.

Regards,

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