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Hi,
I am writing with regards to the The Lower Mainland Purpose Society's application for a Temporary Use Permit for the Health Contact Centre at 40 Begbie Street.

As a community member in New Westminster, who spends time downtown, I want to express my support for the permit for the full 18 months.

Harm reduction services play an extremely important role in our community, including saving the lives of community members. Drug users in New West are part of our community and deserve care, compassion, and respect - all values of our city. The services the Purpose Society provides are proven methods of reducing crime, stigma, harm, and death, and to not provide these services is to further marginalize already vulnerable people. Drug use and crime do not go away just because we choose to make it go somewhere else. We need to think about what is uncomfortable vs what is actually unsafe, and when making decisions use empathy and information rather than acting out of fear, misinformation, and not understanding.

Thanks for your time on this matter,
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