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Sent: January 29, 2023 3:52 PM **To:** Mayor < <u>mayor@chilliwack.com</u>>

Subject: Proposed Cannabis store in Rosedale

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To whom it may concern,

I write to you as a concerned resident of Rosedale, I once sat before you and other respected city members to apply for a variance on my house build. I now write in as a happy and proud resident of Rosedale. Though this sweet town has charmed me into never wanting to live anywhere else it is not without its problems. During our last two years here there have been several issues with unsavoury types causing property damage, stealing vehicles, breaking into homes and jobsites, countless vehicle break ins, car jackings, I have witnessed regular drug deals infront of my home, picked up needles on the back part of my property, seen passed out persons on benches up the road, witnessed domestic violence infront of my home, several issues that have been reported many many times to the RCMP over the years by me and other residents, to no avail. I am also someone who deals with chronic pain from a car accident years ago, someone who has many many family members who use cannabis in various forms for health and recreational use, I was an avid supporter of legalizing marijuana. I have not, and will likely never will be against cannabis. What I am not an avid supporter of is placing a cannabis business smack dab in the middle of Rosedale, down the street from a school, and in the middle of suburban homes that house the children from said school. Children who pass this location every day on their way to school, the park, friends houses, to town, horse riding lessons, or even the post office. It is not a well thought out location, the unsavoury types that typically stay up by the gas stations are naturally going to be drawn down into town, criminal activity is going to rise in town, Tinasha's flowers already gets robbed regularly, children are going to have ultra convenient access to marijuana, the smells are going to naturally bother neighbouring businesses and families. While I am a supporter of convenient access to all medicines, this cannot be at the expense of the entire neighbourhood, especially when there is a much more suitable location, at the roundabout where several new business and leasing opportunities are available. This location is up away from the school and the park, and significantly further from most homes. Some might argue it's actually more convenient there because of the close proximity to the highway. There is no excuse to further endanger the residents and their property, or make access to these substances easier on our kids, there is a much more suitable location and I kindly ask that you all reconsider the proposed location. I love this town, I love its people, I think there is a great compromise to have this needed business but in a better area. Thankyou for your time and consideration.

Chloe Butler