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RE: Item 7.15 on agenda

Dear Council,

I am the owner of an apartment building located at 126 14th Ave S.E. for the last 20 years, which shares a common property boundary with the above subject lands.

At present, many people illegally park in my tenant parking lot. This severely hampers my business and inconveniences the people who live in the building, as they then have to pay for parking on the street, and may end up only being able to find available street parking several blocks away. To further risk congesting this parking issue by changing the land use bylaws to allow the future construction of a new restaurant or liquor store in the building adjacent without requiring that they increase their available parking will only serve to complicate this issue further.

I am also concerned about the prospect that the City would allow the construction of additional liquor stores in the beltline area. Already there are several liquor stores serving the region, and to put a liquor store in the middle of a lower to middle income neighbourhood and within such close proximity to the Mustard Seed and the Alpha House drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers only serves to create difficulties for the programs that they run to help homeless people and addicts clean up their lives and become healthy, functioning citizens. Furthermore, it risks increasing the crime rate in the nearby area, where the crime rate is already abnormally high. This puts myself and my tenants at an increased risk of violent assault, break ins, and property damage. As it is, I have been attacked and injured multiple times on my property, and the building has experienced several break ins by homeless individuals and intoxicated individuals. This increased threat to the residents of my building is of great concern to me and to my business.

I would like to petition the City not to allow a change in by-law that would allow a Liquor store or a new Restaurant at 1313 1 St S.E.

Yours sincerely

Prit Sandhu
126 14 Ave SE