

To whom it concerns,

The condo board for 6224 17 Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta believes in the best interest for all of the condo unit owners located in both the 1000 and 2000 buildings at this address. The proposed liquor store amendment application (LOC2014-2015) for 1803 60 Street SE is not in the best interest for our condo unit owners. There are a variety of reasons which we will outline below.

A liquor store would not add to the vitality of the surrounding area and would negatively impact the community as a whole. The area is already over saturated with eight liquor stores within 1.5km of the condo buildings, including one right next door to our building already. The community is already struggling with a negative stigma of being full of crime and social as well as economic issues, and this would just exasperate the problem.

Liquor stores generally bring higher crime to an area, promote substance abuse, and socio-economic issues. We have a trailer park next to us which already sees a large amount of visits from Calgary Police Services due to domestic disputes caused by alcoholism. The community also suffers from prostitution along the 17th Avenue corridor, specifically trucks that park on the south side of 17th Avenue near the 52nd Street intersection. Having a liquor store right next to this corner could potentially cause further degradation of safety and property value in our community. We are trying to maintain the value in our condo units, as well as the safety in the area and by having another liquor store in the area we will not be able to maintain these goals.

LOC2014-2015 was presented to the Calgary Planning Commission on December 18th, 2014 with an Administrative recommendation of refusal. The Calgary Planning Commission upheld this refusal recommendation 9-0.

There are many other types of business that would be more desirable to have in the area such as an interior design company called Lovecraft Art Gallery and Studio, which is already in the area.

Best Regards;

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