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Office of the City Clerk

The City of Calgary

700 Macleod Trail SE

Re: Bylaw 267D2018

Dear Sir/Madam

I have concerns regarding the plan to re-designate the land located at 1505, to 1515 – 19 Street NW (Plan 1161GJ, Block 1, Lots 2 to 7) from DC to DC Direct Control District allowing for a Cannabis store. There currently is insufficient parking to accommodate the strip malls customers and their staff, and adding a Cannabis store is greatly going to increase this problem. The back alley behind the mall is already congested with staff parking making it difficult for large trucks, such as maintenance vehicles and garbage trucks to maneuver down the alley. The customer parking spills out onto the adjacent cul de sac that is 20th Street. This inconveniences the homeowners greatly, and even though the street is parking by permit only, the customers of the mall still park there knowing that the meter man rarely comes around. I am afraid that the residential streets will be inundated with traffic well beyond what they were designed for.

I am also concerned about the hours of operation for the store. It would be very inconvenient to have raucous crowds coming and going in the early hours of the morning.

Another concern I have is that the Louise Library is located right across the street, which is frequented it by young people. I think we are sending the wrong message to young people by setting up a pot shop right next to the public library. One destroys cognitive thinking, and the other encourages it.

There is also a public school (Briar Hill), a dance studio and a school for challenged youth within the 2 block radius. I believe that the City of Calgary Planning Dept. should keep pot shops out of residential neighbourhoods, away from schools and public buildings. They should be restricted to commercial areas that have sufficient parking, good access and egress for vehicles and a sound barrier such as wide open spaces or concrete barriers as protection from the noise and congestion. This location has none of these.

Regards,

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