

**ATTACHMENT E**  
**LETTER OF RATIONALE/COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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To Nanaimo City Council,

Prior to legalization we've always been aware and have tried to reduce the negative impact of what the cannabis industry can bring to the community.

Our employees will be trained to be vigilante in taking the necessary precautions to prevent these negative impacts. Every customer that comes into our store will be asked for valid government ID. We have had cameras installed to watch out for and cut down on property loitering as well as in store.

If anyone tries to purchase cannabis while underage, they will be reported to the RCMP. We will supply the RCMP with identification and security photos of said underage person(s).

If customers are intoxicated of any form, we reserve the right to refuse service.

We are aware of the existing school, Discover Montessori, is close by. The closest part of the school, the field, is over 200 meters away. The hospital's daycare, the Child Development center, is owned by the hospital, however, is located 500 meters away from our retail shop.

There is ample free parking within the Hospital Commons complex.

The staff have had discussions with the landlord about putting a charcoal filter into the ventilation system of our building. We have dehumidifiers and charcoal packages which we can use to clean the air and keep our shop scent free. We have always prevented customers from smoking within the area to limit the smell.

We have installed a panic button which will call the RCMP to our location which only staff members will be aware of and trained to use in emergency situations.

Our shop conducted a survey asking customers if they would like to have a retail cannabis shop in this location and the results were all shown to be positive. The community has been notified by flyer which indicates the rezoning process that our shop is currently in.