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To Mayor Lyn Hall and Council Members

We are again writing to you with regards to the TUP No. TU000065 proposed by Epik Products, located at 356 George Street, which we are strongly opposed to.

The reason for this is simple, it is too close to an existing retail cannabis store, it is merely 60 m from Grasshopper Retail. There is a huge amount of space available in the city to accommodate cannabis retail so why allow one a few steps away from another.

Retail cannabis shops are not like other retail outlets. We are not like clothing, furniture or even nightclubs. All of those are different from one another so it's not unusual to see them next door or close together. Nightclubs have different themes, different drinks, different prices. Clothing has different designers, different pricing, etc. We do not, we have one and only one place to purchase our inventory from, we have only one price we all pay, there are no discounts if you buy more or less, if you buy a certain brand, if you buy old or new. This is where we are exactly the same as liquor stores so why won't the city impose some regulations on distancing as they do with the liquor stores.

We were surprised to hear this is being brought up again, if the city administrators and the planning department are against it, why would the council approve. I think the employees mentioned above are the professionals and certainly should be given merit for doing their jobs.

We also understand the proponent has put time, effort and money into renovating the building, but as the owner of Kush Kove learned, you should do your homework before jumping into things. Everyone who currently has licenses did not assume they would be approved and the renovations did not start until after the Temporary Use Permit had been approved.

We appreciate the job the Mayor and Council must do, and also for taking the time to read everything associated with this application and to be completely unbiased while making the right decision for our city.

Warmest regards,

Ginny and Fred Burnett