

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



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Sent via email

Re: Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club

Dear Minister Krieger and Minister Sharma,

I write on behalf of Victoria City Council to inquire about the rationale for recent enforcement against the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club (VCBC), and to reinforce our historical support for VCBC.

The VCBC is one of the oldest compassion clubs in Canada, with over 8000 active members since its inception in 1996. Its clientele is primarily comprised of low-income people with chronic illnesses, diverse individuals each one of whom has sought relief from serious medical conditions from its first storefront location since 2001.

VCBC became a nonprofit society in 2012, with a Board of Directors elected by its members, dispensing medicinal cannabis for its membership at a compassionate price. It requires proof of a medical condition – it is not a recreational cannabis outlet.

Since 2001, VCBC has survived five legal trials, including four raids on the club between 2002 and 2003. VCBC has had 15 trafficking charges laid against it, none of which have been successful. It has created national standards and precedents, and in 2015 the club's former

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