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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 8.2 (6) Community Cold Weather Response

Regarding the Renewal of License for Safe Space for Sex Workers

I give consent for this email to be used and made public for council to vote on this issue.

I am opposed to the extension of the lease to Safe Space for Sex Workers.

I live in a Seniors Building within sight of this property, and an elementary school is one block away. School buses stop near this property (when it's not under construction) and the surrounding businesses are in trouble, trying to survive.

There has been an increase of garbage on the sidewalks - personal hygiene items, discarded clothing, makeup and unmentionables, and having this business in our neighbourhood has done nothing to REVITALIZE OLD EAST VILLAGE!

I was born in London 74 years ago, and sadly I have seen the state of East London deteriorate immensely. Growing up in south London, we often took the bus to E O A (East of Adelaide) now referred to as OEV Old East Village. This area was vibrant, bustling, fun to visit, there were shoe stores, bakeries, banks, bars, clothing stores, jewellers, theatre, any newcomers would just not recognize this as being the same place today.

Now, businesses are boarded up or fenced in with steel bars, many abandoned buildings, and human excrement on the sidewalks. Every day I see drug deals in front of the drug stores, pills being exchanged for dollar bills, it is very sad.

Please ask yourself why this "business" was evicted from the previous location on Rectory Street near Hamilton Road.

Please do not allow the lease on this property on Dundas Street at Lyle Street to be renewed!

Sincerely

Joan M Turner