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Councillor D.Ferreira Advocacy Request

FOR PROFIT ADDICTION TREATMENT IN ONTARIO

My name is Jonathon Bancroft-Snell. I own and operate an art gallery at 258 Dundas St, London, ON N6A 1H3, Canada. The gallery opened April 6th, 2000. I have been at this location since 2005.

I met with Councilor Ferreira Thursday April 16th. I have read and agree with his communication regarding For Profit Addiction Treatment. This letter is to address specifically it's impact on Dundas Splice in the block between Clarence and Wellington.

Prior to Medpoint Pharmacy opening at 248 Dundas St. the block was fine with minimal impact from the street people population. In referring to street people I am including primarily the population using Medpoint for medication to help combat addiction.

Every morning their clientele assemble waiting for the pharmacy to open. They are frequently loud, arguing combatively while dealers circulate making deals to trade medication for street drugs. The pharmacy serves as a hub for their social interactions resulting in open drug use, drug deals and extended loitering where they occupy business doorways. This was not the case prior to the pharmacy opening.

The change in the fabric of the block has dramatically impacted my business. Sales are down dramatically and for the first time since being located on Dundas patrons ask about how safe it is. They ask this when leaving the shop. This question was never asked prior to Medpoint opening as we did not have so many street people congregating.

It is not unusual to find pill bottles and oral dose medication cups littering the street. The windows of the pharmacy are seldom if ever washed, inside I have seen a waste basket overflowing with as many as two dozen cups just strewn on the floor around it. For the record I do get prescriptions there so my awareness of it is first hand.

In closing I want to emphasize that I understand fully that this is a population that needs to be taken care of. My concern is that the for profit model is totally unconcerned with the vulnerability of the population they serve but rather the profit it represents. I also live downtown and have noticed a deterioration of the quality of inner city life since these predatory health care providers have arrived. Their presence coupled with the closing of the safe injection site on York Street is a recipe for disaster.

This situation needs to be addressed and I fully support Councilor Ferreira's attempt to address.

Thank you