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I am writing to provide feedback to the proposed bylaw in the subject line.

I am opposed to the re-zoning of the existing commercial unit to permit the operation of a government cannabis store at #2-4615 Lougheed Highway for the following reasons:

- Brentwood Mall is quickly becoming a family-oriented destination with young families living and enjoying the facilities in the immediate vicinity of the shopping mall. There are local concerts, local community events (outdoor fitness classes, yoga, children story time, etc.), and even seasaws located on the property. The cannabis store has no place in this environment and would be a determinant to the current community feel.
- Due to the re-development of Brentwood Mall and the recent opening of the Rec Room and VIP theatres, there has already been an increase of loiters in the parking mall during early-late evening creating noise and smoking cannabis. Residents are already working with Shape to address this unwanted behaviour. Locating a cannabis store at the proposed location would only encourage loiters to stay in the area.
- Air intakes for the residential buildings are at ground level. As potential customers to the cannabis store are likely to ignore local smoking regulations in outdoor spaces, the health of vulnerable residents such as young children and the elderly will negatively be affected.
- The BC Liquor Distribution Branch already operates a liquor store at the Solo District in the Brentwood area. In the Metrotown area, the cannabis store is co-located with the liquor store in the same commercial space. The same should apply to the Brentwood area. The cannabis store should be located at the Solo District. As one of the towers at the Solo District is entirely offices, it makes more sense to locate a cannabis store at that location.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Look forward to attending the virtual townhall where I am certain other concerned residents will express similar concerns.

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