

Dear Ms. Kang and Messrs. Dhaliwal & Azam,

My name is Vince Cardella, and I am the current president of the Estate Planning Council of Vancouver (EPCV). I am writing to you in support of Adam Howden-Duke's open letter to your attention, dated June 25, 2020. On behalf of the 130 members of the EPCV I implore you to reconsider and reverse the generational decision to close the Law Courts Inn.

We understand this decision was made without any consultation with the public, including organizations such as ours that use the facility on a regular basis for our monthly meetings dating back to 1995. We consider the LCI restaurant as our home base. In fact, the LCI restaurant has been our home base since it was opened.

Our organization has a membership spanning the fields of law, accounting, investment, insurance, planned giving & banking. The LCI restaurant is perfectly located for our meetings and our membership, and provides an ideal venue for sharing and discussing current issues affecting all British Columbians.

We realize that under the current environment of COVID, certain tough decisions have to be made by many businesses and institutions, however, we also feel that some of these decisions are being made with a short term focus in mind. The EPCV encourages the government departments you each represent to re-evaluate the planned closure of one of Vancouver's iconic facilities and reverse the decision to close the LCI restaurant.

regards

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