



Luso Support Centre of Hamilton

(Portuguese Support Services for Quality Living)

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To whom it may concern:

A project for an Opioid Safe Site is planned for 746 Barton St. East. While we agree that the community needs this type of support, there must be consideration given to area community members and/or other services existent in the area.

Portuguese Support Services (soon to be Luso Support Centre) offers a large day program for adults with developmental disabilities located at 760 Barton Street East. Our Centre is located 38m from the proposed site (746 Barton St. East).

This community supports the integration of our participants and grows with their contribution. Some volunteer at several businesses, others do shopping and eat at the restaurants including (O Leao, now open at the location in question). They also participate in community clean up and festivals; attend Tiger-Cats practices; are regular users of the parks nearby, among other things. The program is based at the Centre, but dependent of the surrounding community for activity diversity and personal growth/integration. Staff and participants of the program can be seen regularly walking on the area streets.

Learning from reports from other cities, Opioid Safe Sites can bring scenarios to the area that are both unsafe and scary for the participants of our program. We are already faced with heavy police presence in the area which frightens them and restricts our ability to go out.

Given the fact that the population we serve is vulnerable and having already faced a lockdown due to crime on the street, we believe bringing an Opioid Safe Site that close to our Centre threatens the safety and wellbeing of our population.

By sharing the concerns of the families we serve, we hope that the proposed project finds a better location to serve the community.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jacinta.echo@lusoccs.org or 905 522 4612.

Sincerely,

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