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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of **West Oak Child Care** in Parksville, BC, to offer my full support for **Kaya Connection's** application to open a new cannabis retail location in the City of Nanaimo.

West Oak Child Care has been operating next door to Kaya Connection in Parksville since 2022. In the time we've shared this space, we have had **absolutely no issues** related to their presence. On the contrary, Kaya Connection has been an exceptional neighbour. They take pride in maintaining a clean and safe environment, including the back alley that borders both our properties. Their ongoing efforts help create a welcoming and secure atmosphere for our staff, families, and children.

Kaya Connection has been part of the Parksville community since 2019 and has consistently demonstrated strong community values. They have actively supported local events, contributed to charitable initiatives, and built positive relationships with other local businesses and residents. Their conduct and commitment to being a responsible retailer are evident in how they manage their operations and interact with those around them.

While I understand there may be concern regarding the proximity of a cannabis retailer to a daycare, our experience offers clear and practical reassurance. Kaya Connection has proven, through their professionalism and community-minded approach, that a cannabis store can coexist respectfully and safely alongside a childcare centre. They have never posed any risk or disruption to our operations or the well-being of the children in our care.

For these reasons, I am pleased to support Kaya Connection's expansion into Nanaimo. I am confident they will bring the same integrity, safety, and community support to their new location as they have here in Parksville.

If you require any further information, I would be happy to speak more about our positive relationship.

Sincerely,

Tia Lawson

Owner/Operator

West Oak Child Care

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