

# LETTERS To the Editor

Sir; On Tuesday a Province news item reported that the Vancouver City Council decided regretfully they could not permit certain premises recently purchased in Kitsilano to be used as a boarding house by women ex-mental patients during the period of their rehabilitation into normal life.

The reasons given were: (1) They could not ignore a petition signed by 480 local residents vigorously opposing use of the property for such purposes; (2) It would be an infraction of the zoning by-law, as the district is reserved for one-family dwellings.

Through your columns I would like to inform the general public—and the City Council—that only two persons in the district took the trouble to enquire of me the real facts relative to the proposed use of the premises, consequently it is not surprising that the statements heading the petition were incorrect and ridiculous—and neither 480 signatures nor ten times that number will make them true.

The premises in question have been rented in suites during the past four years and a number of other buildings in this zoned area owned or occupied by the signatories and others are being used as rooming, boarding or apartment houses.

If the law is to be enforced against the proposed use of these particular premises, then the petitioners must first prove the correctness of their statements and the City Council must then apply the law throughout the whole district—without fear or favor. Yours sincerely,

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