

WECAN

West End Citizens' Action Network

April 16, 2007

Mayor Sam Sullivan
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Ave
Vancouver BC
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Dear Mayor Sullivan:

Re: Chronic Addiction Substitution Treatment (CAST)

As the Chair of the West End Citizens' Action Network (WECAN), I am sending this letter to express members' support of the concept of substitution treatment.

WECAN members are all too aware of the cycle of addiction and crime, many of us in the West End having fallen victim to such criminal activity and living within the blatant drug market that exists on our street corners. As part of a broader approach to curbing these illegal behaviors, and in conjunction with prevention, treatment and enforcement, we feel that the use of prescription medications to replace street drugs is a concept worth pursuing.

We are not without concerns regarding this matter, and would hope that any program rolled out to reduce harm would also consider the impact to the community at large and would continue to invite and encourage feedback throughout the process. WECAN looks forward to receiving more information as the research trial moves forward and to working with your Inner Change Board of Directors to ensure the long term success of this program.

Sincerely,



Sheryl Williamson-Harms
Chair, WECAN
West End Citizens' Action Network