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Chair of the Licensing & Standards Committee & Members of Committee
Councillor Howard Moscoe
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Councillor Moscoe:

I am requesting to appear before the Licensing & Standards Committee on February 6, 2009 to provide details of a proposed city-run consultation session that might be arranged and conducted by Toronto city staff with the adult entertainment industry. I have already been advised by staff that a new by-law for adult entertainment establishments (ie: parlours) is most likely being considered to be on the agenda of the Licensing & Standards Committee meeting for April 9, 2009.

I am proposing that the standing committee request that appropriate city staff conduct an open consultation session for the industry and prepare and have copies on hand for distribution a draft version of the new by-law in the business category of Adult Entertainment Parlours. Staff would need to ensure that an adequate location and space is available complete with microphones for this evening consultation session ideally conducted in March 2009.

The draft by-law distributed at the session must be clearly marked as "Draft" on all pages. City Staff can be instructed to sufficiently provide invitation to all interested parties to the session, have marked copies on hand and give an opportunity to possibly provide further input on the proposed new by-law. Staff should also be instructed to work with the adult entertainment industry in the implementation and scheduling of this session, if possible.

Municipal staff in Mississauga recently conducted identical style sessions for these businesses in their city and I am proposing that this can be done for us in Toronto, as well.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dela Ting, Clerk

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