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Dear Toronto and East York Community Council Members:

SUMMARY:

The section of Queen Street West between Dovercourt Road and Gladstone Avenue (the study area) has experienced an increase in the number of restaurants and related uses (takeout restaurants, patios, places of amusement, clubs) over the past few years. The residential community in the area has raised a number of concerns related to:

- the increasing number and concentration of restaurants and related uses on this section of Queen Street W;
- the impact of restaurant and related uses on residential uses in the area;
- restaurants and related uses operating more like bars where entertainment and alcohol services are the primary activities rather than the service of food; and
- noise, garbage, parking and traffic congestion in the area.

Members of the local community have requested that Planning staff, in consultation with Buildings and Municipal Licensing and Standards staff, initiate a study to determine if there is need for amendments to the Zoning Bylaw or other measures to restrict the operation of restaurants and related uses in the Mixed Commercial Residential Zone on Queen Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Gladstone Avenue in Ward 18

The study will allow staff the opportunity to complete a review of land use policies regarding these uses in the study area, identify potential changes that could be made to address resident's concerns, consult with the residents and businesses in the area and if necessary report back to Council with draft amendments to the Zoning Bylaw.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City Planning staff, in consultation with Buildings and Municipal Licensing and Standards staff, initiate a study to determine if there is need for amendments to the Zoning Bylaw or other measures to restrict the operation of restaurants and related uses in the Mixed Commercial Residential Zone on

Queen Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Gladstone Avenue in Ward 18.

2. That staff be directed to schedule a community consultation meeting together with the Ward Councillor.
3. That notice for the community consultation meeting be given to landowners and residents within 120 metres of the study area.
4. That staff report back in late 2009 on the findings of the study.

Yours truly,

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