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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the January 27, 2021 Executive Committee meeting on item 2021.EX20.6, CaféTO and CurbTO - Pandemic Response Programs

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**Comments from Business Member in Kensington Market BIA
Alan Erdstein, Moonbeam Cafe - 30 St Andrew St, Toronto, ON M5T 1K6**

There are so many reasons that are self-evident as to the importance of allowing patios to be set up as soon as the end of March and letting business owners have a definitive time so they can prepare.

Any reason that this cannot be done is just a bureaucratic excuse that is no excuse at all. These are difficult times for so many people that even a breadcrumb of assistance could be massively helpful. I am saddened that we even have to waste time on this topic when this should have been the easiest no brainer to implement.

Of all the important issues that you have to deal with, this one should not be on the agenda, it should have been a simple switch that is turned on and everything is set in motion. Of course I have a biased interest but as my business increases the ripple effects will certainly be very numerous from the obvious increased employment, tax revenue, mental health hope and happier citizens of the City of Toronto

Let me end this by saying that if you plan to roll the program out in May it means that by the end of June just like last year, the patios will be up and running. That is 3.5 months of such lost potential.

Achievements are always best when you aim high, let's raise the bar, be bold, set the course for a world class city, we have all the ingredients.

best,

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