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Toronto City Council
Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

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Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen St W
Toronto M5H 2N2

Re: Liquor Licence – 193-195 Spadina Ave – Ocho**SUMMARY:**

The owner and operator of 193-195 Spadina Avenue operating under the name of Ocho (the “Premises”) has submitted an application for a new liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for an outdoor space along the municipal boulevard.

The Premises is located on the corner of Phoebe Street which is residential. Any outdoor licensed area at this location will be situated along the Phoebe Street flankage in close proximity to several homes. This is a cause of great concern for local residents. Their concerns relate in particular to noise, litter, safety and security, and other potential disturbances.

Last year, the Premises received a liquor licence for an indoor capacity of nearly 200 persons. The City opposed that licence unless the owner agreed to certain conditions, including a condition that the Licensee ensure that any sound resulting from the operation of the business not be audible beyond the lot line of the property. The Owner agreed to these conditions; however the potential increase in noise associated with an outdoor licensed space continues to be a big concern to the residential neighbours of these Premises.

This application for a liquor licence for an outdoor patio is not in the public interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Toronto and East York Community Council request that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) that the liquor licence application for Ocho, 193-195 Spadina Avenue (the “Premises”), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents, and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.
2. That City Council request the AGCO to provide the City with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.



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3. That the City Solicitor and any other appropriate staff be authorized to attend all proceedings before the AGCO in this matter and be directed to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to this Motion, including negotiating and recommending, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, the addition of conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises.

Sincerely,

Adam Vaughan
City Councillor, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina

