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Licensing and Standards Committee
10th Floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Chair Palacio and Committee Members,

Re: Recommendation to amend Municipal Code 545, Section 269 G, improving opportunities for mobile food and/or refreshment vending

Toronto's cultural diversity is reflected in the quality and diversity of food being served in restaurants and cafes throughout our city. This food diversity should be available to Torontonians and tourists walking our streets, and at mobile locations in communities as demand warrants.

To realize this objective, a modernization of existing regulations are required in order to support current businesses and future entrepreneurs looking to operate in this space. A clear first step in this direction would be for the City of Toronto to amend Municipal Code 545, Section 269 G which currently reads:

"G. No person to whom this section relates shall store or park or allow to be stored or parked on the licensed premises for a longer period than 10 minutes any refreshment vehicle used, while so stored or parked, for the purpose of serving refreshments therefrom."

In light of the aforementioned context, I respectfully request that the Licensing and Standards Committee recommend that City Council amend this by-law in order for food cart, truck and refreshment vendors to be allowed to park and operate, for the purpose of serving food or refreshments, on licensed premises such as parking lots, provided they have acquired the necessary consent of the property owner and have met all appropriate health and food safety standards.

Thank you for considering this recommendation. I look forward to your support.

Sincerely,



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