

# WELLINGTON PLACE

## *Neighbourhood Association*

Dear Mayor Rob Ford and City Councillors

February 5, 2013

### **Re: Proposed Casino in Toronto**

The Wellington Place Neighbourhood Association (WPNA) Steering Committee is opposed to a proposed casino in the City of Toronto.

WPNA represents the area bounded by King, Spadina, Front and Bathurst Streets and is most concerned with the negative economic and urban planning effects that this proposal presents.

In economic terms it would seem that any development would provide the jobs that this project promises, but without the negative impact on adjacent businesses, especially restaurants. Studies of similar projects would seem also to suggest that any revenue projections are highly exaggerated and unpredictable.

In planning terms, the City can expect massive traffic congestion due to the many thousands of extra cars that would have to be accommodated, together with a deadening effect on the streetscape of the inward-looking design required by such complexes. In the case of downtown Toronto, the King-Spadina area is already overwhelmed by the impact of nightclubs on the residential community.

The WPNA Steering Committee therefore strongly opposes a casino for Toronto.



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