Councillor Adam Vaughan 魏德方
Toronto City Council
Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

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

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence Application – Studio, 333 King Street West, 2nd Floor – Licence No. 808599

Cyrille Brown (“Licensee”) has made an application (File No. 808599) to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for a liquor licence for the premises located on the second floor of 333 King Street West, operating as Studio (“Premises”). The application is for a restaurant and bar with a proposed indoor capacity of 445 people.

The Premises is located in close proximity to residences and a hotel. The previous establishment in this location, which operated as a nightclub, had a history of problems including noise complaints which eventually resulted in a successful lawsuit against the nightclub. Residents of the area are concerned with the potential impacts of this licence, which include public safety issues, noise, litter and other disturbances.

This application for a liquor licence is not in the public interest unless certain conditions, addressing the concerns of the community, are attached to the licence. Issues that must be addressed include, but are not limited to, safety of the public, noise, litter, lighting and potential disturbances to residents in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Toronto and East York Community Council recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“Registrar”) that the liquor licence application for 333 King Street West, 2nd floor, operating as Studio (“Premises”) is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents because of their concerns about public safety, noise, litter and other disturbances, and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.

2. City Council request the Licence Appeal Tribunal (“LAT”) to provide the City with an opportunity to be made a party to any proceedings with respect to the Premises.

3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend all proceedings before the LAT in this matter and be directed to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding and deleting conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, which address issues including, but not limited to, noise, safety, security personnel, security cameras, crowd control, signage, lighting and litter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Vaughan
City Councillor, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina