September 10, 2013

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

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Liquor Licence – 604 King St. W. – Valdez, File No. 802085

SUMMARY:

1697318 Ontario Limited has submitted an application for a liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) for the premises at 604 King St. W., operating under the name Valdez (“Premises”). The application is for a restaurant with an additional outdoor capacity of 46 persons.

The Premises are located in close proximity to residential properties. There are concerns related to noise, litter, safety, lighting and other potential disturbances to residents in the area.

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. The Registrar of the AGCO should be requested to issue a Proposal to Review the liquor licence application.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) Toronto and East York Community Council recommend that City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (the “AGCO”) that the issuance of a liquor licence Valdez, 604 King St. W. (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) Toronto and East York Community Council recommend that City Council request the Licence Appeal Tribunal (“LAT”) to provide the City with an opportunity to be made a party in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.

3) Toronto and East York Community Council recommend to City Council that the City Solicitor be authorized 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