Dear Chair and Members,

NEW BUSINESS REQUEST: Liquor Licence Application, Zorra Bar and Grill Inc. o/a Zorra Bar and Grill, 1595 Dupont Street, Toronto, File No. 816664

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That 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 Zorra Bar and Grill, 1595 Dupont Street ("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 unless appropriate conditions relating to noise, litter, safety and security, and other disturbances to residents, are attached to the liquor licence.

2. That City Council request the AGCO or the Licence Appeal Tribunal (LAT) to provide the City with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.

3. That the City Solicitor be authorized to attend all proceedings before the AGCO or 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.

SUMMARY:

Zorra Bar and Grill Inc. has submitted an application for a new liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") for a premises at 1595 Dupont Street operating under the name Zorra Bar and Grill (the “Premises”). The applicant is seeking a liquor licence for a capacity of 30 patrons indoors, and 20 patrons outdoors. The Premises is located adjacent to a residential area, and impacts associated with the operation of the Premises may disturb neighbouring residents. Their concerns relate in particular to noise, litter, safety and security, and other disturbances. The deadline for filing an objection to the licence is April 13, 2014.
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. Under no circumstance should a liquor sales licence be granted at the Premises without appropriate conditions attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ana Bailão
City Councillor
Ward 18, Davenport