

April 20, 2015

City Clerk
Licensing Standards Committee
Toronto City Town Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

TO: Members of the Licensing and Standards Committee

RE: **LS3.1 –TORONTO'S STREET FOOD VENDORS – APRIL 21, 2015**

The BIA applauds the decisions made by the Municipal Licensing Standards Staff as we believe that the recent recommendations have been fair and reasonable, and takes into consideration all parties involved. The recommendations allow increased opportunities to for food vendors, however, the city should be mindful on a go forward bases to ensure minimizing impacts to restaurants and hospitality businesses who do not have the ability to move locations.

It is important to protect our independent restaurant and hospitality owners who have made long-term investments in maintaining their permanent locations and who pay a great deal in taxes year-round as well as covering rent, operating costs etc. These businesses provide employment opportunities and are often family-run and work within tight margins. They rely on their fixed location and thus need to be protected when considering the recommendations that Municipal Licensing and Standards staff have presented in their report.

In Summary, Our BIA fully supports:

- **The restriction, whereby truck food vendors cannot be located within 50 metres of operating licensed food establishment, which is on par with other cities;**

Thank you,



Janice Solomon