December 3, 2014

Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear TEYCC Members,

Re: Liquor Licence – 125 A Ossington Avenue – Pho Rua Vang File No. 202336

1509719 Ontario Ltd. has applied to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (“AGCO”) to increase the indoor capacity on their liquor licence at 125 A Ossington, operating under the name Pho Rua Vang (“Premises”). The applicant is seeking an indoor area increase from 36 patrons to 60. This establishment has an existing outdoor capacity of 36 patrons.

The Premises is located in an area with a large concentration of licenced establishments and there are concerns related to noise, litter, safety, lighting and other potential disturbances to residents in the area.

This application to expand the indoor liquor licence capacity 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 expansion application.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that the liquor licence expansion application for Pho Rua Vang, 125 A Ossington Avenue (“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 expansion application.

2. 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. The City Solicitor be authorized to attend all proceedings before the AGCO and LAT in this matter and be directed to take all necessary action so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding and deleting conditions to the current liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, which address issues including, but not limited to, noise, litter, safety, lighting and other potential disturbances to residents in the area.

In Community,

Mike Layton
City Councillor
Ward 19, Trinity-Spadina