

TORONTO ISLAND
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



To: The Toronto Economic Development Committee

Re: **Development of the night-time economy** **ED16.10**

Dear Councillors:

In response to a proposal from the Toronto Music Advisory Committee (TMAC), the Toronto Island Noise Committee, a committee of the Toronto Island Community Association, is writing to express opposition to any proposal that favours one industry over the interests of the entire city.

The interests of the music industry must be always be balanced with the interests of nearby residents, whose health and well-being can be very adversely affected by licensed venues.

We are not in good balance at present. Problems from non-compliant licensed venues around the city have reached such a pitch that the Toronto Liquor Licensing Task Force, in coordination with the AGCO, has dedicated considerable resources to improving laws, bylaws, regulations and enforcement practices so that troublesome venues can be brought into line. Extending closing hours would only worsen an already difficult situation.

We hope that TMAC will instead support the interests of the music industry by working with the Liquor Licensing Task Force on good management of the night-time economy, promoting the *Good Neighbour Policy* and finding healthy and fair approaches to matters such as noise, safety and late-night transit.

Sincerely yours,



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