

Councillor Cesar Palacio, Chair  
Members, Licensing and Standards Committee  
Toronto City Council

RE: LS11.2 Chapter 591, Noise  
Amendments after further review

Councillor Palacio, Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Summerhill Residents' Association in support of the May 17, 2016 brief submitted by the Toronto Noise Coalition. **We strongly support its recommendations.** We urge that the proposed revisions to the City's Noise By-Law be referred back to staff to address the concerns raised by the Toronto Noise Coalition and set out in its May 17 brief.

We are particularly concerned by:

- the proposed removal of the prohibition for loudspeaker and other amplified sound projected on streets and public places;
- the 85 decibel level of sound permitted for so-called exempt events — a level of sound equivalent to that heard by a pedestrian standing beside a rapidly-moving loaded freight train;
- the lack of regulation of construction noise
- the inadequate proposed regulation of HVAC and mechanical equipment

We are also concerned about the failure of the proposals to ensure effective enforcement of the proposed regulations. Enforcement must

- be immediate and effective, with a clear means by which residents can report noise violations and have them enforced by City staff as and when the violations occur
- ensure that violations of noise by-laws result in penalties that are of sufficient magnitude to deter the violations

The New York City noise by-law and enforcement measures provide a model of what can be achieved. Surely Toronto can do as well as New York in acting on behalf of its residents!

Sincerely,



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