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Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee, City Hall
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Attention: **Dela Ting,
Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee Secretariat**

Re: **LS11.2 Chapter 591, Noise – Amendments after Further Consultation**

Dear Sirs:

The Garment District Neighbourhood Association ('GDNA') welcomes this opportunity to respond to the proposed changes to the City of Toronto's Noise Bylaw.

The GDNA represents the community that lives and works in the area bound by Spadina and Bathurst Avenues; Adelaide and Richmond Streets West; and the governance of noise levels within our area is of great importance to us.

Although we are pleased to see important and overdue improvements (new Executive Director Powers, Fines and Penalties etc.) in the latest version of the changes; it is our strong opinion that the proposal before you still requires further work. Specifically, there remain key weaknesses from the original bylaw that still need to be addressed. We are particularly concerned that the proposed changes further reduce needed noise protections for healthy living and working environments. Toronto takes great pride in its global 'live-ability' rating; we fear that this will be at risk without a stronger enforcement regime.

Toronto's strength has always been its ability to work together to build the best solutions. The Garment District Neighbourhood Association is happy to work with Municipal Licensing and Standards, the Music Strategy Office, Business Associations and others to help develop solutions on these remaining issues. We therefore, recommend that this item be referred back to staff to allow them to undertake this needed consultation.

The GDNA thanks MLS for undertaking of this initiative, and appreciates the complexity of this task. It is our sincere belief however, that the above comments can only strengthen your proposal and lead to a better Bylaw.

Sincere regards,



Ann Marie Strapp and Valerie Eggertson on behalf of the **Garment District Neighbourhood Association**

cc: Councillor Cressy
Mary Helen Spense
Lynn Robinson
Dieter Riedel

Our mission is to build and protect an attractive, inclusive, safe and sustainable community. Our goals are:

- *to be the voice for residents, both owners and renters, of the Garment District bounded by Spadina to Bathurst and Queen to King*
- *to be guardians of the District's historic and cultural character*
- *to work with the City, developers and businesses to resolve issues and enrich our community*