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Task Force to Bring Back the Don

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By email: lsc@toronto.ca

City of Toronto
Licensing and Standards Committee

Dear Members of the Licensing and Standards Committee:

Re.: LS11.2 – Chapter 591, Noise - Amendments after further consultation

I am writing on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee, a coalition of community-based resident, business, service, environmental and heritage organizations to urge you defer consideration of the Noise By-Law in order for staff to consult more thoroughly with community members and groups across the city on changes necessary to maintain a healthy economy and a healthy citizenry with regard to noise.

We urge you to direct staff to review the Noise By-Law with a much broader lens than the wishes of the Music Industry and to report to the Licensing and Standards Committee and to the Board of Health on their findings and on changes that are proposed to the Noise By-Law.

We share the concerns raised by the Toronto Noise Coalition and urge this Committee and Council to carefully consider and adopt the Coalition's recommendation to direct an inquiry into "noise as a public health issue". We are convinced that only within a public health context can general noise regulation and noise emanating from parks and entertainment venues be managed for the good of all.

It has been less than one month since the *Toronto Music Industry Advisory Council's* proposed amendments to the Noise By-Law were considered by the Licensing and Standards Committee. During that time none of the weighty concerns expressed by a wide cross-section of the public have been adequately addressed. We urge the Licensing and Standards Committee to respond to residents who must live with the consequences of the by-law by reconsidering the appropriate balance between the needs of the music industry and adequate protection of a healthy and enjoyable living environment.

Yours truly,



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