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By email: lsc@toronto.ca

City of Toronto
Licensing and Standards Committee

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

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association is an association of residents in the St. Lawrence area of the City of Toronto and is incorporated as a non-profit corporation; the SLNA has served the St. Lawrence neighbourhood and its 30,000-35,000 residents since 1982. The SLNA is an advocate for responsible development and promotes public and pedestrian safety, organizes events and celebrations, and champions our neighbourhood's interests with all levels of government. The St. Lawrence is a mixed-income, ethnically diverse residential area and commercial neighbourhood adjoining the central business district; it extends from Queen Street East south to the rail corridor and from Yonge Street east to Parliament Street.

We are writing to urge you to defer consideration of the Noise By-Law in order or staff to consult more thoroughly with community members and groups across the city on changes necessary to maintain a healthy economy and a healthy quality of life 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.

Sincerely,

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Councillor Pam McConnell
SLNA Board of Directors