

From: [Lianne Miller](#)
To: [Licensing and Standards Committee](#)
Cc: [Councillor Wongtam](#)
Subject: Chapter 591 Noise- Amendments After Further Consultation
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 12:28:13 PM

To: Toronto Licensing and Standards Committee

From: ABC Residents Association

Subject: Proposed Amendments to the Noise By-law

ABC Residents Association ("ABCRA") represents households in the area bounded between Yonge Street west to Avenue Road, and by Bloor Street north to the CPR tracks.

ABCRA supports the Toronto Noise Coalition and the position they set out in their paper entitled Position On Current & Propose Changes To The Toronto Noise By-Law dated May 17, 2016, including:

"A truly balanced noise by-law is possible: supporting the 24/7 business and entertainment life of a truly great city, and taking a strong stand to protect the city's inhabitants against unreasonable noise are not at opposite spectrums, but two sides of the same coin. Toronto deserves a Noise By-law that—rather than pitting economic development against health and sustainable growth—achieves both."

"Mayor Tory and Members of City Council must provide leadership refocusing the basic purpose of Toronto's Noise By-law to preserve Torontonians' quality of life and health and to set expectations that this by-law will be enforced."

We intend to appear before the Licensing and Standards Committee at their meeting on May 19, 2016 to depute before them in support of the Toronto Noise Coalition.

We urge you to refer the proposed revisions back to City Staff for additional work to address the real concerns of Toronto residents. We believe there are many things in the proposed revisions that are not in the interests of residents of Toronto. For example, the General Prohibition must provide 24/7 protection to residents from sound that is of such a volume or nature that it is likely to disturb the inhabitants of the City. Further, we believe it is irresponsible of the Mayor and the Councillors to endorse a sound of 85 decibels. The city must not officially endorse noise levels that are a threat to permanent hearing damage. Instead, the by-law needs to establish safe absolute noise limits and ensure they are strictly maintained and enforced.

Lianne Miller
Director, ABC Residents Association