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To: Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council
City Clerks' Office
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Attention: Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk
cc: Rosalind Dyers, Secretariat

Dear Madame,

We, the community of San Lorenzo Anglican Church, are writing to inform you about our eighteenth annual Inti Raymi Festival that we will be holding on Saturday, June 18th and Sunday June 19th, 2016 at Christie Pits Park, in the south-east corner near Christie and Bloor Streets in Toronto. Our City of Toronto Parks Permit number is 3426425.

This festival is held to celebrate an important season in Andean Indigenous people's culture. Known as the Inti Raymi, the festival is traditionally celebrated in the Andean region of South America, specifically Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia, during the week of the summer solstice, June 21st. It is held as a thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. For our Latin American community at San Lorenzo, this festival is a time during which we can come together and invite others, both peoples of the North American indigenous culture, as well as peoples of Canadian and non-native cultures, to share and learn about our cultural heritage.

We have a cultural folk music and dance group, Surco, within our San Lorenzo Community, who will be performing at the festival. As well, we have invited several folk groups from the various parts of Latin America to perform.

On Saturday and Sunday, (June 18th and 19th), there will be traditional foods sold that are representative of the different cultural groups. There will also be a beer garden in a designated area of the park. We require police officers for security for the selling of alcohol and we have hired guards from a security company to act as security within the beer garden. We expect to have approximately 4,000 people in attendance each day of the festival. The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Toronto has given us permission for this special event and once we have received approval from the city for holding an 'Event of Municipal Significance', we can apply for the special occasion permit to the Ontario Liquor License Board. We have notified the Toronto Police Department, at their Office of Emergency Management and Special Events; the Toronto Health Department and the Toronto Fire Department, South Command, about this event.

We do require notification from the City Clerks' Office that they have been informed of this event and a copy of "Events of Municipal Significance" approval list once it has been approved by City council. Please fax back notification at the church facsimile number: 416-782-1219, attention Martha Morales and Linda McGlade. And may I ask if you could please email a copy of this list to this email address.

Sincerely,

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