

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM27.30	ACTION			Ward:20
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**Bringing Back The El Mocambo - Liquor License Application - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle**

- \* Notice of this Motion has been given.*
- \* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*
- \* This Motion relates to an Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Hearing and has been deemed urgent.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to advise the Registrar of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario that the liquor licence expansion application for The El Mocambo, 464 Spadina Avenue (“Premises”), is not in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents, and that the Registrar should issue a Proposal to Review the expansion application unless appropriate conditions relating to noise, litter, safety and security, and other disturbances to residents, are attached to the liquor licence.
2. City Council request the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario or the Licence Appeal Tribunal to provide the City with an opportunity to participate in any proceedings with respect to the Premises.
3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to attend all proceedings before the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario or the Licence Appeal Tribunal in this matter and direct the City Solicitor to take all necessary actions so as to give effect to this Motion, including adding and deleting conditions to any liquor licence issued for the Premises, in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

**Summary**

The El Mocambo has been a historic space for music and culture in our City for decades. We are thrilled to welcome them back to the community, and that live music will continue in this historic space.

El Mocambo Entertainment Inc. has submitted an application for increased capacity for their liquor licence to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a premises at 464 Spadina Avenue operating under the name The El Mocambo (the “Premises”). The applicant is

seeking an increased indoor capacity from 456 patrons to 693 patrons.

As we work to support live music venues across our City, working together with operators to mitigate possible impacts and address concerns is a critical piece of this work. We are working closely with The El Mocambo on appropriate conditions to promote these positive relationships and safety of all patrons and live-music goers. Unfortunately, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario process of formally objecting to a liquor license is the only way in which we are able to continue to work collectively to do this.

As such, we object to the license solely because of the structure of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario liquor license process.

We are excited to welcome The El Mocambo back to Ward 20, and look forward to working together to support the vibrancy of not only this location, but countless others across our City.

The matter is deemed urgent as the deadline for filing an objection was March 12, 2017.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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