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10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Josephine Archbold

RE: **2018 City of Toronto Budget**

Dear Councillor Gary Crawford, Chair, and Members of the Budget Committee

We provide this correspondence in addition to our letter dated January 4 to add our support to the Toronto Noise Coalition's request for increased funding for enforcement of the City's Noise Bylaw. The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA), an umbrella organization of over 30 resident associations in North Toronto and North York, is a member of TNC and of the Municipal Licensing & Standards Noise Working Group.

An increase of well trained enforcement staff as well as increased penalties are required for adherence to our Noise Bylaw, thus helping meet the World Health Organization's guidelines, as discussed in the Report from Toronto Public Health, "How Loud is too Loud?" The existing ineffective enforcement of the Noise Bylaw already has a significant impact on the liveability of residents in the City of Toronto and we expect to see increased need for enforcement as a result of changes to the Noise Bylaw (Chapter 591) now under review. The increase in noise complaints reflects the ineffective means and lack of bylaw enforcement and the ongoing frustration of those who are trying to live in Toronto and make it their home.

We are concerned that this need is not reflected in any ML&S 2018 Budget documents and ask that funds for improved enforcement be approved.

Yours truly,

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The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) is a non-profit, volunteer organization comprised of over 30 member organizations. Its members, all residents' associations, include at least 170,000 Toronto residents within their boundaries. The residents' associations that make up FoNTRA believe that Ontario and Toronto can and should achieve better development. Its central issue is not whether Toronto will grow, but how. FoNTRA believes that sustainable urban regions are characterized by environmental balance, fiscal viability, infrastructure investment and social renewal.

c.c. Peter Wallace, City Manager
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