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Subject: Urgent call to vote against the recommendation for no application for a new holistic practitioner licence be accepted from members associated with 5 PHAs
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Dear Councillors

We are writing/calling you regarding an upcoming urgent motion before City Council this month. We are the individuals and organizations who are deeply concerned with abuse of power and misconduct committed by the Municipal Licensing and Standards division (MLS) and its bylaw enforcement officers as well as police officers empowered to enforce these bylaws. Police and bylaw enforcement officers have used municipal bylaws to harass and target holistic health centers and their employees, with practices that infringe on their fundamental rights, endanger their safety and disrupt their livelihoods.

The Licensing and Standards Committee is recommending that City Hall amend Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing so that no application for a new holistic practitioner licence be accepted from members associated with five professional holistic associations.

I am writing to you to urge you to vote against this recommendation. Here's why:

1. Chapter 545, Licensing, Body Rub Parlours and Holistic Centres is currently being reviewed. Research is meant to take place from May to August this year, and Consultation to take place in September and October. Stopping applications from professional holistic associations before the review is complete circumvents and undercuts the review itself. This motion to bar new licensing is an unreasonable and unnecessary action.
2. As consultations are not taking place until September, none of the Professional Holistic Associations have had a chance to meaningfully and publicly participate in the review. To bar future licensing at this juncture puts individual and small businesses' livelihood to jeopardy without due process.
3. There are many concerns that professional holistic associations have raised about by-law officers, upon whose recommendation this motion is appearing before City Council. In fact, Tracey Cook, executive director of Municipal Licensing and Standards (MLS), told CityNews last week that the City has launched an investigation into allegations of sexual harassment by by-law officers against workers in holistic centers.

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