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Licensing & Standards Committee Committee Room 1, City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: Report LS24.1: Noise By-law Review

Dear Chair and Members,

Our downtown is made up of vibrant neighbourhoods, home to hundreds of thousands of residents. 240,000 people currently live downtown, a number that is expected to reach 500,000 in the next 25 years.

The City has established the downtown core as a mixed-use neighbourhood where people live, work and play. Every day, we work hard to build a more liveable downtown – to provide the services, facilities and infrastructure people need to call their neighbourhoods home. We work hard, together with residents and neighbourhoods, to manage the needs of our communities, but also to manage the needs of a diverse downtown core. We work hard to find an appropriate balance of these wants and needs.

The noise by-law exists to prevent noise that is likely to disturb residents' enjoyment and comfort. The ongoing review of this by-law must consider the needs of everyone who lives in the downtown core. It is important that this review results in a modern and up-to-date noise by-law that is easy for residents, property owners and business to understand, and protects the quality of life of residents in every part of the city.

I welcome the recommendation from city staff for continued consultation on the noise bylaw review, and hope that that deeper discussion with the community on this will result in a noise by-law that is effective and fit for purpose.

Sincerely,

Councillor Joe Cressy

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