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To: The Members of the Planning and Growth Management Committee:

The Annex Residents' Association joins with many other residents' groups in proposing the following concerns regarding noise in our dense multi-use downtown. Good noise education, prevention and mitigation is vital to the health and well-being of residents.

1. That the Plan include stronger policies to ensure liveability for all. The Plan is a land use document but liveability in the Downtown requires more than standard land use policies. It needs a strong and effective noise bylaw regime as well as other policies to protect the health of citizens. Divisions cannot act in silos.
2. That the proposed policies that require new developments to protect their residents from excessive live music noise not be adopted. They are ineffective for the great majority of Downtown residents who will not live in these developments, and they certainly do not deal with the underlying threats of increased rents. A broader set of initiatives must be developed that deal with the different types of disruptive live music venues and that put the onus on the venue to comply. Some venues of course are not a problem. Other cities have solutions, such as financial assistance. We are pleased to see the policy recommending new venues provide noise protection.
3. That new policies be added that address concerns about the negative impacts of noisy live music venues on those living, working and visiting nearby. Excessive noise from outdoor music and especially amplified music should not be permitted except maybe in special situations in parks, other public areas including sidewalks, and private open space. The policy must reflect the need for mitigation of unreasonable noise and require consultation with the local community affected by an event. Appropriate solutions can be found.
4. Whatever the outcome of this discussion, enforcement remains a key requirement and concern. The City is inadequately resourced to manage the myriad of by-laws extant in Toronto.

Sincerely,

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