

TORONTO CITY HALL

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Toronto City Councillor Beaches-East York | Ward 19

Tuesday July 16, 2019

Re: EC6.8 - Strengthening Toronto's Nighttime Economy

Dear City Council Colleagues:

Among the many reasons Toronto is a great place to live, work and play is our thriving community of live musicians and local music venues. The report we are considering today takes important steps to support our nighttime economy, of which local live music is a vital part. This is especially true in my community of Beaches-East York where venues across the ward are keeping our main streets vibrant and give my community an opportunity support music in the city.

In a busy city like Toronto we need to support local music venues while finding a balanced approach to our zoning requirements, business regulations, and the noise bylaw. I am asking Council to consider the motion below so that we can show our support for live music venues and ensure that live music thrives in this city.

It is important that we show our continued support for live music, and ensure that we improve our regulations to match our support for the local entertainment we value most.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

**Brad Bradford** 

Toronto City Councillor

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Councillor Bradford recommends City Council amend Recommendation 3 to read:

3. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and other relevant City divisions to work with the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture to align the review of zoning regulations, and business licensing regulations, and ongoing noise bylaw review to clarify the requirements and provide support for venues regularly presenting live music, and report to the Economic and Community Development Committee and the Planning and Housing Committee, as appropriate, in 2020.