



June 24, 2019

To: Chair and Members, Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC)

Re: Item TE 7:38 - Refusal of a Boulevard Café Permit Located at 80 Gladstone Avenue Frontage and Alma Avenue Flankage

The Grange Community Association Inc is writing in support of the staff recommendation to refuse this application for a Boulevard Café Permit.

Residents of Gladstone Avenue have reached out to other downtown neighbourhoods and Residents Associations because they are concerned about the pattern that appears to be emerging wherein former corner stores on residential streets are being converted and expanded to other commercial uses. We have their documented history of this site, and agree with their concerns.

We have resolved situations like this in our Grange neighbourhood in Wards 10 and 11. Sidewalk cafes are excellent uses when appropriately located. Our experience is that patios, licensed and otherwise, work best when carefully situated usually mid-block along major streets and avenues.

Noise, traffic, waste management, servicing, pedestrian access and accessibility are all issues. The proposal before you is not a suitable location for a café due to its proximity to residences. If the official neighbourhood polling had been a close call, there might be some reason to think twice about this proposal. But the overwhelming rejection of the proposal makes the situation crystal clear: **Supporting staff's refusal recommendation is the right course of action.**

Sincerely,

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