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To the City Clerk:

Please add the comments to the agenda for the City Council meeting on items 2020.MM22.39 as per below:

Comments:

City of Toronto Agenda Item

*2020.MM22.39 - Request for the Province to Rescind the Provincial Regulation Overriding Toronto's Construction Noise By-Law - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy*

The Ossington Community Association strongly supports the motion to rescind the edict from the provincial government that expands allowable construction hours.

In a communication sent June 17 to the Office of the Premier, along with 13 other downtown RA's, the Garment District Neighbourhood Assoc. asked that this regulation be rescinded;

"If the intent was to extend the workday to facilitate construction and safely spread out shifts, this has largely not been realized, with many sites closing by mid-afternoon, and on some weekend days, often before lunch despite a 6 am start. All this expansion of hours has accomplished is to allow construction workers to start earlier so they can finish earlier. The effect on residents, however, has been profound. Already anxious about Covid-19, stressed about employment/ income insecurities, and spending endless hours sheltering in place, this ongoing noise assault only adds an additional stressor **without any perceptible benefit.**"

We urge the above motion in Council be passed without delay.

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