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 Attention: Marilyn Toft
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Dear Mayor Tory and Councillors:

MM22.38 Changes to City of Toronto Act Regulations Concerning Construction

This correspondence is provided to indicate our strong support for Councillor Matlow's Motion that "City Council request the Government of Ontario to repeal Limitation 2 to Ontario Regulation 130/20 of the City of Toronto Act, returning the power to regulate construction noise to the City of Toronto". Limitation 2 to Ontario Regulation 130/20, enacted April 7, 2020, does not allow the City to regulate or prohibit noise in connection with construction. The Regulation overrides the City of Toronto's municipal noise by-law, through to October 7, 2021 to the detriment of residents.

LPRO wrote to the Premier, on April 15, to request that this measure (as well as making residential construction an essential service, opening a significant risk of COVID-19 infection to workers) be reversed. Excessive noise is a health hazard that impacts the physical and mental health, and quality of life of residents. Toronto's Noise By-law permits construction to operate Monday to Friday 7 am to 7 pm, Saturdays 9 am to 7 pm, and not at all on Sundays and statutory holidays. Allowing construction equipment to operate from 6 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week, including holidays, at a time when many more people will be exposed as they are now at home is both inappropriate as a policy measure, and harmful to Toronto residents.

We have received numerous complaints from individuals in our neighbourhood. Opening of noise permissions must stop as soon as possible, and not be open until 2021. Given the impacts on public health of excessive noise, the government's decisions to reduce or open restrictions must be made on the basis of public health advice, and not on sectoral influence. We question whether this measure passes this test.

The Lytton Park Residents' Organization ("LPRO") is an incorporated non-profit association founded in 1987, representing member households from Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue.

<https://lpro.wordpress.com>

We support the City urging the Province to reverse this measure, and eliminate the override on the City of Toronto's Noise By-Law.

Sincerely,

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