



May 21, 2018

Councillors Wong-Tam, Troisi and Cressy

Re: PG29. TOcore Downtown Plan Official Plan Amendment

First of all, we want to thank you for the efforts to protect downtown residents from the negative impact of unreasonable noise.

Members of the TNC have read the Live Music section of the May 14th Supplementary Report on the TOcore: Downtown Plan and are clearly very disappointed with this response to the many concerns expressed at the April 23 meeting. The position remains unchanged and the does nothing to address anything but new development. We are once again appealing to you to address these concerns. As City Planning has not provided advice on additional policies, we offer possible solutions.

Policy 12.10 says " The retention of live music venues will be encouraged in *Mixed Use Areas 1, Mixed Use Areas 2, Mixed Use Areas 3, Mixed Use Areas 4 and Regeneration Areas.*" This policy speaks to "retention" of live music venues and yet the subsequent policies only deal with new venues and new development. If the City chooses to have a policy to "encourage" the retention of music venues it also has the responsibility to have a policy to mitigate unreasonable noise coming from those venues. We suggest either an addition to Policy 12.10 or a separate additional policy that make clear the City will also require noise mitigation plans for both existing and new music venues. For example; *"To ensure live music venues can function without noise-related impact on the public, the City will require noise mitigation plans be developed for existing and new live music venues."*

We also want to reiterate our issues our point in our April 23 letter that the proposed policies do not but should include the importance of ensuring a liveable environment for residents, workers and visitors in the high density Downtown Core. For example, liveability must include protection from various issues such as air quality, safety as well as excessive noise. The high number of complaints arising from various noisy activities show the real negative impacts on liveability. Our April 23 letter included the following recommendation: that subsection 3.5. under Complete Communities (which states: "Downtown will be inclusive and affordable, with a range of housing that meets the requirements of a diverse population with varied needs, including supportive services for vulnerable populations.") be expanded to add "liveable," before "inclusive", and following "populations" adding and that residents, workers and visitors are assured a safe and healthy environment including protection from excessive noise."

We respectfully ask for a recorded vote on this item.

Thank you.

Toronto Noise Coalition, per Cathie Macdonald