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TO: Ms. Ida Bedioui, Planning Co-ordinator, City of Hamilton

PROPOSED BY-LAW TO PERMIT ENTERTAINMENT ON OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL PATIOS

Wish to comment on the proposed By-law, specifically dealing with Hess Village, and past experience with live outdoor entertainment at that location.

There are two major concerns: **Volume** (sound carries and is more intrusive evening/night), and **alcohol** consumption. With the current set-up and without outdoor entertainment, the “thump” of music is audible, even with windows closed, and goes on until 2 a.m. or later.

As far as alcohol is concerned, excess consumption has led to a variety of inappropriate and unacceptable behaviours, such as vandalism to vehicles and other property, public intoxication, altercations, public urination (by both sexes) and several cases of actual public copulation. There was open drinking in public areas and patrons seemed to prefer to drink alcohol stored in their vehicles in parking lots rather than pay the prices in Hess Village. One or two police vehicles were assigned, on a regular basis, to patrol the surrounding areas and deal with the numerous “problems”.

Hess Village is located in the middle of a densely populated residential area. Just within three blocks to the north, there are 7 highrises/condos, 1 seniors’ apartment building, 2 long term care/retirement residences and numerous single family dwellings. All of these people should have the expectation of enjoying their yard/patio/balcony in the warmer weather without the intrusion of someone else’s “entertainment”. There is also the new hotel on Caroline St. to consider.

The information provided above will, I hope, receive appropriate consideration by all those who must make the final decision on a matter impacting the lives of so many residents.

If possible, I would like to make a brief presentation at Tuesday's meeting, and would also like to be notified of the decision regarding this proposed By-law.

I request that the City remove my personal information from publication documents.

Thank you for your consideration.