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Vancouver City Council
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Support for Exceptions to Liquor Primary Establishment Distancing and Moratoria

The DVBIA supports the recommendation for one-time exceptions to liquor primary establishment distancing and moratoria. This change will allow occupant load increases for eligible businesses.

We appreciate the consultation opportunities that were provided by city staff. As noted in the report from the Chief Licence Inspector, there are 20 establishments in the Granville Entertainment District that are eligible for an increase without any change to their business license class. Many of these businesses still have site-specifics constraints like washrooms and exits that would prevent them from increasing their capacity. However, this recommended change still provides meaningful opportunity for business that do not have site constraints, as well as businesses that choose to address site constraints through renovations.

Businesses in the Granville Entertainment District have faced immense challenges brought about by the pandemic. This change will help a support the economic recovery of the area.

We are looking forward to collaborating with city staff on the Granville Street planning process that is referenced on page 8 of the distancing and moratoria report. The revitalization of Granville Street is a long-overdue and much needed planning priority.

Thank you for these new initiatives that will have a positive impact for businesses and the community at large.

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