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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Submission for Added Agenda of Council Meeting (23 July 2024)

Dear Committee Support Clerk,

I hope this email finds you well. I am submitting this communication for the Added Agenda for the Council meeting on July 23, 2024. I give my consent for this communication and my name to be posted to the public agenda.

I am writing specifically with a concern about Agenda Item 8.4.12 (viz. the CPSC report), and ambiguity in its wording. In the CPSC report, item 2.11 asks that "...a public participation meeting BE HELD at a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee with respect to the draft Advocacy Message Sign By-law, as appended to the above-noted staff report, as well as a by-law related to graphic images".

What concerns me is the additional wording of "as well as a by-law related to graphic images". At a PPM, how can members of the public voice their views on a theoretical by-law that has not been drafted? How will members of the public know what the definition of "graphic images" would be in such an undrafted by-law, or any other aspect of the by-law? It is confusing to invite Londoners to speak about legislation if they do not know what the wording of such legislation would even be--while also having to speak to the existing drafted by-law, which is about "advocacy signs" and not about "graphic images".

I ask Council to please offer some clarification on how a PPM can be held on both drafted and undrafted by-laws, on separate issues, at the same time. For clarity and fairness, shouldn't the PPM only be about the Advocacy Message Sign By-Law as it is currently drafted?

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Kind regards,
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