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Providing counselling, advocacy and support for abused women.

Dear Mr. Ethan Ling,

The London Abused Women's Centre supports the amendment to Schedule 3 of the Business Licensing By-law to delete 2010 Dundas Street (Map 3) from Schedule 3A of the Business Licensing By-law L.131-16 and to consider reducing the total number of Adult Live Entertainment Parlour Owner Licences authorized under this By-law from three (3) to two (2) for the following reasons:

- Evidence and research support the fact that Adult Live Entertainment Parlour Owner Licences provide a breeding ground for criminal activity including the trafficking of girls and women. [www.canadiancentretoendhumantrafficking.ca/human-trafficking-trends-in-canada-2019-2020/](http://www.canadiancentretoendhumantrafficking.ca/human-trafficking-trends-in-canada-2019-2020/)
- Human Trafficking is an extremely lucrative crime in Canada and the provision of space from which to operate will only exacerbate the problem.
- It is incumbent on the City of London to follow its 2019-2023 Strategic Plan which includes the strategy of "Creating a Safe London for Women and Girls" [2019 Strategic Plan.pdf \(london.ca\)](#)
- It is incumbent on the City of London to adhere to the Calls for Justice as outlined in "Reclaiming Justice: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls" [Final Report | MMIWG \(mmiwg-ffada.ca\)](#)
- "It [will take] sustained and strategic government leadership to bring about the system changes, supports for women and girls, and public awareness efforts to end sex trafficking in Canada," the report's authors concluded. "It also requires all of us to do our part." [Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline – The Canadian Centre To End Human Trafficking](#)
- Here are the highlights [Trafficking in persons in Canada, 2020 \(statcan.gc.ca\)](#) that elucidates and hopefully informs people in power about the impact this violent crime against women and girls has on our community

To be clear, the London Abused Women's Centre does not conflate the sex trade with human trafficking however one cannot ignore the fact that the two are intrinsically related and that every girl and woman is at risk of sexual exploitation in all its forms.

Thank you,

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