Appendix I

Dear City Council,

Thank you for considering J.R. Slims for extended hours. We are committed to being a responsible and conscientious commercial and residential neighbor.

If granted an extension we will continue to follow the terms and conditions of the food primary license and ensure the surrounding neighborhood is left with a positive impact from J.R. Slims.

While we have an interior occupancy of 178 seats and a patio occupancy of 38 seats, we have limited our density and seat only 28 patrons on our patio (seasonally) and 120 seated patrons in our restaurant. We will voluntarily close our patio prior to 12 and ensure the music volume from the restaurant stays at a respectful level.

While we applied and would like to receive a 2 am license we would also be happy with a 1 am license extension.

The last 2 years have been extremely difficult and the extension would allow us to continue to stay in business and contribute to the community. Many of the restaurants in our area are also open until 1 or 2 am and would like the opportunity to responsibly stay open later.

As a chef by trade our concept is culinary based and relies on food as a major contributor to our internal sales volumes.

Again, thank you so much for considering our application and look forward to continuing to contribute to city of Victoria.

Sincerely,

**Erik Heck**