



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

October 25, 2017

Councilmember Brandon Todd  
Chair, Committee on Government Operations  
Council of the District of Columbia  
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RE: DC Council Bill B22-0508 – the “Office and Commission of Nightlife Establishment Act of 2017”

Dear Councilmember Todd:

At its regular meeting on October 11, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0):

WHEREAS, ANC 2B began to work on and address nightlife management when, in April of 2010, the ANC passed the Club Central Resolution to mitigate the effects of the concentration of late-night activity in the area south of Dupont Circle,

WHEREAS, hospitality is the number two industry in the District of Columbia, responsible for nearly 60,000 jobs and \$2.8 billion in revenue,

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle area and the central business district are home to more than 100 licensed hotels, restaurants, and nightlife venues that are the drivers of that economic engine,

WHEREAS, the nighttime economy is growing ever larger and more complex, requiring a multi-agency governmental approach to matters including health, waste collection, safety, transportation, law enforcement, and public safety,

WHEREAS, many District agencies are currently set up to manage regulatory issues during the day, and have limited staffing and resources available at night to manage waste collection, parking, occupancy, and other issues,

WHEREAS, last year’s change of service hours for Metrorail demonstrated the need for a coordinated response to the resultant transportation problems, including late night traffic

gridlock, confusion and pedestrian safety issues involving ridesharing services, and the difficulty for emergency responders and buses trying to navigate the traffic tie-ups,

WHEREAS, other cities in the U.S., Canada, and Europe are seeing similar nightlife issues and some have already established nightlife coordinators or so-called Night Mayors/Managers and multiagency teams of government and industry officials to proactively tackle issues and problems and coordinate agency responses,

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (BID) has successfully implemented a pilot program, with positive input from the Metropolitan Police Department, affected District agencies, the Executive Office of the Mayor, the business community, industry advocates, and citizens groups,

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle BID pilot program has already brought about positive change within ANC 2B, improving coordination between multiple government agencies and the private sector, and it has become apparent that creating such a program on a District-wide basis would have benefits for the entire District of Columbia, and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Brandon Todd has introduced the Office and Commission of Nightlife Establishment Act of 2017, which would establish an office to foster safer and vibrant neighborhood nightlife while also minimizing negative impacts, something ANC 2B and the Golden Triangle BID have been working towards for several years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the Office and Commission of Nightlife Establishment Act of 2017 and urges Councilmembers and the Mayor to support this legislation and enact it into law for the good and welfare of our neighborhood and the entire District of Columbia.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein ([mike.silverstein@dupontcircleanc.net](mailto:mike.silverstein@dupontcircleanc.net)) and Daniel Warwick ([daniel.warwick@dupontcircleanc.net](mailto:daniel.warwick@dupontcircleanc.net)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Mann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann  
Chair