



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

November 24, 2015

Mr. Fred Moosally
Director
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration
2000 14th Street, NW, S400
Washington, DC 20009

Commander Melvin Gresham
Second District Commander
Metropolitan Police Department
3320 Idaho Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

RE: ABRA investigations in the West Dupont neighborhood

Dear Mr. Moosally and Commander Gresham,

At its regular meeting on November 10, 2015, 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 (6-0-1):

Whereas the West Dupont neighborhood of Dupont Circle contains multiple liquor serving establishments including the tavern license holders Marrakesh and The Fireplace; and

Whereas, according to recent Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA) investigative reports 15-CMP-00464 and 15-CMP-00509, Marrakesh has allowed nude dancing without a license, allowed an outside promoter to collect a cover charge, interfered with an ABRA investigation, and repeatedly violated their settlement agreement requiring the hiring of reimbursable details between the hours of 12AM-4AM Saturday and Sunday morning; and

Whereas, according to recent ABRA investigative reports 14-CMP-00083, 14-CMP-00324, 14-251-00130, 14-251-00345, 15-251-00025, and 15-251-00077 have violated their security plan, violated their settlement agreement requiring the hiring of a reimbursable detail, and have allowed assaults on and near the premises; and

Whereas the violations from these establishments are a blight on the West Dupont

community and should not be tolerated by the Metropolitan Police Department and ABRA.

Be it RESOLVED ANC 2B is encouraged by these investigations and urge MPD and ABRA to continue—and proactively—investigate the actions and settlement agreement violations of these establishments.

Be it further RESOLVED that without significant and permanent operational improvements ANC 2B requests the ABC Board revoke their licenses. If the license are not revoked, ANC 2B intends to protest any renewal or substantial change to these establishments ABC licenses.

Due to his position on the ABC Board, Commissioner Silverstein did not participate in this discussion.

Commissioners Daniel Warwick (daniel.warwick@dupontcircleanc.net) and Noah Smith (noah.smith@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noah Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Noah Smith
Chairman

cc:
Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2
Martha Jenkins, ABRA
Sarah Fashbaugh, ABRA