



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

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RE: Extension of the Time Period for Streateries

Dear Director Marootian, and Director Moosally, and Deputy Mayor Falcicchio:

At its regular meeting on September 9, 2020, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B is proud to host some of the city’s pop-up pandemic infrastructure including sidewalk extensions, slow streets on 19th Street NW and S Street NW, and streateries, including full street closures to cars on the 1500 block of 19th Street NW and the 1600 block of 20th Street NW. ANC 2B appreciates the efforts of our government partners including the Mayor’s Office, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), and the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), our neighborhood partners including the Dupont Circle Business Improvement District (BID) and Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, and our many local businesses in ensuring optimization of public space in support of our community through these unprecedented times. As we live physically separated, the ability to get around the neighborhood and support local businesses outside is critical to our short- and long-term success as a neighborhood.

ANC 2B understands that this temporary pandemic infrastructure is currently anticipated to end in October of 2020. However, it appears that the COVID-19 virus will continue to restrict physically proximate and indoor gathering beyond next month. As we transition into this “new

normal” time period, ANC 2B believes that the continuation and additional structure for the temporary pandemic infrastructure is needed. As a mixed-use neighborhood with vibrant main street corridors, we are committed to ensuring the success of the infrastructure.

Therefore, ANC 2B requests the following to ensure medium-term success of temporary pandemic infrastructure:

- Guarantee continuation of existing pandemic infrastructure until 100% indoor occupancy is allowed by District guidelines to encourage establishments to invest in the temporary infrastructure.
- Expand temporary pandemic infrastructure including slow streets, sidewalk extensions, and streateries where feasible.
- Continue to enforce physical distancing, face-covering, and sanitizing requirements in pandemic infrastructure.
- Continue to require employers to provide masks to employees and ensure employees receive adequate training about safety and sanitizing protocols.
- Continue to waive fees and onerous insurance requirements for streateries.
- Set streateries up for success in the winter months by allowing larger tents and heaters with waived fees. The presence of heaters should be allowed provided all four sides of any tent structure are open to the air and are not enclosed, as this would defeat the temporary pandemic purpose of the streateries.
- Develop a rapid process or enforcement mechanism to resolve situations where new pandemic infrastructure causes a significant impact on peace, order, and quiet.
- As permits for streateries are extended through 100% indoor occupancy, DDOT and ABRA should be sensitive to the surrounding land use context and existing settlement agreements (if any) to define operational parameters of individual streateries.

Commissioners Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) and Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Daniel Warwick
Chair