



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

July 13, 2015

Chairwoman Ruthanne Miller
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Reeves Center 2000
14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

RE: 2147 P Street NW – “Merrakech Restaurant” – Substantial Change of Hours of Entertainment Endorsement from Sunday through Thursday 8PM-1AM, Friday and Saturday 8pm-2AM to Sunday through Thursday 8PM-2AM, Friday and Saturday 8PM-3AM. (2B02)

Dear Chairwoman Miller,

At its regular meeting on July 8, 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 (7-0):

Whereas the applicant at 2147 P St NW with the trade name “Merrakech Restaurant” has applied for a substantial change of hours of its entertainment endorsement; and

Whereas the substantial change of hours would allow entertainment until 2AM Sunday-Thursday and 3AM Friday and Saturday; and

Whereas the applicant’s hours of entertainment operation have been curtailed to 1AM Sunday-Thursday and 2AM Friday and Saturday since Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board Order 2011-402 related to the applicant’s license renewal in 2011; and

Whereas the ABC Board curtailed these hours of entertainment due to the vociferous complaints of neighbors regarding noise and operating practices of the applicant; and

Whereas while the establishment is under different ownership than in 2011, the community is unwilling to risk the noise and bad operating practices of any establishment in this location—a tavern next to a condominium and across from an apartment building—with the proposed entertainment hours.

Therefore be it RESOVLED ANC 2B protests the substantial change on the order of peace, order, and quiet.

Be it further RESOLVED, based on the history explained in the whereas clauses, ANC 2B will not seek a settlement agreement with the applicant which would allow for later entertainment hours.

Any ANC2B Commissioner may represent ANC2B on this matter before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

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

Commissioners Daniel Warwick (daniel.warwick@dupontcircleanc.net), Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net) and Noah Smith (noah.smith@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 "Noah Smith", is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Noah Smith
Chairman

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