

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

November 17, 2015

Councilmember Vincent Orange Chair, Committee on Business, Consumer, and Regulatory Affairs Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

RE: B21-0401 – Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2015

Dear Councilmember Orange,

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 (5-0-2):

Whereas the Council of the District of Columbia and Committee on Business, Consumer, and Regulatory Affairs is considering bill B21-401 which would, in part, create a license for the sale of liquor at farmers markets across the District of Columbia; and

Whereas ANC 2B is home to the District of Columbia's only year-round Sunday farmers market; and

Whereas the Dupont Circle Fresh Farm market has been a treasured community institution since 1997 and provides immense value to the Dupont Circle Community; and

Whereas ANC 2B believes establishing a license for the sale of local craft beer, wine, and liquor at farmers markets would encourage entrepreneurship, small businesses, and help launch and grow local agribusinesses while encouraging off-season sales at farmers markets; and

Be it RESOLVED ANC 2B supports the provision of Bill B21-401 which would create a license for the sale of liquor at farmers markets across the District of Columbia.

Be it further RESOLVED ANC 2B supports allowing all local agribusinesses—including those located in Maryland and Virginia—sell their beer, wine, and liquor at DC farmers markets without unfeasible license requirements or economic burden.

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

this discussion.

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

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Noah Smith Chairman

cc: Councilmember Jack Evans