

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

November 21, 2018

Mr. Evian Patterson
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RE: Proposed Installation of Parking Restrictions on the West Curbside of the 1900 Block of 14th Street NW for Passenger Loading (NOI #18-192)

Dear Mr. Patterson:

At its regular meeting on November 14, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 8 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, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000" DC LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of intent to modify traffic and/or parking requirements,

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2018 DDOT issued a Notice of Intent (NOI #18-192) letter regarding the installation of parking restrictions for the placement of passenger pick-up and drop-off (PUDO) zones in the District, including a location within ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, PUDO zones serve as curbside areas reserved exclusively for passengers to enter or exit for-hire vehicles during posted times,

WHEREAS, PUDO zones were created to prevent pedestrians and passengers from being struck due to waiting for, walking to, or entering/exiting vehicles in roadways instead of sidewalks,

WHEREAS, PUDO zones also allow for and encourage passenger and commercial loading at the curbside, rather than in bike lanes, reducing the risk of collisions as cyclists merge with vehicular traffic due to obstructed bike lanes,

WHEREAS, the U Street NW corridor, centering at the intersection with 14th Street, is prone to considerable traffic volume and backups due to passengers entering and alighting from for-hire vehicles,

WHEREAS, DDOT currently has a weekend nightlife PUDO pilot in the "Club Central" section of Connecticut Avenue NW in Dupont Circle which has improved pedestrian safety and traffic flow, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B was proud to be part of the weekend nightlife PUDO pilot along Connecticut Avenue and is excited about the possibility of expanding this program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports DDOT's selection and use of the west curbside of the 1900 block of 14th Street NW, between T Street and U Street, as a full time PUDO zone for passenger and commercial loading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that DDOT considers raising the penalties for PUDO parking violations to a level that ensures that the penalties are commensurate with violations so that the parking restrictions are followed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages the Department of Public Works (DPW) to enforce the restrictions of the zones with ticketing and towing, if necessary, and the DC Council to allocate sufficient funds for such enforcement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages DDOT to work with the ANC to explore additional PUDO zones within the ANC's boundaries.

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

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Warwick

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