



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

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Mr. Matthew Marcou  
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RE: The Admiral's Sidewalk Café at 1 Dupont Circle NW

Dear Mr. Marcou:

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

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Public Space Regulation Division (PSRD) conduct an inspection of the new construction at The Admiral's sidewalk cafe at 1 Dupont Circle NW to determine if the changes constitute a substantial change from what had been previously approved.

The footprint of the new construction seems to match that of the previous sidewalk cafe, but there are other issues of pedestrian safety. The previous sidewalk cafe barrier consisted of planters that were perhaps three feet high and allowed pedestrians to walk immediately next to them, with elbows and purses above the planters. The new construction is much higher and pedestrians cannot walk directly next to the barrier because it is impossible for elbows or purses to be above the barrier. Thus, pedestrians must walk closer to the center of a very narrow sidewalk.

Given that this is a very busy and extremely narrow sidewalk, less than one block from Dupont Circle, the loss of pedestrian passageway is a serious safety issue, and ANC 2B requests that DDOT inspects the new construction to determine if it is, indeed, a substantial change from the sidewalk cafe that was approved many years ago and whether remedial action should be taken.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein ([2B06@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B06@anc.dc.gov)) and Daniel Warwick ([2B02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B02@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Daniel Warwick  
Chair