



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

February 17, 2022

Chair Donovan Anderson
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Reeves Center
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Washington, DC 20009
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RE: 1714 Connecticut Avenue NW – “1714 C, LLC” – ABRA-109613 – Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License

Dear Chair Anderson,

At its regular meeting on February 9, 2022, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-1-0):

WHEREAS, Rosemarino D’Italia, located at 1714 Connecticut Avenue NW, has applied for a substantial change to an existing Class “C” Tavern license to allow for live entertainment,

WHEREAS, the proposed change raises questions of peace, order, and quiet because of the adjoining and nearby residences,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has received information within the past 24 hours that the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) has been called to respond to neighbor complaints involving Rosemarino D’Italia’s after-hours operations, raising questions about compliance with its current license,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B would like to address these concerns through negotiation of a settlement agreement pursuant to DC Code Section 25-446,

WHEREAS, the settlement agreement envisioned would include provisions relating to hours of live entertainment (aligned with hours of operation and beverage service); noise (to transmit and manage sound within the establishment); permitting the applicant to market or promote events provided that the applicant does not employ outside promoters; requiring the applicant to prepare and submit a security plan to address, among other things, patron entry and service and staff training, in consultation with MPD, including if appropriate the use of reimbursable police

details to address risks to neighbors associated with patron departure after closing; and alternate day trash pickup and public space maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Rosemarino D'Italia and the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA) are finalizing a settlement agreement on these terms and have asked ANC 2B to join the settlement agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B protests Rosemarino D'Italia's substantial change application based on the adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, pending conclusion of an agreement to the outlined settlement agreement terms, and requests clarification by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) of Rosemarino D'Italia's compliance with its current license, and any appropriate enforcement action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B designates Commissioner Meg Roggensack as the ANC's representative to negotiate a settlement agreement.

Commissioners Meg Roggensack (2B01@anc.dc.gov) and Matthew Holden (2B08@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Holden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Holden
Chair