



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

June 27, 2022

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RE: Demonstration Project to Address Nightlife Issues in Entertainment Zones

Dear Director Moosally and Director Vander Nat,

At its regular meeting on June 8, 2022, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic and the public health emergency have caused all of us to make adjustments in our lives to ensure public health and safety,

WHEREAS, among those adjustments has been a shift toward outdoor dining and outdoor nightlife activities as safer options than indoors,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has supported increased opportunities for rooftop nightlife activities and hopes to continue to do so as long as it is in the interest of public health and safety,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is the center of a vibrant nightlife culture and has many residents living close to nightlife venues,

WHEREAS, the unmistakable trend for housing in the central business district is toward commercial to residential conversions, which are strongly supported by the Mayor and the DC Council with tax incentives,

WHEREAS, the move toward more outdoor nightlife activities has led to serious quality of life problems for certain residents who have to endure high noise levels as late as 3:00 am, while the multitude of establishments makes enforcement of noise regulations such as DCMR 25.725 difficult and at times impossible to single out individual offenders,

WHEREAS, the problem is far too complex to be solved on a case-by-case basis and trying to solve it through the protest process would be incredibly time consuming, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that it is possible to strike a balance between lively and livable, with a level playing field for all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) and the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture (MONC) to work with licensees, neighbors, and all affected stakeholders to explore creating a demonstration project in the area known as "club central" to allow for as much outdoor activity as possible while maintaining standards of livability for the growing number of residents who live in proximity to entertainment venues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B offers to be of whatever help is needed to seek solutions that create a balance between nightlife and residents, between a good time and a good night's sleep, with a level playing field for licensees and mutual respect for all.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (2B06@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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" and last name "Holden" clearly distinguishable.

Matthew Holden
Chair