

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

November 16, 2022

Marnique Heath, Chair Historic Preservation Review Board Office of Planning 1100 4th Street SW, Suite E650 Washington, DC 20024 historic.preservation@dc.gov

RE: 1666 Connecticut Avenue NW (HPRB #23-042)

Dear Chair Heath,

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

WHEREAS, Meridian 1666 Connecticut LLC has submitted Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) application #23-042 to enclose the existing area of outdoor dining located on the R Street NW side of the restaurant, zoned MU-20 and located within ANC 2B02, for the purpose of year-round dining use,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B's Land Use Committee (LUC) reviewed the submitted concept plans at its duly-noticed monthly meeting held both in-person and via Zoom on November 2, 2022,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that the proposed dining enclosure would maintain operable "guillotine-style windows" with clear vision glass in an effort to maintain the outdoor cafe character and vibrancy along both Connecticut Avenue NW and R Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that the proposed dining enclosure would not exceed the existing outdoor dining floor plate and would not alter existing sidewalk clear zone dimensions along R Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B recognizes that the enclosure would require the addition of rooftop mechanicals and screening,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the concept plans appear to be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning regulations and zoning maps and will only have a marginal impact on adjacent properties in this context, and

WHEREAS, by law, the HPRB gives "great weight" to recommendations in duly adopted ANC resolutions and carefully considers the views of community organizations and citizens per DC Code 1-309-10 (d)(3)(a).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports HPRB application #23-042.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the ANC's Chair, the Land Use Committee's Chair, and the ANC's Executive Director be sent copies of the final concept design and actions as approved by the HPRB and/or HPRB staff.

Commissioners Jeffrey Rueckgauer (<u>2B02@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Meg Roggensack (<u>2B01@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

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Sincerely,

Meg Roggensack

Chair