



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

June 30, 2009

Harry Thomas, Jr., Ward 5 Council Member
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Washington, DC 20004

Dear Council Members,

At its May 2009 public meeting, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B) passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Dupont Circle neighborhood continues to lose small businesses due to the lingering effects of the disruptions caused by the P Street streetscape project, as exacerbated by the subsequent economic downturn; and

Whereas the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B) worked with local businesses, city officials, and neighbors to try to maintain traffic to the P Street corridor and minimize the harmful effects of the construction work;

Whereas many additional street reconstruction and streetscape projects are slated for commercial corridors of the neighborhood in the coming months—including 17th Street and 18th Street;

Whereas ANC 2B at its April 2009 meeting requested certain tax penalty leniency for affected businesses on P Street;

Therefore be it resolved that ANC 2B supports permanent Council legislation to provide for tax deferrals and other relief for small businesses affected by streetscape and road reconstruction projects; and

Be it further resolved that the Chair share this resolution with each Council Member.

Our neighborhood thrives because we are home to hundreds of independent restaurants, bars, and shops. Therefore, we are supportive of policies to help our small businesses through these tough times.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Silverstein, Chairman