



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

May 28, 2023

Chair Donovan Anderson
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board
Reeves Center
2000 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009
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RE: 1321 Connecticut Avenue NW – “Mad Hatter CT Ave, LLC” – ABRA-082646 –
Application for a Substantial Change to the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern License

Dear Chair Anderson,

At its regular meeting on May 10, 2023, 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):

WHEREAS, Mad Hatter, located at 1321 Connecticut Avenue NW in single member district 2B05 of ANC 2B, holds a Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern license,

WHEREAS, the applicant has operated at this location since 2009, and in the Dupont Circle neighborhood since 1981,

WHEREAS, Mad Hatter, like most restaurants and taverns in DC, continues to struggle financially due to the adversity caused by the pandemic and the uncertain economic climate,

WHEREAS, Mad Hatter has submitted a substantial change application to increase the occupancy of its premises from the current 224 people to 495 people,

WHEREAS, the current Certificate of Occupancy declares occupancy of 224 people and an increase must be approved by the Department of Buildings in order for the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board to grant the request,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has not been advised by neighborhood residents of violations of the establishment’s settlement agreement, other concerns, or reasons to oppose this request, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B at this time does not know what the Department of Building's decision will be regarding the Certificate of Occupancy and what new allowed maximum occupancy will be granted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Mad Hatter's substantial change application to increase occupancy from 224 people to not more than 500 people, pursuant to the issuance of a corresponding revised Certificate of Occupancy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board advises the ANC if a revised settlement agreement between the establishment and the ANC is advisable in order to reflect the decision on occupancy and to bring conditions in line with the current enforceability standard.

Commissioners Z Stein (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Meg Roggensack (2B01@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 "Meg Roggensack", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Meg Roggensack
Chair