

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

June 9, 2010

Mr. Anthony J. Hood, Chairman Zoning Commission Office of Zoning 441 4th Street NW, Suite 200/210 South Washington, DC 20001

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Re: Zoning Case No. 10-07, Text Amendment to Allow Additional Flexibility for Eating and Drinking Establishments within the Arts Overlay District

## Dear Chairman Hood:

I serve as the Chair of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission"). This letter is our official ANC 2B letter on the above-referenced issue. This letter supersedes any other letters you have received from us in the past, including our letter of September 13, 2009.

Please be advised that the letter you received dated May 28, 2010 from Commissioner Ramon Estrada, representing Single Member District 2B09, is an individual letter from Commissioner Estrada as a resident and as a Commissioner for 2B09, but it is not a letter from ANC 2B or from our Zoning, Preservation and Development Committee.

At its regular meeting on June 9, 2010, ANC 2B considered the above-referenced text amendment to Allow Additional Flexibility for Eating and Drinking Establishments within the Arts Overlay District. With nine of nine Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of 8-0:

ANC 2B supports the work of the Logan Circle ANC Committee on the Uptown Arts Overlay and requests that the Zoning Commission modify the text change proposed by the Office of Planning to include the elimination of bars and restaurants within the definition of contributing arts activities, as originally recommended by Logan Circle ANC. Without such a modification, the text change just to increase ABC establishments could work to the detriment of preserving space for the arts. If the Zoning Commission cannot include this modification during its current hearing on these issues, ANC 2B recommends that any action taken by the Zoning Commission to increase the limit on eating and drinking

establishments should extend for only another 120 days to allow time for the Office of Planning to submit a new proposal that addresses this issue.

I will be our Commission's representatives on this matter and may be reached at Will.Stephens@DupontCircleANC.net.

We thank you for providing our resolution "great weight" as an ANC.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

William J. Hephens

Sincerely,

Will Stephens, Chairman

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