



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

Chairman Charles Brodsky
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
1250 U Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

Catrina Harrison
District Department of Transportation
Public Space Permit Branch
Third Floor
1100 4th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Request by Levante's for renewal of license, change of hours, and use of public space for additional hours for outdoor cafe

At its regular meeting on June 9, 2010, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of nine Commissioners present (one Commissioner was not participating), a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (8-0):

Whereas,
Levante's, 1320 19th St N, is requesting consideration for extension of interior and exterior hours from 11pm until 1am (Mon-Sat) and from 11pm to 12am (Sun) (2B02)W for proposed hours of operations & sales/service/consumption Sun-Thurs 11am-2am and Fri-Sat 11am-3am (2B02)

Whereas,
Levante's request to ABRA for indoor and outdoor alcohol service are not the same as the hours that were published on the placard for public comment

Whereas
ANC 2B generally opposes outdoor alcohol service beyond 12:00am on the basis of peace order and quiet,

Be it resolved that:
ANC 2B opposes the current request for extension of indoor and outdoor hours and also requests that ABRA require Levante's to re-placard their renewal notice with the correct hours of operation.

Please note that our above resolution requests the Board to order a re-placarding of the Levante's ABC license renewal. When the renewal came before us in May 2010, this was for the original hours, and we took no action. We subsequently learned that Levante's asked for additional hours, while the renewal (which included only the original hours) was still pending. This process is not appropriate and did not allow for appropriate community input as required during the renewal process. The new renewal placard should include the hours that the establishment is actually requesting for their license going forward.

Commissioner Mike Silverstein did not participate in this matter due to his position on the ABC Board. Commissioner Bhavna Patel (2B02) is the Commission's representative in this matter. You can reach her at bhavna.patel@dupontcircleanc.net for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Will Stephens, Chair

cc: Makhkad Aliev (maliev@levantes.com)