



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

April 14, 2011

The Honorable Vincent Gray, Mayor
District of Columbia
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Re: Support of Mike Silverstein for full term on ABC Board

Dear Mayor Gray,

As Chairman of the Dupont Circle ANC 2B, I urge you to reappoint Mike Silverstein to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

At our April 2011 public meeting, the Commission passed a resolution 8-0 recommending Mike Silverstein be re-nominated and re-confirmed to a full term on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. (Commissioner Silverstein himself was out of the room and did not participate.)

This reconfirmed our resolution of January 2010 recommending that Mike be appointed to the Board to fill the remaining term of a vacant seat.

Ward Two has more than half of the licensed establishments in the District, and ANC 2B has more licensed establishments than any ANC – over 250. We love our sidewalk cafes and outstanding restaurants and vibrant nightlife. We also love our historic, mixed-use neighborhoods, and understand that it requires good will and accommodation to have residents and licensed establishments exist in harmony. We understand there must be balance between the needs of nightlife and the needs of residents.

As Chair of ANC 2B, Mike adopted a policy of “lively, but livable,” and worked successfully to implement it.

We all understand that licensed establishments provide desperately needed revenue for the District, and thousands of District residents depend on them for their jobs. Mike understands that, but also understands the need for balance when it comes to matters of peace, order, quiet, and public safety. As the only board member from Ward Two, Mike fulfills a vital role.

He has served well on the Board, and we hope you will reappoint him to a full term.

Sincerely yours,

Will Stephens, Chair

cc: Council Members