



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

July 16, 2012

Council of the District of Columbia
The Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Bill

Dear Council Members:

At its regular meeting on July 11, 2012, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the omnibus alcoholic beverage omnibus bill introduced by Council Member Graham. With all Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a unanimous vote of (9-0):

Whereas, The Dupont Circle neighborhood has the largest amount of ABC licenses in the city; and

Whereas, the Dupont Circle ANC was represented on the ABRA Task Force in its many meetings to discuss revisions to the ABRA regulations; and

Whereas, the Dupont Circle ANC ABRA Policy Committee has met to review the proposed Alcohol Omnibus legislation,

Be it therefore resolved that the Dupont Circle ANC supports the legislation with some exceptions. The Dupont Circle ANC does not support the 400 foot requirement for protestants, but rather recommends 600 feet as a more appropriate measurement for protestants because it is already in the regulations for defining moratoriums and affected ANCs, and

Be it further resolved that the Dupont Circle ANC recommends that citizen groups and associations be allowed the opportunity to send representatives to the ANC meeting when an applicant/licensee makes a presentation to the community, and that this attendance satisfies the requirement in the legislation that citizen groups offer applicants/licensees an opportunity to address their voting body,

Be it further resolved that the Dupont Circle ANC objects to the language that dismisses protestant groups when an ANC successfully negotiates a voluntary agreement, because this language is ambiguous.

Be it further resolved that ANC 2B applauds Council Member Graham for holding an extensive and inclusive process that produced a reasonable compromise.

Thank you for taking our views into consideration on this important legislation.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" and last name "Stephens" clearly legible.

Will Stephens, Chair

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