



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

December 16, 2012

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

Re: Omnibus Alcohol Bill B19-824

Dear Council Members:

At its regular meeting on December 12, 2012, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the most recent version of the Omnibus Alcohol bill. With eight of the nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (4-3), with one recusal.

ANC 2B recommends that the Council Members strike subsection (b) of Section 25-609 of the Alcohol Omnibus Bill B19-824 which reads as follows:

(b) In the event that an affected ANC submits a voluntary agreement to the Board on a protested license application, the Board, upon its approval of the voluntary agreement, shall dismiss any protest of a group of no fewer than 5 residents or property owners meeting the requirements of § 25-601(2). The Board shall not dismiss a protest filed by another affected ANC or by a citizens association meeting the requirements of § 25-601(3) upon the Board’s approval of an ANC’s voluntary agreement submission.”

Commissioner Silverstein recused himself from the vote due to his position on the ABC Board.

Our above resolution is consistent with our prior resolution on the Omnibus Alcohol bill — which opposed this provision. We acknowledged in our discussions at our December 12th public meeting that the provision has now been clarified from the original draft. However, we voted to renew our opposition and to ask this provision, as clarified, still be stricken.

Commissioners Ramon Estrada (ramon.estrada@dupontcircleanc.net), Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net), and Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

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.

Will Stephens, Chair

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