

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

September 7, 2010

Chairman Charles Brodsky Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 1250 U Street NW Washington, DC 20009 martha.jenkins@dc.gov cynthia.simms@dc.gov

Re: Application by Pasha Bistro, 1523 17th St NW, License # ABRA-072743 for change from Class "D" to Class "C" restaurant.

Dear Chairman Brodsky,

At its regular meeting on September 7, 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 (7-0):

Whereas, Pasha Bistro has applied for a substantial change from a Class D Restaurant to a Class C Restaurant enabling it to serve spirits as well as wine and beer as a Class C Restaurant, and

Whereas, four competing restaurants on the 1500 Block of 17th St. N.W. — Trios, Fox and Hounds, Agora and the new Java Green Café — all serve mixed drinks at their outside cafes as Class C restaurants, and

Whereas, Pasha Bistro closes at 11 pm every night, and

Whereas, Pasha Bistro has no bar and operates exclusively as a restaurant, and

Whereas, this change in license calls for no increase in seating, which would violate the prohibition of "additional sidewalk café and roof top seats for establishments along 17th Street between P and Q Streets," in order to preserve peace, order and quiet, and

Whereas, the Rulemaking Notice on the East Dupont Moratorium from the ABC Board (306.4) permits the transfer of a Class D to a Class C restaurant within the moratorium zone,

Let it be therefore resolved that ANC 2B has no objection to Pasha Bistro's application to change from a Class D to a Class C Restaurant.

Commissioner Mike Silverstein did not participate due to his position on the ABC Board. Commissioner Victor Wexler is the Commission's representative in this matter. You can reach him at <a href="wictor.wexler@dupontcircleanc.net">wictor.wexler@dupontcircleanc.net</a> or by telephone at 202-745-0054 for further information.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Will Stephens, Chair

William J. Highens