



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

December 19, 2011

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Re: New (revised) application by El Tamarindo, 1785 Florida Ave NW, for new sidewalk cafe with 14 seats with hours of sales/service/operation 11am-12am daily (1C07, across street from 2B08)

Dear Ms. Harrison:

At its regular meeting of October 2011, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Authority (“ABRA”) application of El Tamarindo for liquor sales in their existing sidewalk cafe. We protested the ABRA application on the basis of peace, order, and quiet. The proposed hours exceeded what was appropriate for an establishment across the street from residences. While El Tamarindo sits in ANC 1C (Adams Morgan), the residential buildings across U Street are in ANC 2B. As you may know, our ANC attempts to abide by our “Public Space Guidelines” in considering sidewalk cafe applications to ABRA and DDOT. Our Public Space Guidelines call for sidewalk cafes near to residences to close at 11:00pm on weeknights (Sunday through Thursday) and 12:00am on weekend nights (Friday & Saturday).

Prior to our December 2011 public meeting, we learned that a DDOT Public Space application was also submitted by El Tamarindo for an expanded sidewalk cafe. In order to be consistent with our October resolution, the ANC at our December 14, 2011 public meeting voted 8-0 to “object” to the DDOT Public Space application to the extent that the proposed hours exceed 11pm Sunday through Thursday and 12am on Friday and Saturday nights. Therefore, we ask that the DDOT Public Space Committee not issue any sidewalk cafe permit to El Tamarindo which exceeds those hours.

Commissioner Mike Silverstein has not participated in this matter due to his position on the ABC Board. I, Commissioner Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net), along with Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Will Stephens, Chair

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