



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

December 11, 2025

Chair Donovan Anderson
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board
Reeves Center
2000 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009
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RE: Signature Lounge application for a substantial change to their Retailer's Class "C" Tavern at 1727 Connecticut Avenue NW (ABCA-117485)

Dear Chairman Anderson,

At its regular meeting on December 10, 2025, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-1-0):

WHEREAS Aberash LLC t/a Signature Lounge ("Signature", "Establishment") has applied for Substantial Changes to an Alcoholic Beverage license (ABRA-117485) at 1727 Connecticut Avenue NW, located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B01.

WHEREAS Signature's current hours are as follows:

Hours of Operation Inside Premises

Tuesday through Thursday 7am – 1am

Friday through Saturday 7am – 2am

Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption inside the premises

Tuesday through Thursday 9am – 1am

Friday through Saturday 9am – 2am

Hours of Entertainment inside the premises

Tuesday through Thursday 9am – 1am

Friday through Saturday 7am – 2am

WHEREAS promoting and maintaining good relationships between residents and nightlife establishments is a responsibility and priority of ANC 2B.

WHEREAS a DC Court of Appeals Memorandum Opinion and Judgment found that "Signature Lounge would negatively impact the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood" citing the Establishment's ability to control noise at the location's prior establishment and the ability of the owner to manage the Establishment appropriately given his ownership of a nearby establishment with a history of incidents involving violence or unsafe conditions.

WHEREAS Signature has operated subject to an ABCA Board Order to the establishment which limits hours to closing at 1 am, or 2 am on weekends; prohibits live entertainment, cover charges; prohibits events operated by promoters; and requires participation in MPD's Reimbursable Detail Officer program.

WHEREAS nearby residents have raised concerns and issues with the Establishment that indicates the need for ANC 2B to require the Establishment to enter into a Settlement Agreement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B *supports* some elements of Signature's Substantial Change application, subject to establishing a Settlement Agreement between the Establishment and ANC 2B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not support proposed changes to Hours of Operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not support proposed changes to Hours of Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption and Live Entertainment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B does support the proposed termination of Board conditions attached to its license by Board Order No. 2021-482.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B will file a pro forma protest of the application on the basis of Peace, Order, and Quiet, which will be withdrawn upon approval of the Settlement Agreement and Order by the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

Commissioners Andrew DeFrank (2B01@anc.dc.gov) and Zach Adams (2B08@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives for this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zach Adams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Zachary Adams
Chair