



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie
Chair, Committee on Business and Economic Development
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 506
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RE: DC Council Bill B24-0044 – the “Reopen Washington DC Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2021”

Dear Councilmember McDuffie,

On January 6, 2022 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E is concerned about a provision of DC Council Bill B24-0044 – the “Reopen Washington DC Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2021” that would allow the holder of an Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) license to begin serving patrons in previously unlicensed outdoor space without having to apply for a change to the existing license. If the bill were enacted in its current form, residents, and the neighborhood organizations that represent them, would be denied any opportunity to negotiate for safeguards to protect nearby homes from the noise and disruption that inevitably accompany the arrival of dining and alcohol consumption in outdoor spaces near homes.

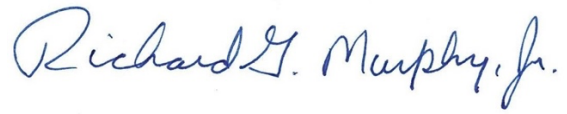
ANC 2E urges the DC Council’s Committee on Business and Economic Development to amend the provisions of the bill that permit the creation of “pop-ups” and “streateries” in public and private space to provide for adequate notice to nearby residents, neighborhood associations, and ANCs, along with a meaningful, but not burdensome or lengthy, opportunity to negotiate for reasonable safeguards before the ABRA licensee is allowed to operate in new or expanded outdoor space in close proximity to residences.

Commissioners Rick Murphy (2E03@anc.dc.gov) and Lisa Palmer (2E05@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

COMMISSIONERS:

Kishan Putta, District 1 Jenny Mitchell, District 2 Rick Murphy, District 3
Lisa Palmer, District 5 Gwendolyn Lohse, District 6
Elizabeth Miller, District 7

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Murphy, Jr." in a cursive script.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E

CC: Councilmember Brooke Pinto, Ward 2
Councilmember Mary Cheh, Ward 3
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Councilmember Vincent Gray, Ward 7