



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Councilmember Brooke Pinto
Councilmember, Ward 2
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: Requesting that the City Develops a Transparent Process for Restaurants Without Alcoholic Beverage Licenses on Mixed Use Streets that Want to be Open Past Midnight

Dear Councilmember Pinto,

On November 1, 2021 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by five commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (5-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

The city lacks a transparent process for approving the hours of operation for restaurants that do not have alcoholic beverage licenses yet want to stay open past midnight. ANC 2E became aware of this lack of transparency while trying to address issues at three restaurants on different mixed-use blocks in Georgetown whose hours of operation went well beyond midnight. All three restaurants have caused an adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of our neighborhood. In the last two months, two of them were shut down – one permanently and the other by city order due to negative impact on the community.

ANC 2E urges Councilmember Pinto, in collaboration with ANCs, business improvement districts (BIDs), and citizens associations, to work with city agencies to establish a transparent process for approving hours of operations for restaurants that:

1. are located on mixed-used blocks and/or within a specified distance to residential homes,
2. do not hold alcoholic beverage licenses, and
3. want to be open past midnight.

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The process should also encompass any significant changes in hours. ANC 2E's neighborhood should easily be able to understand this process and be a partner in the process if appropriate, and there should be accountability when peace, order, and quiet are compromised. When the city has such a process it will help support a healthier resident-commercial area relationship.

Commissioners Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) and Lisa Palmer (2E05@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LP', is written over a faint, dotted grid background.

Lisa Palmer
Vice Chair, ANC 2E

CC: Ernest Chrappah, Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Solana Vander Nat, Director, Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture
Anna Noakes, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services
Joe Sternlieb, CEO and President, Georgetown BID
Duncan Bedlion, Commander, Second District, Metropolitan Police Department
Tara Sakraida Parker, President, Citizens Association of Georgetown