



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. Vincent Parker
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RE: Proposal to Add a Mobile Roadway Vending (MRV) Zone on the 1000 Block of Thomas Jefferson Street NW

Dear Mr. Parker,

On April 30, 2018 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E supports the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs' (DCRA) effort to add a Mobile Roadway Vending (MRV) Zone to the 1000 block of Thomas Jefferson Street NW. ANC 2E and the Georgetown BID have been monitoring the 1000 block of Thomas Jefferson Street for over a year, with concern for the growing number of food trucks parked along the street, eliminating individual motorists' use of a significant number of parking spaces along the block. The ANC has also started to receive several phone calls and emails from both residents and businesses along Thomas Jefferson Street who have significant concerns about the number of trucks parked along the block.

ANC 2E notes that the ANC has seen as many as fifteen food trucks parked along the street, sometimes for days at a time. Furthermore, the ANC has concerns around observed illegal dumping of trash into city trashcans and into private dumpsters; significant noise pollution created by generators; dangerous situations with trucks parked too close to the intersection at K Street, thus hindering the safe use of the block by motorists; and the general perception that food trucks have "taken over" the block.

In partnership with the Georgetown BID, ANC 2E has looked to several sources for relief and better management of the current situation. The ANC has spoken to policy and enforcement arms at DCRA, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the Department

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of Public Works (DPW), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), and the Department of Health (DOH) to discuss the situation and possible solutions. Just this past month the ANC walked the 1000 block of Thomas Jefferson Street with representatives from the DMV Food Truck Association, the BID, DCRA, and DDOT to look at and discuss the food truck situation, with an eye for a solution that would address the growing concerns while utilizing solutions which are currently within DC's regulations.

As such, ANC 2E supports the creation of an MRV Zone along the 1000 block of Thomas Jefferson Street NW to help better manage the curb lanes and provide appropriate location and time for food trucks to operate in Georgetown. While the specific details may change before implementation, ANC 2E recommends an allowance for no more than six trucks on the block, with a portion of the lottery spots beginning as close to K Street as legally feasible and another portion as close to the bridge as legally feasible, in an attempt to spread the 200 foot halo provided for in the regulations as wide as possible.

ANC 2E recognizes that the current regulations allow for use of these spaces by winners of the food truck lottery Monday through Friday from approximately 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If trucks violate the MRV Zone policies, they are subject to DCRA fines that go up to \$2,000, as well as potential revocation of their vending licenses. ANC 2E notes that should there exist an opportunity to expand the regulations to include weekend implementation of MRV Zones, the ANC would highly support that modification.

Among the many benefits of the establishment of this zone in Georgetown, ANC 2E also notes that the implementation of this zone will allow for higher turnover of parking spaces and more equitable use of the curbside lanes on Thomas Jefferson Street NW.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E