



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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February 22, 2016

Mr. Donovan Anderson
Chairperson
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
2000 14th Street, NW, S400
Washington, DC 20009
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RE: Application by “Watergate Liquors LLC” (dba “Watergate Vintners & Spirits,” ABRA-101097) for a New Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store License at 2544 Virginia Avenue NW

Dear Chairperson Anderson,

At its regular meeting on February 17, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, by a vote of **(6-0-0)**:

WHEREAS, Watergate Liquors LLC has submitted an application to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a new Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store license at 2544 Virginia Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the owners of the establishment have proposed reasonable hours of operation that will have minimal impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the surrounding neighborhood,

WHEREAS, the establishment will be located in the Watergate Retail Plaza on the lower level of the Watergate East building of the Watergate complex,

WHEREAS, the Watergate Retail Plaza has greatly suffered from the loss of several prominent businesses in recent years, including the closure of the Watergate Safeway in December of 2011,

WHEREAS, the loss of businesses in the Watergate Retail Plaza has put a strain on the Watergate and greater Foggy Bottom communities, whose residents must now travel further for needed services,

WHEREAS, the last liquor store tenant in the Watergate Retail Plaza was Watergate Wine & Beverage, which closed during the summer of 2014,



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WHEREAS, the residents and employees who live and work in the Watergate Complex, as well as nearby Foggy Bottom residents, would greatly benefit from the opening of a new liquor store in the Watergate Retail Plaza,

WHEREAS, the opening of a new liquor store could further spur the opening of additional businesses in the Watergate Retail Plaza, a space that currently has multiple vacant storefronts, and

WHEREAS, the opening of a new liquor store will also benefit the guests of the nearby Watergate Hotel, which is set to open later this year after a multi-million dollar renovation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports Watergate Liquors LLC’s application for a new Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store license at 2544 Virginia Avenue NW.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith (2A04@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Bernard Dietz, Counsel for the Applicant