



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

July 13, 2016

Councilmember Vincent Orange, At-Large
Chair, Committee on Business, Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DCRA Public Notice to ANCs for Applications for Overnight Construction Permits

Dear Councilmember Orange,

At its regular meeting on June 15, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven 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 Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Coder, by a vote of **(7-0-0)**:

WHEREAS, the issuing of overnight construction permits to property developers, utility companies, and other related entities has a significant detrimental impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the surrounding neighborhoods, in addition to possible significant impacts to vehicular and pedestrian travel on adjacent streets and sidewalks,

WHEREAS, many DC government agencies, including the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, the Office of Zoning, and DDOT’s Public Space Committee, among others, provide affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions with public notice for any applications filed with the respective agency that will have a significant impact on individual neighborhoods,

WHEREAS, until recently, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs has never provided public notice to ANCs regarding applications for overnight construction permits that are filed with the agency, even though these permits can have significant detrimental impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods,

WHEREAS, because the ANCs are not provided with this public notice, they have a limited ability to provide feedback to DCRA regarding how individual overnight construction permits will impact their neighborhoods,

WHEREAS, DCRA recently started providing public notice to ANCs regarding applications for overnight construction permits, even though DC regulations do not require the agency to do so,



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WHEREAS, ANC 2A is concerned that this lack of a legal requirement will threaten the long-term future of public notice for overnight construction permits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A extends its appreciation to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for beginning to provide public notice to affected ANCs regarding applications for overnight construction permits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A calls on the DC Council to pass legislation that codifies that the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs must provide public notice to the ANCs for any applications that are filed for overnight construction permits within each individual ANC.

Commissioners Florence Harmon (2A06@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

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