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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-001

Regarding ABRA Request for Substantial Change to Current Liquor Licensure for 3321 Connecticut Avenue NW

Whereas La Cucina Biologica, LLC t/a Coppi’s Organic Restaurant (“Coppi’s”) has applied to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (“ABRA”) for a change in operating hours and for an entertainment endorsement; and

Whereas Coppi’s is a new restaurant in the Cleveland Park commercial area on Connecticut Avenue and it’s CR license was transferred from the restaurant L’Avandou, which operated at this location for decades; and

Whereas Coppi’s requests changing the opening hour from 5pm on Saturday and Sunday to 11:30am and maintain the opening hour for the rest week at 11:30am; and

Whereas Coppi’s requests changing the closing hour from 10pm Monday through Thursday and 11pm Friday through Saturday to 2am daily; and

Whereas there are 13 ABRA licensed restaurants in the Cleveland Park commercial area on Connecticut Avenue with advertised closing hours between 10 - 11pm, with one exception and this restaurant closes at 11:30pm on weekends; and

Whereas Coppi’s owner has told ANC and Cleveland Park Citizen Association representatives that he wants to extend the hours for potential restaurant customers but also to establish a pizza carry out/delivery business to operate until 2am; and

Whereas Coppi’s has applied to ABRA for an entertainment endorsement to provide live entertainment from 6pm to 2am daily; and

Whereas an entertainment endorsement cannot be limited to certain types of entertainment; and

Whereas the entertainment endorsement and the CR license can be transferred by right to successive establishments that would have the right to operate within the approved restaurant operating hours, the entertainment endorsement operating hours, and a settlement agreement, if one exists; and

Whereas there is long standing concern in the surrounding neighborhood of the Cleveland Park commercial area that it not become an entertainment district and that a balance be maintained between vibrancy and choice in the commercial area and respect and maintenance of the quiet, family neighborhood; and

Whereas there have been complaints in the surrounding neighborhood that the 5 licensed taverns, which have operating hours extending after the restaurants close, have patrons who exit

the taverns late at night, often inebriated, and who disrupt the neighborhood tranquility by shouting or having loud conversations, either on Connecticut Avenue or local streets while searching for parked cars or a place to relieve themselves; and

Whereas the Cleveland Park Community Association has regularly invited police to public meetings to discuss how to better control this behavior, with the most recent police presentation held in November 2014; DC MPD Chief Groomes told the group a year earlier that there is a connection between late night activity and street crime and there is a tipping point at which crime accelerates:

Be It Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (“ANC”) protests the application to extend Coppi’s hours and the application for an entertainment endorsement;

Be It Resolved that the grounds for the ANC objection are based on the pre-midnight closing pattern of restaurants in Cleveland Park and the detrimental effect the approval would have on the peace, order, and tranquility expected as part of the a quality of life standard in a District low density neighborhood;

Be It Resolved that the Cleveland Park neighborhood surrounding the commercial area has reached a tipping point in the ANC estimation and additional late night entertainment or food service will only exacerbate a noisy and disruptive situation that police and neighborhood leaders have not been able to control;

Be It Resolved that the Chair and SMD 05 and 09 commissioners are authorized to represent the ANC in this matter, including any negotiations related to a settlement agreement.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine May". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine May
Vice-Chair, on January 20, 2015

This resolution was approved by a roll-call vote of 5-0, with one abstention on January 20, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.