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ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-030 Regarding ABRA Application (ABRA #090804) for Substantial Change to Class C Liquor License for Savoy Suites Hotel, located at 2505 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Whereas, Savoy Suites Hotel ("Savoy") located at 2505 Wisconsin Avenue NW, and which is located in a non-conforming building and operates non-conforming commercial uses in a residential neighborhood zoned R-1-B, has filed an application with ABRA (#090804) ("Application") that seeks a substantial change to a Class C liquor license and an entertainment endorsement to expand Savoy's outdoor service of alcohol, to include a new summer garden service area on its roof with a capacity of 136 seats, which Savoy proposes to operate on Sunday from 10 a.m. to midnight and Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.; and

Whereas the Savoy is located in ANC3C08 in a neighborhood zoned R-1-B and comprised of predominantly single family dwellings and is not located in the C-2-A Glover Park Commercial District; and

Whereas, the Application also proposes expansion of the capacity of the restaurant and ground floor summer garden; and

Whereas the proposed roof deck summer garden, together with the expanded capacity of the restaurant and ground level summer garden, would have significant negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood, adversely affecting (a) the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood, (b) residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety, (c) real property values; and

Whereas ABRA should be not issuing licenses for greatly increased commercial uses for any premises located in a residential neighborhood where such uses are not permitted under the zoning regulations; and

Whereas, all other ABC licensed establishments in ANC3C are located in commercial zones and not in residential zones as is the Savoy; and

Whereas other ABC licensed establishments in ANC3C located in commercial zones have limited hours of operation for outside service, no outside entertainment, no outside TVs, and no outside live entertainment, and the hours requested by the Savoy would greatly exceed those permitted in other commercial establishments in ANC3C; and

Whereas, denial, as required by law, of the Application and of any other licensing of the Savoy that would permit alcohol service and outdoor entertainment on a roof deck and expand the capacity of the restaurant and ground level summer garden would have the highly beneficial

effect of limiting the growth of Savoy's existing out-of-compliance commercial uses in a residential neighborhood; and

Whereas, no other properties in an R-1-B residential neighborhood can legally receive ABC licenses nor are they allowed to serve alcohol or provide roof deck entertainment for commercial purposes; and

Whereas, the DCRA permits for construction not allowed in an R-1-B district issued to Savoy in May 2015 were issued without neighborhood notice, review or input, and are currently the subject of an appeal filed by the Massachusetts Avenue Heights Citizens Association (MAHCA) and several individual neighbors; and

Whereas, ANC3C has joined as a party to the appeal filed by MAHCA and individual residents:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ANC3C protests the Application on the grounds it would have an adverse effect on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C objects to the hearing or issuance of any ABRA permit for the Savoy pending the appeal of the DCRA permits and determination of whether the Savoy can be permitted to construct a roof deck and additional structures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of ANC3C, the Commissioner of ANC3C08, or their designee are permitted to represent the Commission on this issue and are authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered, testimony at any hearing on this issue.

Attested by

Carl Roller

Chair, on July 20, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on July 20, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.