

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



**Resolution Opposing the Mayor’s Proposal to Increase
Alcohol Service Hours to 3 a.m. and 4 a.m.**

Whereas, Mayor Gray’s proposed 2013 Fiscal Year Budget for the District of Columbia includes a provision to extend alcohol service hours citywide from the current closing times of 2 a.m. on weeknights and 3 a.m. on weekends to 3 a.m. on weeknights and 4 a.m. on weekends;

Whereas, this proposal was made based on projections that it would raise revenues in the District and is justified by the hospitality industry as necessary to create “a 24-hour city in a 24-hour world”;

Whereas, Glover Park’s three-block commercial corridor along Wisconsin Avenue is zoned for mixed commercial-residential use and is closely surrounded by areas zoned solely for residential use;

Whereas, our commercial district is described in the District’s comprehensive plan as a “local neighborhood commercial center,” which is defined as an area that “meets the day-to-day needs of residents and workers in adjacent neighborhoods”;

Whereas, the Glover Park Liquor License Moratorium was instituted and remains in force because the residential neighborhood surrounding the commercial center suffers from persistent and ongoing problems with peace, order and quiet due to a concentration of ABC-licensed establishments promoting a late-night bar scene;

Whereas, a large part of the noise disruption in our residential area occurs at closing time, when most residents are trying to sleep, as inebriated patrons leave establishments and return boisterously to their cars parked on residential streets or walk home through the neighborhood in loud, often disorderly groups;

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Whereas, Glover Park's commercial area is singularly burdened by two grandfathered licenses for the only nude-dancing establishments in Ward 3, which have frequently been the sources of disruptive incidents and police calls, particularly around closing time;

Whereas, supporters of the proposal argue that Voluntary Agreements will protect neighborhoods from the effects of later closing hours, but in Glover Park, such Voluntary Agreements would limit the hours of only 3 of our 16 ABC-licensed restaurants and clubs, failing to adequately protect the neighborhood from potential impacts of expanded hours;

Whereas, expanded hours for alcohol service may be appropriate for the Central Business District, but 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. closing times are not appropriate for Glover Park or other local area commercial centers, particularly those where a liquor license moratorium is in effect specifically because of concerns about disruptive late-night noise and disorder;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B opposes extending alcohol service hours to 3 a.m. on weeknights and 4 a.m. on weekends in Glover Park's local area commercial center.

APPROVED by a vote of 5-0 at the regularly scheduled meeting of ANC3B on Thursday, April 12, 2012.

Brian A. Cohen, Chairman

Ben Thielen, Secretary

Dated: April 12, 2012