

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

Resolution in Response to ABC Board Decision

Whereas ANC 3B believes strongly that resolving problems of peace, order, and quiet and preventing secondary effects of alcohol abuse and nude dancing from threatening neighborhood security and stability depend in large part on honest, aboveboard, experienced owners and managers;

Whereas ANC 3B asked the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) and the Alcohol Control Board (ABC Board) not to approve the transfer of JP's nude dancing liquor license without more scrutiny of the proposed ownership structure and transparency in the decision-making process;

Whereas the ABC Board both denied ANC 3B's request for a public hearing and approved the license transfer on the same day; and whereas neither the new JPs licensees nor ABRA were able to publicly provide a coherent explanation of JPs ownership structure, resulting in concerns about accountability and responsibility of JPs operations;

Whereas ABRA denied Commissioner Blumenthal's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for release of documents;

And whereas ANC 3B protested JPs license renewal in 2011 because of concerns regarding peace, order, and quiet; ANC 3B hereby resolves:

1. To support, and to build support among ANCs, citizens' groups and other citizens, for a change in the laws governing ABRA to require any liquor license transfer and related ownership change to be treated as a substantial change in operation, thus allowing an affected ANC, citizen group, or group of residents to participate in the decision making process;
2. To support Commissioner Blumenthal's appeal to the Mayor's FOIA office seeking to overturn ABRA's denial of document disclosure;

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3. To decry the ABRA process that refuses to recognize that residents have real stake in who owns and operates ABC-licensed businesses in their communities, and the decision by ABRA officials to deny a public hearing on this important community issue.

This Resolution was discussed and voted on at an ANC meeting at which a quorum was present and residents were informed of the date, time, and agenda at least 7 days in advance.

The Resolution was passed by a vote of 4 yes 0 no 0 abstain.



Brian A. Cohen, Chairman



Ben Thielen, Secretary

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