Resolution Regarding Substantial Change Application of Savoy Suites Hotel
ABRA Lic. #090804 Registered to CS Bond ST AB-S Holdings LLC

Whereas, Savoy Suites Hotel, located at 2505 Wisconsin Avenue NW, seeks to expand its outdoor service of alcohol and its existing entertainment endorsement to include a new "summer garden" service area on its roof with a capacity of 136 seats, which will operate on Sunday from 10 a.m. to midnight and Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.;

Whereas, the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration has set August 10, 2015, as the deadline for objecting to Savoy Suites’ plans for expanded outdoor service and entertainment;

Whereas, ANC3B does not meet in August and therefore must deal with this issue at our regularly scheduled July 9th meeting despite the fact that negotiations are ongoing between Savoy Suites, ANC3C, Massachusetts Avenue Heights Citizens’ Association (MAHCA), Georgetown Heights Condominium Association, and ANC3B;

Whereas, Savoy Suites is located in ANC3C-08 which is an R-1-B residential neighborhood, ANC3B is participating in settlement negotiations because (1) the area we represent abuts the hotel to the west, and (2) the hotel is included in the Glover Park Moratorium Zone and contributes to ANC3B’s concerns about peace, order and quiet, parking and litter in the Glover Park commercial district;

Whereas, ANC3B’s concerns about peace, order and quiet have led to a consistent approach towards limiting both the hours during which alcohol can be served on outdoor roof decks and the kind of entertainment allowed outside;

Whereas, ABC licensees with roof decks or roof deck endorsements in the Glover Park commercial district all have voluntary/settlement agreements as follows:

Surfside, 2444 Wisconsin Avenue, must clear its roof deck by midnight Sunday through Saturday and can only play recorded, unamplified music that cannot be heard beyond its premises.
Mason Inn, 24AB Wisconsin Avenue, has a roof deck endorsement which is not being used. It must clear its proposed roof deck by 11:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and by midnight Friday and Saturday, with no music allowed and TV sound on mute.

2218 Wisconsin Avenue has a roof deck endorsement, also not in use, that restricts hours to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with no music or TVs allowed.

Whereas, ANC3B strongly believes that a consistent policy towards alcohol service and entertainment on roof decks benefits everyone by protecting the peace, order and quiet of the community without giving unfair advantage to one licensed establishment over another;

Whereas, ANC3B is hopeful that a settlement can be reached with the hotel’s neighbors that (1) respects their concerns about peace, order, and quiet, parking and trash control, and (2) does not exceed the precedent set in the Glover Park commercial district of roof deck closures no later than midnight with limited or no amplified music;

Therefore, if a settlement cannot be reached by the August 10 petition deadline, ANC3B resolves to file a protest with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board against Savoy Suites’ substantial change application on the grounds of peace, order and quiet, parking, and litter (trash control), with the hope that the extra time will allow a settlement agreement to be finalized before the scheduled hearing date of August 24, 2015;

Further, ANC3B appoints Commissioner Jackie Blumenthal to represent the Commission in this matter.

Resolved by a vote of 4 to 0 at the duly scheduled meeting of ANC3B on July 9, 2015, at which a quorum was present.

Jackie Blumenthal, Chairman
Ann Mladinov, Secretary

July 9, 2015