



Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: BZA case 18568 ANC-1B12 Appeal of Shaw Dupont Citizens Alliance, pursuant to 11 DCMR §§ 3100 and 3101, from a decision by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs in its interpretation of Sections 1901.6, and 1900.1, allowing a drinking establishment in the ARTS/C-3-A District at premises 1346 T Street, N.W. (Square 238, Lot 88).

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning,

At its regular meeting on June 6, 2013, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B considered the above referenced matter. With a quorum present at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a unanimous vote:

Motion that ANC 1B send a letter of support to DCRA informing them of our previous unanimous support through our ABC process and inform them of our support which was sent to ABRA and that we welcome Compass Rose to our neighborhood.

This commission wishes to express its full support for Compass Rose, a business that in our view has satisfied all legal requirements to operate. We worked closely with this business during the ABRA licensing process. There was significant community support for the business as well as several protests, including from the SDCA. The business went above and beyond to respond to concerns. Eventually, a settlement agreement was formed between the establishment, ANC 1B, and SDCA which has been filed with ABRA. Our ANC voted unanimously to support the settlement agreement with Compass Rose, and discussed the fact that Compass Rose is just the kind of business we want in our neighborhood - small, locally-owned and eager to work with the community.

An eating and drinking establishment previously operated at 1346 T Street, NW. We understand that business was properly licensed, and had been issued a certificate of occupancy several years ago. It is unfair to challenge the restaurant use now, several years after an eating and drinking business was first opened there.

On behalf of the ANC 1B Commission, we respectfully request that you give great weight to our support of the above mentioned establishment.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Marc Morgan
Secretary
ANC 1B

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CASE NO.18568
EXHIBIT NO.44