

From: Angela Aly (Proprietor of Medaterra)

Re. Petition against the proposed new restaurant to occupy (2631 Connecticut Ave)

Date: 12/09/14

Dear Sir / Madame,

We the proprietors of restaurants on Connecticut Avenue between Calvert Street and Woodley Road would like to petition the rental of property on the block to additional restaurants in order to safeguard the viability of our existing restaurant businesses.

As you well know this block currently has exceeded its zoning capacity of restaurants.

We also oppose renting to another fast food chain restaurant on this block to maintain this location as an upscale dining venue in this part of the city. We already have Dunkin' Donuts, McDonalds and Chipotle chains located on this block.

While we view co-operation and fair competition among restaurant owners positively, we believe the density of restaurants which are able to survive financially here has already reached it's limit.

As District taxpayers we reach out to you for your support. We not only present our issue but make your work easier with licensing to suggest businesses which would benefit not only our restaurant businesses but also the residential community as well as the frequent visitor community staying in the nearby Marriott and Omni Shoreham hotels. Such businesses may include:

1. National bank chains such as Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Citibank, etc.
2. National health club chains such as Gold's Gym and others.
3. International language training centers such as Berlitz.
4. High-end uni-sex hair salons such as Bumble + Bumble, Tony & Guy, etc.
5. Multi-service medical facility offering dental and cosmetic services.
6. National car rental service such as Avis or Hertz.

If you consider granting a restaurant license to a new restaurant in this area we then propose it should be a venue unlike any existing restaurant and certainly not to a chain fast food business in order to maintain fair competition among existing restaurant businesses. Some of us have run restaurant businesses here for 17 and as long as 34 years.

It is our hope that you will respect our wishes. We can arrange a meeting to share ideas in order to understand whatever constraints you may have in granting future business licenses and who we may better help you perform your service to us here in the District.

Respectfully,

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Sent from my iPhone