

I am Commissioner Chander Jayaraman (ANC 6B, SMD 6B08). I want to express my concern and dismay at the lack of transparency with respect to the &pizza case. I strongly object to the BZA taking any action on this case before ANC 6B has had an opportunity to opine on the revisions to the BZA Order.

We have not been notified of the latest request and have not been consulted nor provided the opportunity to comment on the changes they are seeking to the BZA Order. In fact, the applicant has not contacted or met with current ANC commissioners on this case since a Stop work Order was placed on their establishment for illegally beginning construction without permits and without adhering to the specifics enumerated in the BZA Order. I am certain, however, that the changes the applicant is proposing are NOT minor modifications but rather substantial changes to the existing Order. Given their actions in violating District regulations and attempting to circumvent the regular process of the ANC.

It is my understanding that &pizza refiled a request for modifying the BZA Order. It is also my understanding that in their request, they have claimed to have been working with the ANC. While I have been on a few conference call, I have not seen the complete final plans nor seen the specifics of how &pizza intends to comply with the existing BZA Order which was carefully crafted over 12 months of negotiations with the original applicant.

In addition, the ANC 6B Chairperson, Kirsten Oldenburg, submitted a letter last week to the BZA requesting such a delay so that we may consider this case in regular order and vote on the changes at the ANC meeting on April 12. It is my understanding that she intends to appear before the BZA to request a delay in hearing this case until ANC 6B has had an opportunity to review a complete set of final plans and provide an official letter in support of or in opposition to the current request.

Submitted on 3/28/2016 by:
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