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Hello,

This is reference to BZA case # 21151.

I live in Bloomingdale (at 1st and V on the north side) and wanted to provide support for the restaurant Dinesh is trying to open up at North Cap and Bryant (Indigo 2). There seems to be a small minority that is holding this case up, which is very unfortunate.

The original Indigo is beloved by the community near H street and has become a staple of the neighborhood there. There is no reason that Indigo 2 would not be different and we would love to have them nearby.

The empty storefront now is a terrible reminder of what can happen when a small minority can prevent these types of establishments from becoming part of the community. The pushback seems to be confusing (noise complaints on North Capitol) or misplaced (while I understand rats are a problem, an empty storefront with an uninterested owner is significantly worse than an owner who has received plaudits from the DC health inspection department). I don't want to mention how I feel about the complaints about 'smell' beyond that I find them somewhat offensive.

A small restaurant at that location would be critical in transforming that part of Bloomingdale into a well-rounded and inclusive neighborhood. We used to live on Channing Street and it can currently feel like a thoroughfare for Maryland commuters. With the building of the Reservoir District, having Indigo there can underpin a revival of that area into a close-knit community, to which '3rd places' like Indigo are critical.

Let me know if you have any questions or if there's anything else I can do to support.

Best,
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