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Subject: Letter of SUPPORT for BZA 21151; 2324 North Capitol Street NW

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Good afternoon - below please find the letter that I sent to my ANC regarding the application for Indigo Chapter 2. Please approve their application for a restaurant at 2324 North Capitol St NW. This has strong support in the surrounding neighborhood.

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From: **Chris Curry** <curryc26@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 4:29 PM
Subject: Please approve Indigo 2 @ 2324 N. Capitol St NW
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Good Afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing as a resident of Bloomingdale to express my **strong support for the approval of the Indigo 2 restaurant** application at 2324 North Capitol St. NW.

Having lived on V Street NW for over a year, I believe our neighborhood would greatly benefit from another affordable and convenient dining option, particularly one as well-regarded as Indigo. I find it concerning that the ANC has voiced opposition to this establishment, especially given the significant support I've observed among my neighbors. I urge you to consider their perspectives and collaborate with the owner to realize this vision.

While I understand there are concerns about noise, odors, traffic, and potential rats, I believe many of these issues have been addressed by the building owner.

- The corner of Bryant and North Capitol is already quite noisy due to the flow of cars, trucks, motorcycles, and emergency vehicles that speed down North Capitol Street. The addition of ambient restaurant noise would not significantly increase noise levels, and would likely dampen the noise coming from the busy roadway.
- Regarding concerns about odors from an Indian restaurant, I find such arguments unsubstantiated. As a patron of the original Indigo and someone familiar with similar establishments, I believe any potential odors can be effectively managed. The argument that Indian restaurants "smell bad" is rooted in racism.
- Additionally, the assertion that the restaurant would increase traffic is not well-founded. Many local restaurants, such as Red Hen and Boundary Stone, have not contributed to significant traffic issues. I believe that most patrons of Indigo 2 would walk from nearby residences, ultimately making our streets safer and more inviting.
- Concerns about attracting pests are valid but should not be directed solely at Indigo 2. Bloomingdale already faces challenges with rats, and I believe the ANC can address these issues without disparaging a new establishment.

Finally, I encourage you to consider the alternative use of this location as a corner store. Bloomingdale already has several corner stores that sell snacks and alcohol -- adding another would likely contribute to crime and loitering, rather than enhancing our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective and the voices of many residents who support Indigo 2. I hope the ANC will choose to work collaboratively with the restaurant owner to bring this exciting opportunity to our neighborhood.

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.21151
EXHIBIT NO.102

Thanks,

Chris Curry