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## Letter to ANC to Support Restaurant/Cafe at Bryant and North Capital Streets

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TO ANC Commissioners:

I live on Bryant Street NW, 1 block away from the proposed restaurant/Cafe that Mr. Tandon is working so hard to bring to reality. I want to voice my strong support for this restaurant at North Capitol and Bryant Streets. In spite of initial missteps in presentation and communication, Mr. Tandon, who has a successful record in the restaurant industry, is well-positioned to work with the community to create a business that will serve our residents in a positive way. The store that was there before he took ownership was failing for many years. The "corner market" business model was no longer viable and it will be several years before the Reservoir District commercial development is operational. Right now North Bloomingdale has nothing commercial within a convenient walking distance. It's clear that Mr. Tandon has made a substantial investment both personally and financially in this enterprise. Before he took ownership, the place was a rundown eyesore with overgrown untended weeds and litter. Today it is a beautifully renovated corner building just waiting to be operational. I believe there is every incentive at this time for Mr. Tandon to be a good neighbor and work to serve our community and make this a successful business for all to enjoy. The issues of concern such as noise, trash, rats and parking are issues that we are already dealing with so he will be obliged as well to work to ensure that they will be managed on an ongoing basis. It is my hope that the ANC Commissioners will be objective about the value of this restaurant/Cafe to the neighborhood and support Mr. Tandon for the greater good of our community. If this restaurant is blocked, my fear is that it could be turned into another liquor store. Just what we do not need!

Lola Peres

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