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ANC Commissioners and Office of Zoning,

As a homeowner in ANC 5E on Bates Street, I am writing to voice my support of Dinesh and Nidhi Tandon’s BZA Case No. 21151 for Indigo Chapter Two at 2324 North Capitol Street.

We love their original location and make every effort to go there as often as possible, so it was incredibly exciting to hear that they were seeking to open a new location within walking distance of our home.

One of the characteristics I most value about our neighborhood is our ability to walk to the restaurants that I and other residents love - Big Bear, Red Hen, Boundary Stone, the Pub & the People, Republic Cantina, and more. Indigo Chapter Two would be within walking distance for me and thousands of others and make an excellent addition to the neighborhood’s unique mix of homes and small-businesses.

Despite this mix of residential and commercial properties, I do not face significant issues with noise, parking, deliveries, or pick ups from these businesses. And while rats are a challenge, I don’t have any reason to think that it is primarily driven by these businesses.

More importantly, these businesses bring substantial benefits to our neighborhood. The customers that these businesses draw keep criminals away and make our neighborhood safer. These restaurants provide venues to see and get to know our neighbors, fostering community. Their owners and employees are engaged members of our community and often residents themselves.

Having experienced the benefits of other engaged local business owners in our neighborhood, and having seen the positive impact that Dinesh and Nidhi have had with the original Indigo, I am enthusiastically supportive of welcoming Indigo Chapter Two to the neighborhood.

Best,
Andrew

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