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Re Proposals to Establish Zoning Regulations Governing
Dog Daycare, Grooming, and Overnight Boarding

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Director McCarthy

According to published reports, the Office of Planning intends in the near future to recommend new zoning regulations to the Zoning Commission to govern the location of businesses providing facilities for the daycare, grooming, and overnight boarding of dogs (and possibly other house pets). Out of concern that complaints from a handful of individuals might result in regulations that would severely limit the availability of these vital services for thousands of dog owners in the District, the Adams Morgan Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 1C) approved the enclosed resolution at our monthly business meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2005. The resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 8-0, with all Commissioners present (a quorum).

The resolution calls upon the Office of Planning and the Zoning Commission to provide reasonable treatment to these businesses and specifically calls for such businesses to be allowed as a matter of right in C-2 Districts or higher. At a minimum, existing businesses and those that have already applied for a Certificate of Occupancy in a C-2 District or higher should be grandfathered.

We will be pleased to provide more detailed feedback in formal Zoning Commission proceedings on this issue, but we believe it is important that any proposed regulations meet the reasonableness test outlined in the enclosed resolution. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Roth
Chairperson

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**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1C
RESOLUTION REGARDING NEW ZONING REGULATIONS
FOR DOG DAY-CARE AND BOARDING BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, according to published reports, the Office of Planning (OP) intends on July 11th to recommend new zoning regulations to the Zoning Commission (ZC) affecting the location of dog day-care, grooming, and overnight boarding establishments, and

WHEREAS, hundreds of residents of Adams Morgan and neighboring communities rely on these establishments for the care of their dogs during workdays and out-of-town trips, and would be unable to keep their dogs if not for the services offered by these establishments, and

WHEREAS, there is great concern that the OP, ZC, or others may attempt to unreasonably restrict the locations in which these important and necessary establishments are permitted to operate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C seeks reasonable treatment of these dog boarding, grooming, and day-care businesses in any proposed or final zoning regulations, and specifically calls upon the OP and ZC to allow such businesses to be operated as a matter of right in C-2 Districts or higher (i e , C-3, C-4, etc), and be it further

RESOLVED, that as a matter of fairness, such regulations should at a minimum grandfather existing businesses and those that have applied for a Certificate of Occupancy in a C-2 District or higher before the OP submits its recommendations to the ZC, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be promptly transmitted to the Office of Planning and the Zoning Commission so that it may receive the "great weight" required by statute in the deliberations of those agencies

Offered by: Commissioner Moretti

Seconded by: Commissioner Taylor

Vote: Approved by roll call vote, 8-0

AYE Roth, Canty, Weaver, Moretti, Miscuk, King, Gibson, Taylor

Date: July 6, 2005