



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

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Ms. Sharon Schellin, Secretary
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

To Be Sent Via Fax, Email and US Mail

Dear Ms. Schellin:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B held its regular public meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7 pm at the Metropolitan Police Department's 4th District Station, 6001 Georgia Avenue, NW. The meeting was properly noticed and our quorum of five commissioners was present for all votes.

In a 8-0-1 roll-call vote, we adopted the following resolution with respect to Case No. 11-16, Office of Planning Text Amendment § 721.3:

"Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B opposes the adoption of the proposed Text Amendment to Section 721.3 of the zoning regulations (Case No. 11-16), which would permit the retail sale of guns at a site within 300 feet of a Residence or Special Purpose (SP) Zone District, or a church other place of worship, a public or private school, a public library, or a playground.

We are particularly concerned about this proposal because it means that, if adopted, guns could be sold at the Metropolitan Police Department's 4th District Station, which is located within the boundaries of ANC 4B. A school and a church are located across the street from the station and there are many homes and apartments in close proximity to the station. Care needs to be taken to locate retail gun and ammunition sales in areas not close to schools and homes.

The recommendations in this resolution are made pursuant to DC Code 1-309.10(a), 1-309.10(d)(3)(A) and 1-309.10(d)(3)(B), which require, among other things, that ANC

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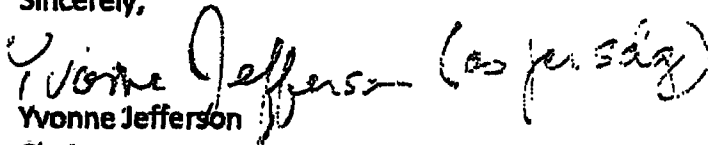
recommendations regarding a proposed District government action or actions receive 'great weight' from the DC government, and that DC government officials respond in writing."

The vote followed a presentation from Kelly O'Meara, of the Metropolitan Police Department, and comments from residents. Ms. O'Meara discussed the background of the proposal and the current status of gun sales in the District. We heard from residents, including those who are concerned that, if adopted, the amended regulation will make it possible for guns to be sold in our community.

Please include this letter in the Zoning Commission's hearing record. We look forward to receiving the Commission's written response to our resolution.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Yvonne Jefferson
Chair

Cc:

Anthony Hood, Chair, Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
The Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B
Honorable Muriel Bowser, DC City Council
Commander Kimberly Chisley-Missouri
Kelly O'Meara, Metropolitan Police Department

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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4B

September 30, 2011

**To: Sharon Schellin, Secretary, Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
Anthony Hood, Chair, Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia**

**From: Yvonne Jefferson, Chair
ANC 4B**

RE: Testimony & Recommendation Case No. 11-16, Text Amendment Sec. 721.3

The attached fax has three pages, including this cover sheet. Please call me if there is a problem or if some of the pages do not come through.

**Many thanks for your help. – Sara Green (202) 829-8802 –
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