



## Commissioner Natalee S. Snider

### LETTER OF OPPOSITION

#### VIP Room Modification

BOARD OF ZONING:

As the current commissioner for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B06, the affected commission where the VIP Room is located (6201 3rd Street NW, WDC 20011), I respectfully request this modification **NOT BE APPROVED** at this time for two simple facts.

1. The Office of Planning recommended that *"the applicant should ensure that comments and recommendation from ANC4B regarding this request should be submitted to the record to or prior to the public meeting."*

**- This request for modification was never brought to ANC4B for any recommendation. All official recommendations from the ANC must happen at a public meeting where the community and all commissioners have an opportunity to discuss their approval or concerns and draft a resolution.**

2. The Applicant states in their 'Reasons for Modification' letter: *"Community outreach has always been key and the owners of the VIP Room reached out to the ANC representative Scot Knickerbocker...and all of these individuals support the modification."*

**-Community outreach from this applicant has not occurred! It has not occurred with the Neighborhood Citizens Association that represents the community, nor the neighbors who would like an opportunity to work on a neighborhood agreement, nor myself the Commissioner of Jurisdiction.**

**-Commissioner Knickerbocker is not the Commissioner of Jurisdiction and has stated on record that he only gave a verbal approval**



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**in his role as a neighbor in the community, and his approval by law cannot be given great weight.**

3. As the current Commissioner of Jurisdiction, I along with many of the neighbors want to see this business not only survive but thrive. I would like to see the business thrive in an open transparent manner that respects both the business owners' desire to run a successful business and the community's desire to enjoy their quality of life. I have received numerous complaints that while an event is in process, homeowners can hear music in their homes long after 10pm, and they cannot find parking. Some have complained about litter surrounding the establishment. I do not seek to blame the VIP Room for all these issues, but they must be addressed in a transparent, respectful manner. Unfortunately, after two years of trying to get Mr. Bo Sampson of the VIP Room to agree to meet with the affected neighbors, he has stated repeatedly, "no", and has unfortunately made some very serious accusations that has caused an unnecessary amount of racial division in the community.

Please remember, I nor anyone I know wishes ill will on the VIP Room's success. **I am simply requesting that the Board of Zoning \*postpone this hearing and request the owners of the VIP Room get approval from ANC4B, and at minimum, meet with the affected neighbors to try and establish a neighborhood agreement.**

\*Since this was an election year (7 new commissioners were voted in) and many neighbors and commissioners are taking holiday, I request the hearing is postponed until February 2019 which should give the new commission and neighbors time to conduct community meetings and understand how this modification to the liquor license/tavern license will affect (or not affect) the community. At this moment, many constituents feel they are not being heard despite their continued request and concerns.\*

**Very Respectfully,**

Natalee S. Snider

Vice Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B  
Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, 4B06

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