



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

July 28, 2022

Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie
Chair, Committee on Business and Economic Development
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DC Council Committee on Business and Economic Development’s Public Oversight Roundtable on DC’s Sports Wagering Program

Dear Councilmember McDuffie,

At its regular meeting on July 20, 2022, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (7-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner Friend, to adopt the following resolution:

Earlier this year ANC 2A had to craft a settlement agreement for a new establishment. The ANC flags this specifically as this settlement agreement was the first one for a combined alcoholic beverage license and sports wagering license.

The ANC wanted to share for the record how incredibly time consuming and difficult this settlement agreement process was. It was difficult as all parties and agencies involved were stumbling in the dark. This is unfair to the operator and the ANC commissioners as each party has the expectation of “expert” knowledge with regards to rules and regulations around sports wagering.

The ANC was expected to craft an agreement that would meet the following criteria:

1. To not seem so onerous to the operator that it would emit an anti-investment aura, and
2. To provide clarity and transparency to residents on operations and safety protocols.

One thing was clear in the process: both sides felt rushed and pressured to enter an agreement. This could cause peril as any delay would have cost the operator their license and put their establishment in jeopardy.

Many ANCs are starting to experience this same situation and have zero guidance and information and residents are making their thoughts known with regards to how the entire process does not seem to be transparent.



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ANC 2A has the following recommendations:

1. Kiosks must have a beginning time and end time inside of establishments,
2. Geofencing, if possible, should be mandatory around the establishments,
3. Set limit on cash payouts,
4. Have cash payouts done during daytime hours,
5. Do not allow cages in residential areas,
6. Require a sixty to ninety day review on all licenses issued to establishments,
7. Require that safety and protocol guidelines be presented to the community, and
8. The initial settlement agreement is to remain in the case of a license transfer to a new establishment.

These recommendations outlined above are not exhaustive but ANC 2A urges you to consider the recommendations put forward with regards to sports wagering in order to better serve the residents of DC.

Commissioners Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) and Joel Causey (2A02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Joel Causey
Chairperson