



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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October 28, 2016

Mr. Donovan Anderson
Chairperson
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
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**RE: Application for the Renewal of the Shadow Room’s (ABRA-075871)
Retailer’s Class “C” Nightclub License at 2131 K Street NW**

Dear Chairperson Anderson,

At its regular meeting on October 20, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**6-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Coder, to adopt the following resolution:

ANC 2A protests the renewal of the Shadow Room’s Retailer’s Class “C” Nightclub License based on adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood; impact on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety; and impact on residential real property values. ANC 2A recommends revocation of the Shadow Room’s license and closure of this nightclub based on the assaults with deadly weapons and other life-threatening behavior of the nightclub’s patrons in adjacent residential areas, in addition to repeated underage drinking violations, and the failure of the Shadow Room to abide by its license requirement that specifies that the nightclub is to contact the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and arrange for an MPD reimbursable police detail for every night it is open.

At this ANC 2A meeting, as at earlier meetings where the Shadow Room was discussed, neighborhood residents and commissioners offered numerous reasons for protesting this renewal. The deleterious effects of this business on the peace, order, and tranquility of the neighborhood are well-documented both by police records and citizen complaints. On several occasions, Shadow Room patrons have been arrested for unlawful possession of semi-automatic weapons on 22nd Street NW where they often park when attending the nightclub. Recently, during the early morning of October 10th, 2016, Shadow Room patrons engaged in a massive shooting that shut down 22nd Street NW (30 semi-automatic casings recovered; extensive property damage due to bullets). Bullets were recovered from residents’ and business employees’ vehicles, and residents’ and businesses’ windows were blown out by bullets. Bullets landed on residents’ homes—in one



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case just feet from where an infant was sleeping. Obviously, the actions of Shadow Room patrons in discharging over 30 rounds of semi-automatic weapons on 22nd Street NW into homes, businesses, and vehicles have an adverse impact on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood.

Additionally, this nightclub patron behavior impacts residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety when residents’ and local businesses’ vehicles are sprayed by bullets and residents are dodging bullets in fear of losing their lives.

Finally, this nightclub patron behavior impacts residential real property values when crime reports indicate that 22nd Street NW is now an extremely dangerous area of the District of Columbia to live because of the illegal conduct of nightclub patrons. The Shadow Room opened in contravention of its Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) license without requesting the required MPD detail during this incident in addition to not requesting the detail during other nights. Additionally, as always, the traffic and noise generated by the Shadow Room, especially on Thursday nights and weekends, disturbs the peace and quiet of the vicinity.

There is no doubt that the Shadow Room nightclub needs to be shut down immediately as local residents are literally fearful for their lives and property due to the illegal weapons brought to the area and discharged by Shadow Room patrons.

Commissioners Florence Harmon (2A03@anc.dc.gov), Rebecca Coder (2A02@anc.dc.gov), and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

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