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Night club liquor license for Haydee's Restaurant

Resolved, ANC1D advises the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to approve the application of Haydee's Restaurant (Haydee's) for a CN License. ANC 1D advises the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board that it has no objection to a stipulated license.

Why:

1. Haydee's has almost no record of violations, and is an exemplary neighbor. In five recent neighborhood meetings, no one has reported any violations of neighborhood good order, peace and quiet. Indeed, in 1D's special informal meeting of Monday 2010 02 15, attended by 58 people, there were no complaints, but only continuing praise. The only demurrers were speculations of what might happen in the future, but absolutely none these extrapolated from any past or present facts of behavior by Haydee's.

The demographics of meeting were broad based and similar to the demographics of the neighborhood, except that the about 40% of residents in the 25-35 age group was notably underrepresented. In addition, the members of three major civic associations in Mount Pleasant, each with large followings, have strongly supported in 1D's meetings this upgrade in license: All-Ways Mount Pleasant, Hear Mount Pleasant, and the Latino Association of Mount Pleasant.

2. Haydee's has established a clientele that behaves well, even in the entry and exit from the restaurant. At the several recent meetings, almost everybody said they came by foot or public transport, so there are no substantial problems with traffic, noise, litter, or other annoyances. Haydee's has engaged and worked with a sound engineer so even neighbors across the street or a few houses away reported no problems. Their clientele includes several Metropolitan Police officers who come by while off duty. Because the venue is well attended by respectful clientele, it seems unlikely that ill-behaved clientele could establish even momentarily a foothold. Indeed, the strong expression of support by almost everyone attending the recent meetings suggests that the peace, order, and quiet now maintained by Haydee's would be defended by its many grateful customers in the neighborhood. A solid clientele of well-rooted residents suggests that current good conditions will persist into the future.

3. Haydee's is a carefully managed business, which is both the best predictor of future behavior, and the only fair and legal way to mitigate fears or speculation about the future. It is unfair to restrict business operations of a licensee without proof of bad behavior that needs constraint. Further, Haydee's has gone well beyond standard business practices to assure

quality management: All staff members are required to be certified in a ten-classhour training course.

4. Haydee's, as a neighborhood business owned and operated by a family long resident a few blocks away, is a model of the kind of enterprise DC and Mount Pleasant policy hopes to encourage. To hobble such an exemplary and deeply local investment would entrench the bad reputation of the District and Mount Pleasant as maintaining an environment that is hostile to business and daunting to entrepreneurship. Haydee's family members have worked on Mount Pleasant Street for 22 years, and have owned a restaurant business for twenty years. Unwarranted constraints not only endanger an increasingly famous contributor to a sense of neighborhood here but also threatens the survival of a vital commercial corridor that is already weakened

Each of the above four paragraphs contains multiple points to buttress 1D's advice to ABC.

Passed by 6 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on February 16, 2010, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Edwards, Tunda, Lepanto, McKay, Scott, Bosserman.