



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Donovan Anderson
Chairperson
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board
2000 14th Street NW, S400
Washington, DC 20009
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RE: Application by Georgetown Wellness Dispensary for a Medical Cannabis Retailer at 2801 M Street NW (ABRA-128852)

Dear Chairperson Anderson,

On January 6, 2025 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E protests the new application of Georgetown Wellness Dispensary to become a Medical Cannabis Retailer at 2801 M Street NW. Again, this is a new applicant who was not in the space until recently and is applying for a Medical cannabis license. This protest is based on concerns regarding peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood as well as other concerns. Specifically, ANC 2E wants ABCA to understand that several constituents have approach the ANC Commissioner for this location regarding how this cannabis shop is already selling cannabis product and advertising on the sidewalks (via sandwich boards, which are not legal in Georgetown, and a staff member speaking with pedestrians passing by the shop) prior to ABCA licensing. Moreover, there are community questions about whether the space is zoned for retail, or only for office.

ANC 2E will withdraw the protest when a satisfactory settlement agreement is executed by the ANC and the applicant and presented to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for Approval.

COMMISSIONERS:

Kishan Putta, District 1	Topher Mathews, District 2	Paul Maysak, District 3
Peter Sloniewsky, District 4	Mimsy Lindner, District 5	Gwendolyn Lohse, District 6
Daniel Chao, District 7	Knox Graham, District 8	

ANC 2E wishes to reiterate to ABCA concerns regarding the number of Medical Cannabis retailers receiving licenses on top of the many illegal, unlicensed shops that still are in business. These are shops that offer a “gift” of cannabis with a purchase of another item, such as a t-shirt or a sticker. ANC 2E hopes that ABCA will work harder and faster in assisting in the closing of these businesses, so that we can support those properly licensed.

ANC 2E authorizes Commissioner Gwendolyn Lohse to negotiate and execute a Settlement Agreement with the applicant. The ANC further authorizes ANC 2E Executive Director Anna Noakes, Commissioners Lohse and Lindner to represent the ANC at all hearings related to this matter.

Commissioner Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gwendolyn Lohse", followed by a long horizontal flourish line extending to the right.

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E