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Honorable Mayor Fenty  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Suite 316  
Washington, DC 20005

Be it Resolved:

ANC1A would like to reaffirm the Commission's December 10, 2008, resolution thanking you for your efforts in moving forward the \$18.3M Columbia Heights Streetscape Project and the removal of the rocks from the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza at 14th ST NW, Kenyon and Park Roads and repaving to make space for the Columbia Height Farmers Market.

ANC1A would also like to state its full support for the creation of a Farmers Market at the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza to begin operations in April of 2009.

In January 2009 ANC1A learned that the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza would be transferred from the portfolio of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). This transfer presents a problem, because DPR portfolio sites do not allow selling preventing the establishment of a Farmers Market.

ANC1A requests that you cancel the transfer of the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza to DPR and allow it to remain in DMPED's portfolio until a public/private partnership - such as a Neighborhood Improvement District - can be formed to take over management of the site. As well we request DMPED assign staff to support the creation of such a public/private partnership. Having the Civic Plaza remain with DMPED would allow the Columbia Heights Farmers Market to proceed this spring.

ANC1A urges that you take immediate action on this matter.

This resolution was approved by a quorum of commissioners at the February 11, 2009 meeting.

Sincerely,

Cliff Valenti  
Chairman, ANC1A



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Peter B. Feather  
Chairperson, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

February 11, 2009

and

Fred Moosally, ABRA Interim Director  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration  
Government of the District of Columbia  
941 North Capitol St, NE, Suite 7200  
Washington, DC 20002

RE: ABRA License No. 21055, Carolina Palace

Carolina Palace, 3700 14th Street, NW, ABRA License No. 21055 was found in violation by ABRA, operating after hours on the morning of January 20, 2009. Carolina Palace did not register for an inaugural license and, additionally, were in violation of their voluntary agreement.

ANC1A, as a neighboring ANC affected by Carolina Palace, requests that ABRA supply information about the consequences of the violation. It further asks ABRA to investigate Carolina Palace for any other infractions, including that of the voluntary agreement, and asks ABRA to provide ANC1A with information about whether infractions were found, and what fines or suspensions were levied.

ANC1A also expresses its disapproval of the Carolina Palace violating DC law and not adhering to its voluntary agreement. The ANC1A notes the voluntary agreement is supposed to be negotiated in good faith, and the Carolina Palace is not upholding its agreement. ANC1A further requests a copy of this letter be placed in the Carolina Palace's file and be considered as part of the evaluation of the license upon application for renewal.

ANC1A notes it worked with neighboring establishments along 14th to comply with the inaugural law regarding hours and alcohol sales and so finds the Carolina Palace's willful disregard for DC law noteworthy and appalling.

This letter was approved by a quorum of commissioners at our February 11, 2009 meeting. We look forward to your immediate attention to this matter and anticipate that proper action will be taken.

Sincerely,

Cliff Valenti  
Chairman ANC1A



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Hector R. Gomez  
Executive Director  
Tivoli North/Mid-Fourteenth Street Business Association  
3535 14th Street, NW, Suite 1 Washington, D.C. 20010

February 11, 2009

Dear Mr. Gomez:

ANC 1A would like to express its support with respect to having street banners displayed along 14th Street, mainly from Monroe Street to Shepherd Street. Branding the area as Tivoli North with street banners will create attention to the Metropolitan Police Department, residents, businesses, community leaders, and visitors. The aim is to surpass the Spring Road PSA and Ward boundary.

The street banners will be approximately 30" x 60", multicolor. The Tivoli North Business Association will pay for the design, printing, maintenance, mounting, and removal of the street banners.

ANC 1A's support is contingent upon ANC 1A's review and consent of the banner design. This support was approved by a quorum of commissioners at the February 11, 2009 meeting.

Sincerely,

Cliff Valenti  
Chairman ANC1A



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Clark Ray  
Director, D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation  
3149 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010

February 11, 2009

Dear Director Ray,

We are writing in support of the DC Department of Parks and Recreation's design for a new playground at Upshur Park. The design, which was created through a series of community meetings held during November and December 2008, have the potential to transform Upshur Park and playground into one of the premiere recreation venues in our city. The work of LAB (Landscape Architecture Bureau), the design firm hired by DPR, the DPR Office of Planning staff, and The Friends of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Heights Parks brought together the community in a collaborative process to plan and design a state-of-the-art playground that will benefit children and families in the neighborhood, including residents of Ward 1, and throughout the city.

ANC 1A supports full funding for the building of the newly designed playground and look forward to seeing this playground become integrated into the larger master plan for Upshur Park. Although ANC 1A does not directly represent Upshur Park, our boundaries are in close proximity to Upshur Park and it is used by many of our constituents.

Our community has a growing group of young families in search of safe places to play. We have chosen to support this design because we believe it will help us build a better, stronger park community for our residents.

This letter of support was approved by a quorum of commissioners at our February 11, 2009 meeting.

Sincerely,

Cliff Valenti  
Chairman, ANC 1A