

IN THE MATTER OF:                         :  
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Proposed Rulemaking -                 : Public  
North Shaw Moratorium               : Hearing  
Zone   :  
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Wednesday  
February 29, 2024

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
SILAS GRANT, JR., Member  
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff  
KERRY VERDI, WNA Counsel  
CHRIS MOORE, MPD  
ASHLEIGH FIELDS, ANC 1B  
FRANK CHAUVIN, Public Commenter  
PAUL ONEILL, Public Commenter  
ELIZABETH K. BAKER, Public Commenter  
JUSTIN CAMPBELL, Public Commenter  
THOMAS M. ABEBE, Public Commenter  
MARK BESCHER, Public Commenter  
ABEBE BEKELE, Public Commenter  
WILLIAM LEWIS, Public Commenter  
RANDY ROSENFELD, Public Commenter  
SUDHA GOLLAPUDI, Public Commenter

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10:02 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for the District of Columbia and in accordance with D.C. Code Section 2571(x)(c) of the Open Meetings Act, OMA, I am welcoming you to the regular scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

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1 District of Columbia Government. Please address  
2 any questions or complaints to the OOG at  
3 opengovoffice@dc.gov.

4 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm  
5 Chairperson of the Board. I would like to  
6 introduce the other members of the ABC Board who  
7 are also participating electronically.

8 Please respond when I announce your  
9 name. Mr. James Short?

10 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,  
11 present.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Silas  
13 Grant?

14 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Silas Grant,  
15 present.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has  
17 three members in attendance for the conduct of  
18 business today and that constitutes a quorum.

19 Before we get underway with today's  
20 hearing calendar, I need to make a few  
21 instructions very clear so that the conduct of  
22 this hearing is understood by everyone.

23 There is actually just one hearing  
24 today. Once the case is called, there are  
25 several folks who will participate as this is a

1 public hearing.

2 So, once the case is called, I will,  
3 or I'll have our IT specialist, I'll identify the  
4 names and I'll have our IT specialist elevate the  
5 rights of that person to speak.

6 So, therefore you will not be -- your  
7 rights will not be elevated unless you are called  
8 to speak. And, I will also ask the IT specialist  
9 to mute -- to disable your camera and microphone  
10 once you have spoken.

11 Should you have any questions or  
12 require technical assistance during the hearing,  
13 please submit them using the question and answer  
14 feature.

15 All right. So, the case that we have  
16 today, we have a public hearing, public  
17 rulemaking regarding the North Shaw Moratorium  
18 Zone. That is the case that we have this  
19 morning.

20 All right. We're here today to  
21 conduct a second public hearing on the proposal  
22 to establish a moratorium on the neighborhood  
23 generally described as North Shaw, located  
24 roughly in the 9th and U Street corridors.

25 The Board held an initial hearing on

1 September 14, 2023, to take comment on a written  
2 request from the Westminster Neighborhood  
3 Association, WNA, to create and establish a new  
4 moratorium for the 9th and U Street, Northwest  
5 neighborhood, specifically the 1900 block of 9th  
6 Street, Northwest.

7 At the conclusion of the September  
8 hearing, the Board published proposed rules to  
9 create a moratorium zone for North Shaw. The  
10 proposed rulemaking created a new moratorium zone  
11 for three years that extended approximately 600  
12 feet in all directions from 1909 9th Street,  
13 Northwest, which is the location of Noah, I'm  
14 sorry, the Soundbar, only for retailers, Class CT  
15 License, Cyber Number 122864.

16 Specifically, the proposed rules were  
17 written to prohibit the following, one, new  
18 retailer's Class CN and DN nightclub license.  
19 Two, new retailer's Class CX and DX multipurpose  
20 licenses.

21 Three, new entertainment endorsements  
22 for any on-premises licensed restaurant or tavern  
23 to offer entertainment, a cover charge, or  
24 facilities for dancing.

25 Four, existing entertainment

1       endorsements for any on-premises licensed  
2       restaurant or tavern to add entertainment, a  
3       cover charge, or facilities for dancing.

4               Five, a licensed nightclub  
5       multipurpose facility or restaurant or tavern  
6       with an entertainment endorsement from  
7       transferring from a location outside of the  
8       moratorium area to a location inside of the  
9       moratorium area.

10              And, six, a license holder located  
11       within the moratorium area filing a change of  
12       license class application for a Class CN, DX, CX  
13       multipurpose facility or DX multipurpose facility  
14       retailer's license.

15              Because the Board's rules broadened  
16       the original moratorium proposal submitted by the  
17       WNA, the Board determined that a second hearing  
18       was warranted.

19              I begin this -- I begin this hearing  
20       by calling on those witnesses who notified the  
21       Agency in advance regarding their desire to  
22       address the Board. Each witness will be granted  
23       no more than five minutes to speak. And, you  
24       will set the five-minute timer will be up, you'll  
25       see that on the screen.

1                   If time permits, I will also entertain  
2                   comments from other interested parties who wish  
3                   to be heard. You also have five minutes to --  
4                   to, you'll also have five minutes.

5                   I have a witness list containing the  
6                   names of the individuals who desire to speak both  
7                   in favor of and in opposition to the proposed  
8                   moratorium. I will, however, start with MPD  
9                   Captain Chris Moore of the Third District,  
10                  followed by Kerry Verdi, Counsel for the  
11                  Petitioners.

12                  Then, I'll have Frank Chauvin, Paul  
13                  O'Neill, and Elizabeth Baker. Those are the  
14                  individuals that I will call on first. And then,  
15                  I will go through the list to call the other  
16                  names.

17                  If you are -- if your name, if you did  
18                  not provide the Board with your information to  
19                  state that you needed to testify, please identify  
20                  yourself through the chat. And, at the end of  
21                  the list, I will work with IT to elevate your  
22                  rights to give you five minutes to testify.

23                  The Board will also note for the  
24                  record that we have received more than 100, more  
25                  than 100 emails from area residents regarding the

1 proposed moratorium. That correspondence will be  
2 placed in the Board's official records.

3 And so, I will now call the first  
4 witness to testify, and that is MPD Captain Chris  
5 Moore of the Third District. And, Mr. Orellana,  
6 good morning, can you please elevate Captain  
7 Moore to testify, please?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Good morning. Sure  
9 thing. Captain Chris Moore, your access has been  
10 elevated. That is all, Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All  
12 right. Good, hold on there, Captain Moore. I  
13 think your -- I haven't -- I cannot hear you.

14 MR. MOORE: Okay. Can you hear me  
15 now?

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. I  
17 can hear you. So, good morning. Can you please  
18 spell and state your name for the record?

19 MR. MOORE: Sure. Good morning. It's  
20 Captain Chris Moore, C-H-R-I-S M-O-O-R-E.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, sir.  
22 Good morning, sir. You have five minutes to  
23 speak. Let me turn the timer on.

24 Okay, sir. Go ahead.

25 MR. MOORE: Okay. Let me rush through



1 this real quick. I'm the Captain for the Third  
2 District, Sector Two, which encompasses this  
3 area.

4 And, I just wanted to express our  
5 opinion from a public safety standpoint regarding  
6 liquor licenses in the U Street area to include  
7 9th Street.

8 There -- this is in BSA 305, which is  
9 probably one of the most densest PSAs in the  
10 entire District, with the amount of people living  
11 there, to include all of the people who are  
12 coming, especially on the weekends, to the bars  
13 and nightclubs and restaurants.

14 And, so, there are lots of victims,  
15 you know, extra victims, of course, that come in  
16 here, victims of robberies and thefts from autos  
17 and different assaults. And, you mix that with  
18 alcohol, there are lots of the potential for  
19 these crimes to happen.

20 So, there are, I think, approximately  
21 about 20 liquor licenses just on 9th Street  
22 alone, you know, the 1900 block of 9th. That's,  
23 you know, just one block in that street there.  
24 Which is packed with bars and nightclubs, and you  
25 know, bar/restaurants.

1                   And, we're not really for any new  
2                   liquor licenses coming into the area. You know,  
3                   if it's a restaurant with a bar, after a certain  
4                   time people stop eating food and they just start  
5                   drinking.

6                   And, you know, whether there's dancing  
7                   or not, you know, when people start to get  
8                   inebriated, you know, that's when problems  
9                   happen. Just like everywhere across the country,  
10                  not just on U Street or 9th Street, or in D.C.

11                  But, you know, we all know that, you  
12                  know, can cause a problem, especially when so  
13                  many bars, you know, are concentrated in one  
14                  area. And, summer's not even here yet. When  
15                  summer comes, it's basically like Mardi Gras.

16                  And, you know, just go over our  
17                  limited resources really quick. Our staffing in  
18                  PSA 305 on midnight, and I'm going to talk more  
19                  about the midnight shift, because that's when  
20                  lots of this occurs.

21                  Seven officers, two are detailed out.  
22                  So, we're working with five officers. And, those  
23                  officers have days off, right?

24                  So, you know, if we had two or three  
25                  officers working on a certain day, you know, in

1 that area, you know, that's good. You know, but,  
2 our resources are constrained already.

3 Our nightlife unit, which works  
4 overnight, especially on the weekends, there's 18  
5 officers, two of those are detailed out, so we're  
6 working with 16 officers that are working from  
7 9th Street to 14th Street on U. And then, of  
8 course, the 1900 block of 9th Street.

9 So, we're very constrained there. The  
10 reimbursable detail overtime, the RDO's are not  
11 always full, because there's so much overtime  
12 already offered in D.C., you know, because of the  
13 crime, that officers sign up for other overtime  
14 as opposed to the reimbursable detail overtime.  
15 So, those aren't getting filled.

16 Our stats last year, seven homicides,  
17 they were all, you know, within a block and a  
18 half of U Street. Two were in the 900 block of U  
19 Street. One where the victim was, there was a  
20 skirmish, and the victim was pushed out into the  
21 street, and she was run over and killed.

22 Thirty-seven of assault of dangerous  
23 weapons, 22 with guns, 21 of those on midnights,  
24 25 of those on weekends. One hundred-fifty-one  
25 robberies, 93 of those on midnights, 96 on

1 weekends.

2               Seven Hundred and twenty thefts from  
3 autos. And, while we get a lot of those thefts  
4 from autos, people come in from Maryland and  
5 Virginia and other areas, they bring their  
6 handguns, you know, into the city and they leave  
7 them in their cars. And then, their cars get  
8 broken into and the thieves then acquire these  
9 guns.

10               We've probably recovered 104 guns last  
11 year, 54 gun related arrests. And, they're also  
12 a strain on our nightlife task force, which  
13 includes, you know, D.C. Fire, FEMS, you know,  
14 DDOT, DPW, D.C. for Hire, and Metro Transit.

15               So, it's a very big strain already on  
16 our resources. So, I just wanted to, you know,  
17 stress that.

18               CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that it,  
19 sir?

20               MR. MOORE: Yes.

21               CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I  
22 thought you were going to go on some more. I had  
23 given you an additional minute to speak. But, I  
24 guess you don't.

25               So, if you're done, thank you very

1 much. Thank you very much, sir for your  
2 testimony today.

3 And, the Board will take your comments  
4 and perspective when we vote on what the  
5 moratorium would look like.

6 All right.

7 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

9 Have a great day. All right. We now will call  
10 on counsel for the Petitioners, Ms. Kerry Verdi.

11 Okay, Mr. Orellana, can you please  
12 elevate her rights?

13 MR. ORELLANA: Yes. Kerry Verdi, your  
14 access has been elevated. That is all, Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

16 Good morning, Ms. Verdi. Good to see you again.  
17 Can you please spell and state your name for the  
18 record and your association?

19 MS. VERDI: Yes. Thank you. It's  
20 nice to be here again. My name is Kerry Brainard  
21 Verdi, it's K-E-R-R-Y, last name is Verdi,  
22 V-E-R-D-I with the law firm of Verdi & Ogletree.

23 And, I represent the Petitioners, the  
24 Westminster Neighborhood Association.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,

1 ma'am. You have five minutes to speak. Go  
2 ahead, please.

3 MS. VERDI: Thank you so much. And,  
4 on behalf of the WNA, I do want to start by  
5 saying thank you to the Board for listening to  
6 the concerns of the citizens and recognizing that  
7 the creation of a new moratorium zone is a  
8 necessary first step towards restoring the peace,  
9 order, and quiet to this neighborhood and to  
10 protect the safety of the drivers and the  
11 pedestrians and to prevent over-concentration.

12 It's clear that the Board listened to  
13 the concerns raised and agreed that this is just  
14 a first step, as there's much work that needs to  
15 be done to restore the balance between a licensed  
16 establishments and the restaurants, shops, and  
17 homes in the neighborhood.

18 While we obviously support this  
19 rulemaking, there are three areas that we want to  
20 address today that we think could make the  
21 moratorium an even stronger first step.

22 And, those three points, which I,  
23 along with others from the community will  
24 address, are one, the inclusion of taverns in the  
25 moratorium zone, without which the moratorium

1 zone does not have the full strength to  
2 accomplish the stated goals that it could have.

3 Two, that an emergency rulemaking be  
4 adopted today by the Board to put the moratorium  
5 in place immediately. And, to have a more  
6 defined outer limit of the moratorium zone.

7 Now, with respect to taverns and  
8 over-concentration, in the Board's decision, it  
9 was noted that the moratorium zone was created,  
10 among other reasons, to prevent  
11 over-concentration.

12 On behalf of the WNA, we respectfully  
13 submit that not including tavern licenses as part  
14 of the moratorium, does not combat that issue as  
15 strongly as it could.

16 Allowing a new tavern -- allowing new  
17 tavern licenses will draw even more people into a  
18 neighborhood that is already over-concentrated  
19 with license and overcrowded by patrons, which is  
20 exactly what Captain Moore just testified about.

21 It is bringing more people in to drink  
22 in this area that is causing the problems that  
23 necessitated the created the moratorium zone.

24 Allowing more establishments will  
25 increase the number of patrons, undercutting some

1 of the very patent effects that this moratorium  
2 could have.

3 Further, the Board's decision on page  
4 seven stated that taverns generally close earlier  
5 than nightclubs. And, we respectfully submit  
6 that that's not accurate.

7 We have looked at all of the times  
8 that the taverns in the moratorium zone close,  
9 they currently do not close any earlier than  
10 nightclubs. They are open until 2:00 a.m. during  
11 the week and 3:00 a.m. on the weekends.

12 So, including taverns is a necessity  
13 to actually meet the goals of this moratorium.  
14 And, again, this is for a three-year period, to  
15 allow the citizens and the stakeholders to  
16 address the current dynamic of this neighborhood.

17 And, to consider other changes in  
18 behavior and policing in the area as recommended  
19 by the Board in their decisions. So, including  
20 taverns in that three-year period will further  
21 that goal.

22 And then, I turn to the emergency  
23 rulemaking. At the February 7 performance  
24 oversight hearing held by the D.C. Council  
25 Business and Economic Development Committee,



1 ABCA's Director testified that following today's  
2 hearing, the Board has the authority to issue  
3 emergency rules to allow the moratorium to go  
4 into effect immediately, while the City Council  
5 considers the proposed moratorium.

6 Since there's a minimum of 90 days  
7 before the full moratorium could be adopted by  
8 the City Council, we urge the Board to adopt  
9 those emergency rules today.

10 This was requested by Council Member  
11 Nadeau and by various members of the WNA in our  
12 prior written submissions as well as in-person  
13 testimony in connection with the moratorium  
14 hearing that we already held, or that was already  
15 held.

16 And, we believe that adopting those  
17 emergency rules and putting this in place today  
18 would stop the possibility of increased  
19 over-concentration in an area that's already been  
20 identified as an appropriate moratorium zone.

21 And finally, I'll quickly address the  
22 boundary, which is included in paragraph 312.2 of  
23 the proposed rulemaking.

24 And, our concern is that the boundary  
25 is somewhat ambiguous, which is problematic,

1 because it can leave some important blocks off.

2 And, several of the squares are bisected by the  
3 600-foot radius.

4 And, it can be confusing as to what is  
5 inside and what is outside the moratorium. Where  
6 the Adams Morgan moratorium zone, very fully  
7 lists the blocks and the streets and the size.

8 And so, to alleviate any confusion,  
9 the WNA yesterday submitted written comments,  
10 including a map that has our requested language  
11 and the specific streets.

12 And, the way that we would request the  
13 moratorium zone be fully described so that there  
14 is no confusion when new licenses are brought  
15 before ABCA. That we can determine whether or  
16 not they are actually inside or outside the  
17 moratorium zone.

18 Thank you so much again for listening  
19 to the concerns of the WNA both at the moratorium  
20 hearing and those that we brought to you today.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I  
22 have a couple of questions that I want to ask  
23 you, Ms. Verdi, because since you're the counsel  
24 for WNA.

25 The moratorium, as proposed, would

1 allow taverns, but not taverns with entertainment  
2 endorsement. You're aware of that?

3 MS. VERDI: I am, yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, are you  
5 also aware that for whatever reason, and would  
6 you allow restaurants to move into there,  
7 although there's a moratorium, does WNA support  
8 having new restaurants move into this zone, even  
9 with the moratorium?

10 MS. VERDI: We do. And, in the  
11 moratorium petition, as originally file, never  
12 sought to include restaurants. But, it did seek  
13 to include taverns.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, are you  
15 aware that so for whatever reason there are  
16 certain restaurants who have applied for a tavern  
17 license rather than a CR license?

18 MS. VERDI: I'm not sure I understand.  
19 There are restaurants that are seeking to convert  
20 to taverns?

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. That there  
22 are, what we would consider a typical restaurant,  
23 but they do not have a restaurant license. They  
24 have a tavern license.

25 And, I'll give you a perfect example,

1       because I wasn't even aware of this.

2                   MS. VERDI:   Okay.

3                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON:   During COVID,  
4       I was not aware that the Occ -- I believe, if I'm  
5       wrong, I would like someone to correct me.  But,  
6       I believe that I think it was the Occidental  
7       Grill, I think, I believe that's the restaurant  
8       that was a traditional restaurant, that it has a  
9       tavern license.

10                   And so, when we had to make -- when we  
11       were making an exception for the operation of  
12       restaurants during COVID, we had to make an  
13       exception for that particular entity, because  
14       they had a tavern license and not a restaurant  
15       license.

16                   Because for whatever reason, because  
17       I'm not sure if you realize that restaurants have  
18       to -- they have to every quarter, they have to  
19       file a quarterly statement.

20                   And, there's percentages of food and  
21       alcohol.  But, a tavern does not have to do that.  
22       So, an entity can determine that they are going  
23       to operate as a restaurant but not -- but, they  
24       want a tavern license.

25                   And so, I -- so, I'm trying to clarify

1       that to you, that if a tavern, if an  
2       establishment has a tavern license, and it  
3       doesn't have the entertainment endorsement, it  
4       doesn't have the cover charge, it has to operate  
5       and close at say midnight.

6               Because as you know, if you're  
7       operating, you have to serve food two hours  
8       before you close. So, they have to serve food.

9               So, does that make a difference?

10              MS. VERDI: Let me see if I  
11       understand. It certainly does sound like the  
12       Occidental is an exception.

13              And, I am aware of the difference, the  
14       requirements that restaurants have in terms of  
15       food service.

16              And, we appreciate certainly that the  
17       moratorium is not allowing new endorsements for  
18       entertainment. And, the vast majority of the  
19       taverns in this area do have endorsement reca --  
20       do have endorsements, but not all of them.

21              And, our concern is certainly with a  
22       typical restaurant, you have to have the food  
23       component in that requirement.

24              And, as you heard Captain Moore  
25       testify, the issue here is the number of people

1 coming in that are drinking and then, you know,  
2 leaving at these late hours. And, it's the  
3 alcohol, he said it's the mix of the number of  
4 people with alcohol that increases the crime.

5 Taverns don't have the same, if I'm  
6 correct, don't have the same food requirement as  
7 a restaurant. And so, certainly the taverns that  
8 are there now, even those without the  
9 endorsements, are open at the late hours and are  
10 serving alcohol.

11 And, that's what we are, we're trying  
12 to limit the, you know, the establishments that  
13 are not serving, as we think of as a traditional  
14 restaurant where people are going to come and eat  
15 a full meal, yes, maybe have a drink or two with  
16 the meal and leave.

17 As opposed to stay and drink for many  
18 hours and then congregate in the neighborhood at  
19 the late hours. Which is really what the  
20 moratorium is seeking to stop.

21 Because that's where we're having the  
22 problems with the peace, order, and quiet and the  
23 litter, and the pedestrian safety, and the drag  
24 racing, and all of the issues that Captain Moore  
25 just testified about.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, you're  
2 saying that you also believe that the current, of  
3 the current taverns within the zone that does not  
4 have the cover charge or the entertainment  
5 endorsement, you're also stating that you believe  
6 that these establishments add to what's going on  
7 in the neighborhood.

8 Although they do not have the cover  
9 charge, or they do not have the enter --  
10 endorsement. They are just strictly taverns  
11 without the endorsements.

12 MS. VERDI: It's hard for me to  
13 pinpoint exactly which establishments. And, I  
14 believe there's only two or three taverns to be,  
15 to be honest, that don't have -- that don't have  
16 the endorsements.

17 Almost every tavern, the vast majority  
18 of the taverns in the moratorium zone have  
19 endorsements.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

21 MS. VERDI: I think there are only two  
22 or three that do not. And, so --

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, -- and  
24 what the Board -- at least what's on the table  
25 currently is that if there are new taverns they

1 would not be provided the endorsements for the  
2 three years.

3 MS. VERDI: I would definitely  
4 appreciate that. We think that that is a very  
5 good step.

6 But, we think it can be even stronger  
7 to not have any more taverns, because certainly  
8 taverns are going to still attract more people to  
9 come to drink, too, you know, and they're open  
10 later.

11 And, it's going to increase the number  
12 of people coming into that area right now for the  
13 same reason that could contribute to what exactly  
14 it is that we're trying to limit for this  
15 three-year period.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.

17 MS. VERDI: And, you know, we'll see  
18 what happens at the end of that three-year  
19 period. But, we're really trying to get a full  
20 stab, you know, first step here so that we can  
21 evaluate what needs to be done to kind of  
22 rebalance this really vibrant community.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, does the  
24 WNA also want to limit all license classes with  
25 the exception of restaurants?



1 MS. VERDI: No. I have to go back and  
2 cite to the initial moratorium. But, we did not  
3 ask, I believe, we did not include hotels. We  
4 did not include restaurants.

5 And, I do not believe, although Frank  
6 Chauvin, who is going to testify after me, will  
7 correct me if I'm wrong, I do not believe we  
8 included retail liquor sales.

9 Our focus was on nightclubs and  
10 taverns.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
12 Thank you. All right. Ms. Verdi is actually the  
13 only witness that the Board is going to ask  
14 questions of, because since she represents the  
15 class, the Movant.

16 And so, I just want everyone to know  
17 that the Board -- Mr. Short, I'm getting to you,  
18 sir. You don't need to raise your hand. Okay,  
19 sir?

20 I'm telling the public what this --  
21 I'm going to do. So, I do not want the other  
22 people who testify to believe that the Board is  
23 going to ask questions of them.

24 They're all going to testify, but the  
25 Board will not ask questions of any other

1 witnesses with the exception of the Petitioner,  
2 I'm sorry, Ms. Verdi.

3 Go ahead, Mr. Short. You can ask  
4 questions, sir.

5 MEMBER SHORT: Good morning, Attorney  
6 Verdi.

7 MS. VERDI: Good morning, Mr. Short.

8 MEMBER SHORT: I would like to thank  
9 you, and I would like to thank the Westminster  
10 Neighborhood Administration for working closely  
11 with this Board and trying to bring some resolve  
12 to the issues in the 1900 block of 9th Street.

13 I would certainly say this, when I  
14 heard the request for the moratorium, I would say  
15 the majority of the Board Members at that time  
16 agreed totally that we should have a moratorium.  
17 And, we support it 100 percent.

18 And, my vote and what I brought to the  
19 Board at that time, was that we should give the  
20 community exactly what they're asking for, within  
21 limits, especially the fact that taverns seem to  
22 be the biggest problem and nuisance in the  
23 moratorium.

24 And, that there should not be anymore.  
25 At least in my opinion as a Board Members that no

1 more additional of these types of licenses or CT  
2 taverns.

3 And, that I do support the WNA. And,  
4 I do support the moratorium 100 percent. And, I  
5 will gladly vote what's been brought to this  
6 Board's attention, that we place it into -- place  
7 it into interval and give the community exactly  
8 what they need in relief as soon as practical.

9 Thank you for this brief testimony  
10 this morning. Thank you, Mr. Chair, for allowing  
11 me to speak.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
13 Short. Are there any other questions by the  
14 other Board Members?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I also just  
17 want to let the public know, this is a public  
18 hearing. And, the Board, one of the reasons why  
19 we have this public, this second public hearing,  
20 is the request to make some changes.

21 And so, we want to listen to both the  
22 community. We also, I see that there are a lot  
23 of licensees who are on, listed to testify. And,  
24 the Board is open to listen to both sides.

25 And, the Board will make a

1 determination at the end of this hearing, what we  
2 believe is in the best interest of the community  
3 overall and trying to balance the interests of  
4 the residents and also try to balance the  
5 interests of the licensees.

6 And so, that's what we're going to do.  
7 We are going to try our best to balance -- to  
8 come up with a decision that reflects the  
9 interests of the community and also reflects the  
10 interest of the licensees that it impacts. Okay?

11 All right. So, Ms. Verdi, do you want  
12 to make a final comment? Or, -- and, if you  
13 want, I will allow you to stay online all day.

14 Where I don't necessarily -- I'll ask  
15 my, I'll ask the IT not to mute you. To allow  
16 you to stay online, if you so desire.

17 Do you have anything you want to say  
18 now?

19 MS. VERDI: I'm sorry. I was going to  
20 request, Chairman Anderson, if at the end, as I  
21 did in the moratorium, the initial moratorium  
22 hearing, if I could make sort of a closing  
23 comment after hearing the comments made today.

24 Just so I could address anything  
25 that's raised that's new, I could address it on

1       behalf of the WNA.

2                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll give you  
3       that. But, what you need to do, you need to --  
4       so, I will ask our IT to allow you to stay  
5       online.

6                   And, I want -- what I want you to do,  
7       is to raise your hand at the end to remind me,  
8       because I might forget. Okay?

9                   MS. VERDI: I can do that.

10                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
11       Thank you. All right.

12                  MS. VERDI: Thank you.

13                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
14       Thank you. All right. Mr. Orellana, can you  
15       please elevate Mr. Frank Chauvin?

16                  MR. ORELLANA: Frank Chauvin, your  
17       access has been elevated. That is all, Chairman.

18                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.  
19       Chauvin, good morning, sir. Can you spell and  
20       state your name for the record?

21                  MR. CHAUVIN: Yes. My name is Frank  
22       Chauvin, last name is C-H-A-U-V- as in Victor,  
23       I-N as in Nancy.

24                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
25       Good morning, sir. You have five minutes to

1 speak.

2 MR. CHAUVIN: Let me turn it down.  
3 Good morning. On behalf of my neighbors, the  
4 moratorium petitioners, I would like to thank the  
5 ABC Board in its finding for the need to  
6 establish the North Shaw Moratorium Zone.

7 The Board's over-concentration finding  
8 with associated adverse impacts to peace, order,  
9 and quiet, are based on my neighbors' residential  
10 experience, several who have been forced to leave  
11 the neighborhood since we last met at the  
12 September 2023 moratorium hearing, due to  
13 licensee impacts.

14 With 35 taverns now operating within  
15 the proposed moratorium zone, North Shaw is  
16 overwhelmed by patron activity. We find it  
17 challenging to separate and attribute the impacts  
18 to one nightclub and zero or one multipurpose  
19 facility, depending on where the final lines are  
20 drawn, versus the 25 operating taverns.

21 Even one additional tavern can be  
22 expected to exacerbate the impacts painstakingly  
23 communicated during the September hearing and  
24 expressed by almost three dozen of my neighbors  
25 in writing and in person.

1                   Specifically, more taverns and  
2                   associated expanded patron over-concentration  
3                   will exacerbate these existing impacts, including  
4                   neighborhood car parties, with car music  
5                   disturbances, public drinking, and loitering.

6                   Just this week, I was disrupted from  
7                   the use of my living room after a car party in  
8                   front of my home with four patrons, were blaring  
9                   the music from their car, screaming outside the  
10                  car, and smoking cannabis.

11                  After 15 minutes, from a distance, I  
12                  followed them to would you have -- as you might  
13                  know, a longstanding 9th Street tavern.

14                  Including increased property as well  
15                  as violent crime levels as both national and  
16                  international studies show a strong correlation  
17                  that decreasing the number of alcohol  
18                  establishments leads to decreases in crime  
19                  levels.

20                  Including parking violations,  
21                  lawlessness, and streets overcrowded by idling  
22                  cars and noise, since there are no public  
23                  garages, no public parking garages in the  
24                  vicinity, and few to any private lots.

25                  Including expanded neighborhood noise

1 and disruptions due to tavern operations in  
2 Victorian warehouse buildings that have not been  
3 adequately improved with available sound  
4 mitigation building techniques for mitigating  
5 sound from windows and walls.

6 Including increased residential harms  
7 due to inadequate licensing review, policies, and  
8 processes, by the Department of Buildings and  
9 ABCA, to limit license over-concentration and  
10 resident impacts.

11 Referenced specifics include here  
12 zoning and planning offices, legal frameworks  
13 which require mitigation of residential impacts  
14 per the comprehensive plan, the uptown arts  
15 overlay, as well as the DUKE Plan.

16 Including more public disturbances and  
17 lawlessness with overcrowding patrons as the  
18 Third District MPD Captain Riley Hong testified  
19 in September and summarized as stating that no  
20 additional alcohol license should be added,  
21 including taverns.

22 I have personally investigated our  
23 lack of RDO positions being filled in the 1900  
24 block of 9th Street, we are -- by contract, there  
25 are supposed to be two to six officers each



1 night.

2                   However, due to MPD's short staffing,  
3 we only receive between zero and one officer.  
4 This problematic fact has been substantiated by  
5 Shaw Main Streets.

6                   Though the Board's moratorium decision  
7 holds that some adverse impacts are not expected  
8 to be increased by taverns, as they generally  
9 close earlier than nightclubs, this has not been  
10 our conclusion. Our review of each of the  
11 licenses for the 1900 block of 9th Street found  
12 that all taverns close at the exact time  
13 nightclubs do.

14                   Lastly, iterating Kerry Verdi's  
15 comments made before me, under the Board's  
16 authority to adopt an emergency rule and  
17 moratorium, please do so to help protect my  
18 family and neighbors from these aforementioned  
19 adverse impacts from more licenses and  
20 endorsements.

21                   Thank you for today's opportunity to  
22 present comments for your consideration when  
23 drafting the moratorium rule before you.

24                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
25 Chauvin. All right. I now wish -- we will have

1 Mr. Paul ONeill.

2 MR. ORELLANA: Paul ONeill, your  
3 access has now been elevated. That is all,  
4 Chairman.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.  
6 ONeill -- Mr. ONeill, can you please spell and  
7 state your name for the record?

8 MR. ONEILL: Yes. Good morning. My  
9 name is Paul ONeill, spelled P-A-U-L, last name  
10 ONeill, O-N-E-I-L-L.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
12 sir. You have five minutes.

13 MR. ONEILL: Thank you. As I said, my  
14 name is Paul ONeill, and I'm a 38-year resident  
15 of Washington, D.C. Thank you for the  
16 opportunity to speak this morning.

17 I am here to testify that the draft  
18 moratorium proposal does not address the fact  
19 that an over-concentration of tavern licenses is  
20 the root cause of the current violence and  
21 lawlessness in the proposed moratorium zone.

22 It was a tavern on 9th Street, after  
23 all, five weeks ago, that three people were  
24 violently stabbed.

25 In the proposed zone there are 57

1       liquor licenses. Thirty-five of those licenses,  
2       65 percent are for taverns. There's only one  
3       nightclub.

4               And yet, the Board's draft suggests  
5       that permitting more taverns makes sense. I ask,  
6       where is the Board going with this flawed logic?

7               We have 7,000, 8,000 people eventually  
8       coming to taverns in the zone, because  
9       unfortunately, that is where the draft in its  
10      current form could lead us. The current problem  
11      of over-concentration of tavern licenses is first  
12      of all, a problem of violence associated with  
13      alcohol and too many people.

14              Still, it is also a problem that  
15      requires the city to spend untold millions of  
16      dollars for overtime police, traffic, and parking  
17      enforcement every weekend to keep people safe.  
18      Adding new taverns and more patrons to the  
19      moratorium zone inherently worsens the problems.

20              With this moratorium, ABCA has to take  
21      seriously its responsibility to balance the  
22      interests of businesspeople making money from  
23      alcohol sales and the interest of taxpayers who  
24      spend tax dollars to control the  
25      over-concentration of liquor licenses in the

1 moratorium zone.

2 Next, it is not accurate to assert  
3 that new bars can quote, focus primarily on  
4 eating and drinking. I ask you to walk the  
5 blocks and see what the bars promote. It is not  
6 the food.

7 People go to bars to drink. Suppose  
8 ABCA thinks new tavern owners could be persuaded  
9 to serve food as much as alcohol. In that case,  
10 ABCA only needs to look at the behavior of  
11 existing taverns or the inability, unfortunately,  
12 of ABCA to enforce existing laws and settlement  
13 agreements.

14 For example, Section 25.725 of the DC  
15 Code prohibits quotes, any sound, noise, or music  
16 of such intensity that it may be heard in any  
17 premises other than the licensed establishment.  
18 And, states that ABCA shall maintain a compliant  
19 program.

20 And yet, the same noise violations at  
21 the same taverns in the 1900 block of 9th Street,  
22 just for a recent example, have been reported to  
23 ABCA 15 times in succession on January 6, 7, 8,  
24 12, 29 and February 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 24,  
25 25, 26 and 27. These are chronic violations

1 reported to ABCA and caused by taverns whether  
2 it's by live music or a loud DJ.

3 The frequency and consistency of  
4 violations by taverns is inexcusable. And, ABCA  
5 continued lic -- or ABCA's continued issuance of  
6 tavern licenses is indefensible, given the  
7 Agency's inability to enforce existing  
8 regulations and settlement agreements.

9 ABCA has created an environment that  
10 can no longer be controlled without extraordinary  
11 enforcement or sickening violence. Significant  
12 reform is needed, and it's needed now.

13 As Councilmember Nadeau recently told  
14 a group of neighbors regarding the U Street  
15 corridor quote, we are in a dark moment. And  
16 quote, we need to stop the cycle.

17 Thank you for the opportunity to speak  
18 with you today.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
20 O'Neill. Have a great day. We now have Ms.  
21 Elizabeth Baker.

22 MR. ORELLANA: Liz Kalaris, our access  
23 has been elevated.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that -- is  
25 that Elizabeth Baker?

1 MR. ORELLANA: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thanks.

3 MS. BAKER: Yes. Hi. Oh, let me  
4 start my video here.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. BAKER: Okay. And you --

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you --  
8 (Simultaneous speaking.)

9 MS. BAKER: And, I am --

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please  
11 spell and state -- can you spell and state your  
12 name for the record?

13 MS. BAKER: My legal name is Elizabeth  
14 Baker, E-L-I-Z-A-B-E-T-H and Baker is B-A-K-E-R.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
16 ma'am. You have five minutes to speak.

17 MS. BAKER: Thank you very much. So,  
18 I just wanted to say and thank everyone for  
19 taking the time this morning and giving me an  
20 opportunity to speak.

21 I've been a resident of Westminster  
22 for over three years now. And, have a long  
23 history in the District. I have been a full-time  
24 member of literacy. And, I was a charter school  
25 teacher in D.C. for many years.

1                   And, excuse me, that's been a while.  
2           I testified in the hearing several months ago.  
3           And, am concerned with, was very concerned when I  
4           saw taverns were being simply left out of the  
5           moratorium.

6                   My purpose today is to tell you that  
7           the continuing impact of the establishments on  
8           9th Street on my life as a resident of  
9           Westminster Street.

10                  So, I think everyone is aware that  
11           there are continued acts of extreme violence that  
12           occur in our neighborhood. You know, one  
13           memorable and recent one is the stabbing of three  
14           individuals at a bar in January.

15                  We continue to experience noise and  
16           parking disruption on our streets. I want to  
17           talk to about the car parties, I just want to say  
18           I've experienced many, many.

19                  It's also my opinion that the general  
20           and consistent chaos of 9th Street have  
21           contributed to increased drug sales and drug  
22           usage on the streets in our neighborhood. I want  
23           to give you an example of a single day where I  
24           called 911 on drug related issues.

25                  One is what I see at the elementary

1 school, a gentleman who I've seen many times, was  
2 on drugs and had pulled down his pants exposing  
3 himself on a school day, in front of children.  
4 It is the first time this has happened with this  
5 individual.

6 Second, that evening, I called as I  
7 was walking home with my two year old daughter, I  
8 called the cops on a street fight that was  
9 happening in the area.

10 And then finally, about a block and a  
11 half later, I called the cops again, actually,  
12 911, to report an incident scene which was quite  
13 bad and having to explain that to a two year old  
14 is challenging.

15 I generally avoid walking on 9th  
16 street with my children. You know, there's trash  
17 and drunk people. There's vomit. There's  
18 needles. It is not a clean street. The job is,  
19 to be accurate, it's quite scary.

20 I also want too just, on a personal  
21 level, I have lost two beloved neighbors who have  
22 decided that the issues that set up on 9th Street  
23 are too big for them to continue to deal with.  
24 And, have too much concern for the safety of  
25 their family.



1                   So, as financial costs and loss, they  
2                   decided to sell their houses at interest rates  
3                   that are, as you can imagine, quite a lot higher,  
4                   and move away from their homes. But, that is,  
5                   you know, we're losing the status of our  
6                   neighborhood first, which is, it's really bad to  
7                   see.

8                   To summarize, this is an urgent issue  
9                   that is impacting the people who call it, this  
10                  neighborhood home, which is what, you know, at  
11                  times is very magical and beautiful for our  
12                  neighborhood.

13                  And, I ask the Board to take immediate  
14                  and urgent action to include taverns in the  
15                  moratorium because they are unsafe.

16                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you,  
17                  ma'am. Have a great day. All right. So, is  
18                  there a Justin Campbell?

19                  MR. ORELLANA: Justin Campbell, your  
20                  access has been elevated. That is all, Chairman.

21                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

22                  MR. CAMPBELL: Hi. Good morning.

23                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. Do  
24                  you have a camera, sir?

25                  MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. One sec. Sorry.

1 All right, let's see here.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That is fine.

3 All right. Good morning, Mr. Campbell. Can you  
4 spell and state your name for the record?

5 MR. CAMPBELL: Certainly. Good  
6 morning. My name is Justin Campbell, J-U-S-T-I-N  
7 C-A-M-P-B-E-L-L.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
9 sir. You have five minutes to speak.

10 MR. CAMPBELL: Great. Thank you for  
11 having me again today. My presentation today is  
12 singularly focusing on asking the Board to add  
13 tavern licenses to the final moratorium rule.

14 The Board has found the need to  
15 institute a North Shaw Moratorium Zone due to  
16 over-concentration with the basis found via the  
17 in-person testimony and written comments when  
18 described the extent of the associated adverse  
19 impacts.

20 These proceedings illustrated the deep  
21 extent of the problems, conveying that, you know,  
22 it's the baseline set of approved licenses.  
23 There are already too many patrons coming into  
24 the neighborhood.

25 Too many patrons leaving all at the

1 same time. And, the crime statistics reflecting  
2 that in the Shaw -- the North Shaw Neighborhood.  
3 The U Street area has the highest violence and  
4 property crime reported in D.C.

5 So, these facts remain a strong  
6 underpinning, which, I think, requires that no  
7 new taverns which would, you know, cause an  
8 expanded patron base to be licensed for three  
9 years, while stakeholders continue to, you know,  
10 work on a more positive resolution.

11 So, with this, in the time that I  
12 have, I'm going to show this short video to  
13 illustrate, further illustrate the reasons that  
14 there is a draft moratorium rule being discussed  
15 today.

16 And, the reasons why no additional  
17 patrons should be added to this problem by adding  
18 a tavern moratorium to the rule for following  
19 today's meeting, or hearing I should say.

20 So, I'm just going to share --

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You know, I  
22 don't think you have the ability to share your  
23 screen, sir. I have to -- if you want to share  
24 your screen, you need to tell me.

25 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And then, I  
2 have to -- I have to give you permission to share  
3 your screen. So, how long is this video, sir?

4 MR. CAMPBELL: It is three minutes and  
5 40 seconds.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But, you only  
7 have -- hold on. You only have three minutes and  
8 three seconds, three minutes to speak, sir.

9 But, anyway, share your screen. But,  
10 you have less than three minutes. So, I'm not  
11 going to allow you to go over.

12 Mr. Orellana, I'll allow him to share  
13 his screen.

14 MR. ORELLANA: Access has been  
15 elevated.

16 MR. CAMPBELL: Thank you. Now, I want  
17 to ensure that everyone can hear the video as  
18 well. So, please let me know.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't hear  
20 anything, sir. I see a video but don't hear it.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay. Can you hear?

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. I  
23 can hear some noise in the background.

24 (Video recording played.)

25 MR. CAMPBELL: All right. I'll stop

1 it there.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.  
3 Thank you, Mr. Campbell for your -- for your  
4 comments today. And, of course, the Board will  
5 take all comments that we receive into  
6 consideration.

7 MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have a  
9 great day. Thank you, sir. All right. So, let's  
10 have Thomas M. Abebe.

11 MR. ORELLANA: Thomas M. Abebe, our  
12 access has been elevated. That is all, Chairman.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.  
14 Abebe, all right. All right. Good morning, sir.  
15 Can you spell and state your name for the record?

16 MR. ABEBE: Good morning. My name is  
17 Thomas M. Abebe, T-H-O-M-A-S M A-B-E-B-E.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, you have  
19 five minutes, sir.

20 MR. ABEBE: Thank you so much. So,  
21 thank you for the opportunity for, as I said, my  
22 name is Thomas M. Abebe. And, I am a manager at  
23 Meskerem Abebe LLC.

24 As we all know, the purpose of this  
25 proposed moratorium zone is to address increased

1 crime and cleanliness issues. Businesses in the  
2 area have been unfairly blamed for the rising  
3 crime.

4 But, it's a nationally posted that the  
5 city-wide crime rate has been doubled in the last  
6 couple of years. So, it is currently impacting  
7 our business, our permanently operated businesses  
8 have been in the area for over 30 years.

9 When our family first moved in 1991,  
10 there was very few businesses and residences due  
11 to the -- due to unsafe conditions. After years  
12 of settling and effort, the area has become a  
13 highly desirable place to live for businesses and  
14 living.

15 And, in the recent years, the city  
16 crime rate has surged, affecting our area as  
17 well. We would appreciate if the city public  
18 safety agencies take significant measures to  
19 reduce crime and restore the peaceful environment  
20 we enjoyed before.

21 We struggle -- we strongly believe  
22 that our businesses are not the cause of the  
23 crime. And, instead the mora -- instead of a  
24 moratorium an increase of police forces would  
25 greatly help the -- our business, help address

1 the situation.

2 Thank you. And, you have a wonderful  
3 day.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir,  
5 for your presentation this morning. You have a  
6 great day. Thank you.

7 MR. ABEBE: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,  
9 let's have Romeseged Kidane, K-I-D-A-N-E. I  
10 apologize for my pronunciation of the first name.

11 Is that person available to speak?

12 MR. ORELLANA: Checking now, Chairman.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to  
14 move onto Mark Bescher. If Mr. Kidane, if that  
15 person is available, identify yourself and I'll  
16 come back to you.

17 So, let's go to Mark Bescher,  
18 B-E-S-C-H-E-R.

19 MR. ORELLANA: Mark Bescher, your  
20 access has been elevated.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bescher,  
22 can you -- do you have a camera, sir?

23 MR. BESCHER: Good morning, sir. Yes,  
24 sir.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a

1       came -- do you have a camera you can turn on?

2               MR. BESCHER: A video, yes. Okay.

3       Got it.

4               CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
5       sir. Can you spell and state your name for the  
6       record?

7               MR. BESCHER: Good morning. It's Mark  
8       Bescher, M-A-R-K B-E-S-C-H-E-R.

9               CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
10      sir. You have five minutes.

11              MR. BESCHER: Good morning. Thank you  
12      all for having this hearing. I'm a 25-year  
13      resident of D.C.

14              And, I want to thank you for the  
15      proposed moratorium. I'm speaking in support of  
16      it. I was frustrated to see the moratorium does  
17      not apply to taverns, which are the real problem.

18              As you've heard, and as you know as  
19      the governing body, there are over 20 bars on one  
20      tiny block of 9th Street. I live on 9th Street,  
21      and I'm kept up by partiers pre-partying and  
22      post-partying until 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 a.m.

23              They pee in my yard. And, they are an  
24      absolute -- just creators of chaos. But, I'm  
25      terrified to leave my home in the evening.



1                   We don't have friends come anywhere  
2                   near our home at night for fear that they will be  
3                   murdered.

4                   I submitted some of the video footage  
5                   that we just saw. We regularly have gun fights  
6                   in front of our home. We see fist fights. When  
7                   that happens, people call the police.

8                   Now, the overstretched police are even  
9                   more stretched. The crimes are directly linked  
10                  to the partying in the bars.

11                  We see in the news every day that the  
12                  crime in this city is out of hand. And, this is  
13                  your opportunity to help address this.

14                  This is real. These are not  
15                  longstanding bars necessarily. Many of them have  
16                  opened in the last few years.

17                  I think the fact that all interested  
18                  parties required to support the moratorium for it  
19                  to go forward, ended up supporting it, including  
20                  our council member, is testimony to the fact that  
21                  we need to stem the tide of bar patrons.

22                  By including the moratorium to apply  
23                  to club endorsements, you all recognize the need  
24                  to address, excuse me, the over-concentration of  
25                  patrons causing problems.

1                   Without including taverns, this  
2                   moratorium is the equivalent of banning  
3                   horse-drawn carriages when everyone has a car.  
4                   Or, banning DVDs when everyone is streaming.

5                   The problem is an over-concentration  
6                   of liquor licenses. That is why we need the  
7                   immediate moratorium on new applications,  
8                   including those under review.

9                   The licenses under review would add  
10                  another 2,000 people to an already  
11                  over-concentrated area. I appreciate that the  
12                  businesses want to expand and make money. That  
13                  makes sense.

14                  But, those bar owners get to go home  
15                  when they want. They're able to go home and be  
16                  away from the crime and noise and violence. We  
17                  as the community do not, because we are home,  
18                  terrified.

19                  I ask that the Board add tavern  
20                  endorsements to the moratorium as they are the  
21                  true problem. And, that an immediate moratorium  
22                  be enacted.

23                  Thank you.

24                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.  
25                  Have a great day.

1 MR. BESCHER: You too.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Is  
3 there a Chris Moore?

4 MR. ORELLANA: I think he was the  
5 Captain, Chris Moore.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, okay. All  
7 right. What about, is there an Abebe Bekele,  
8 B-E-K-E-L-E?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Abebe Bekele, your  
10 access has now been elevated. That is all,  
11 Chairman.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Do  
13 you have a camera you can turn on?

14 MR. BEKELE: Hello.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. All  
16 right. Can you please spell and state your name  
17 for the record?

18 MR. BEKELE: My name is Abebe Bekele,  
19 A-B-E-B-E B-E-K-E-L-E.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
21 sir. You have five minutes.

22 MR. BEKELE: Thank you. I would like  
23 to start by saying thank you for the Board. And,  
24 my concern is the same as the neighbors.

25 I am the owner of Unity Lounge on 9th

1 Street. This -- this tavern was there for a long  
2 time. I don't think the number of the taverns is  
3 the problem.

4 I think, just like the neighbors, the  
5 crime is so high, and I am really worried about  
6 it, just like the neighbors. It's the way we  
7 manage. The managers of the establishment have  
8 some issues.

9 We allowed some stuff that we are not  
10 supposed to allow. And, this is why the crime is  
11 going up.

12 The number of people that they are  
13 coming now, are not. Which, more people was  
14 coming the last of three years than they are  
15 coming now.

16 But, the problem is with the  
17 establishment owners why this crime is going up.  
18 We had a meeting with establishment owners. We  
19 know what the problem is. But, we don't want to  
20 do something about it.

21 So, the neighbors are right. My uncle  
22 who used to live there -- my uncle is still  
23 living on 9th Street for the last 35 years. I  
24 care about my uncle's life.

25 Whatever the tavern people, the

1 lounge, all the owners are not doing enough to  
2 stop this crime. And, I don't want to say what  
3 is the problem of all the owners of these  
4 establishments. We know what the problem is.

5 I'm not going to mention what lounge  
6 or what tavern. We have most of the tavern and  
7 the lounge, we allow people to smoke some drugs  
8 inside the establishment.

9 So, the government, I don't know, ABCA  
10 or DCRA or the Health Department, needs to do  
11 something about it. If you guys need this place  
12 to be peaceful and no more crimes.

13 I want an establishment in a peaceful  
14 area. That's why I came to 9th Street. But,  
15 it's not the same now.

16 The number of the taverns, it was  
17 there before. Ninety percent of the  
18 establishments were there before.

19 But, what's going on is what, just  
20 like what I said now. The problem is, we are the  
21 owners, are bringing all these problems to this  
22 9th Street.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to  
25 break my own rule, because we have more time.

1 But, you don't need to name establishments, sir,  
2 just generally, what is it that you think are the  
3 problems?

4 You can just -- you can speak  
5 generally. I don't want you to call any names.  
6 Just generally, what do you think the problems  
7 are?

8 MR. BEKELE: The problems are smoke.  
9 When you sell alcohol, when people drink, they're  
10 not going to be the same as not -- the people  
11 that are not drinking.

12 And, if you add into some kind of drug  
13 and weed, or anything like that, if they are  
14 going to smoke inside the establishment, what  
15 else do you expect?

16 They're going to do some kind of  
17 crime. You're making them high. This is not how  
18 it was two years ago.

19 We have more, more, like three or four  
20 times of these customers on 9th Street. More  
21 people. But, we don't have this problem, because  
22 there wasn't any more drugs in that area.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank  
24 you, sir, for your -- your presentation today.  
25 For sharing with us.

1 MR. BEKELE: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I thank you for  
3 taking the time to speak. You have a great day,  
4 sir. Thank you.

5 All right. Stanley Mayes, do we have  
6 a Stanley Mayes?

7 MR. ORELLANA: I don't see Stanley.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What about  
9 Robert Clayton?

10 MR. ORELLANA: Nor a Robert Clayton.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What about  
12 William Lewis?

13 MR. ORELLANA: William Lewis, your  
14 access has been elevated. That is all, Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.  
16 Lewis, do you have a camera to turn on?

17 MR. LEWIS: I thought my camera was  
18 on.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir.

20 MR. LEWIS: Yeah, I'll do it now. I  
21 see it. Okay. Thank you. Yes, just a second,  
22 please. There we go.

23 Man, what's going on? There I got it.  
24 Thank you very much.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.

1 Lewis, can you please spell and state your name  
2 for the record?

3 MR. LEWIS: William Lewis --

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But, what is --

5 MR. LEWIS: W-I-L-L-I-A-M L-E-W-I-S.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
7 sir. You have five minutes.

8 MR. LEWIS: Good morning. Thank you  
9 very much, sir. I appreciate this opportunity to  
10 come before you and the Board and the Members to  
11 express my concerns.

12 I have the unique position of owning  
13 an establishment at 1905 9th Street, as well as  
14 being a resident of Westminster Neighborhood  
15 Association.

16 Thirty-six years ago, my wife and I,  
17 Michelle, moved into the neighborhood from  
18 Virginia. And, 29 years ago, we had the  
19 foresight and wherewithal to purchase the  
20 building at 1905 9th Street.

21 The street at that time was a torrent  
22 of crime and drugs. The city did a study and  
23 presented a comprehensive plan to develop the  
24 area into a C-2 Arts District, as I understand  
25 it.



1           After much struggle and hardship,  
2           about 2008, things began to turn around. A wide  
3           variety of small businesses took root and  
4           represented a good consumer mix.

5           At the height of that growth in about  
6           2015 to '17, we the merchants, established the  
7           Ninth Street Property Owners and Business League,  
8           to work with the community and to support our  
9           businesses.

10          I was elected President of that  
11          organization. And, I served for maybe two years  
12          or so. And, it was a great opportunity.

13          By 2019, the negative growth began to  
14          develop in the neighborhood. And, the good  
15          businesses were forced out by a new model that  
16          was being duplicated that only addressed one  
17          group.

18          And, that group basically came at  
19          night. And, you know, daytime businesses, small  
20          restaurants and all, all packed up and moved out.

21          So, what we're faced with now is  
22          essentially a night environment. And, it's very  
23          difficult as a resident of this neighborhood to  
24          get into this neighborhood after 9:00 or 8:00 in  
25          the evenings.

1                   The actual neighborhood is shut down.  
2    I haven't seen that happen anywhere else in the  
3    city. They shut the neighborhood down. You  
4    can't drive in. I have to find circuitous loop  
5    routes to get to my house. And, many times the  
6    parking is impossible.

7                   So, I at this point, I have a  
8    residence, I mean, I have a business that's in my  
9    neighborhood that does sell -- I mean, that is my  
10   building that does sell alcohol.

11                  I own -- I also have an alcoholic  
12   beverage license. And, I sold the alcohol. And,  
13   of course, I transferred that.

14                  But, it has taken on a negative tone  
15   and people are being rude. And, the groups are  
16   noisy. And, the neighborhood association is  
17   working diligently to try to improve the  
18   neighborhood and their living environment.

19                  I highly suggest that the Board  
20   cooperate with them, because they're only trying  
21   to work for the benefit of the neighbors, the  
22   neighborhood, and the city.

23                  And, it will be great if people could  
24   continue to live here and that the property can  
25   continue -- property rates, whatever, can

1 continue to improve.

2 And, that improvements -- these  
3 neighborhoods, these neighborhoods are not  
4 threatened as we are by the influx of people who  
5 don't live here and who have a negative impact on  
6 the environment.

7 The moratorium would be -- act as a,  
8 kind of an analogy would be, it would be a  
9 prescription for a -- if you've ever had an  
10 aquarium, where you introduce algae into the  
11 aquarium it takes over.

12 So, you know, we can have a  
13 prescription and then I think it will infect, or  
14 affect the businesses that are in the process of  
15 doing business now. But, it would limit the  
16 amount of growth.

17 And, I think it would be good for the  
18 environment. And, I would suggest that if it's  
19 in your power, to help the neighbors continue to  
20 support the neighborhood and to make this a  
21 wonderful living environment, which we have, I  
22 think, over the past 36 years that I've been in  
23 the area.

24 Thank you very much.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very

1 much, Mr. Lewis. You have a great day.

2 All right. The next person on the  
3 list is Randy Rosenfeld.

4 MR. ORELLANA: Randy Rosenfeld, your  
5 access has been elevated. That is all, Chairman.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.  
7 Yes, sir, do you have a camera you can turn on,  
8 sir?

9 MR. ROSENFELD: Yes. Yes. Can you  
10 hear me?

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can hear and  
12 see you, Mr. Rosenfeld. Can you please spell and  
13 state your name for the record?

14 MR. ROSENFELD: My name is Randy,  
15 R-A-N-D-Y and the last name is Rosenfeld,  
16 R-O-S-E-N-F-E-L-D.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, sir.  
18 You have five minutes.

19 MR. ROSENFELD: Okay. Thank you. I  
20 live on -- I'm a neighbor, I live on S Street,  
21 Northwest.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, sir.  
23 Can you --

24 (Simultaneous speaking.)

25 MR. ROSENFELD:

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: On the border  
2 of the moratorium roughly. I believe the  
3 moratorium is absolutely necessary and that  
4 includes having the taverns.

5 Like so many other people who have  
6 spoken here already, I'm really fed up. And, my  
7 wife and I, we are really fed up with the noise  
8 every Friday night and Saturday night. And,  
9 actually, also on Sundays too, during the  
10 afternoon.

11 The noise is -- it wakes us up most  
12 nights on Friday and Saturday nights. But, in my  
13 opinion, that's the least of the problems.

14 You still have like, other people have  
15 shown here, there are problems with crime. You  
16 know, all that kind of stuff going on. And, you  
17 can tell they're all coming from the bars.

18 We moved in before these -- a lot of  
19 these bars really started opening and none of  
20 this was going on before the bars occurred. Or,  
21 if it was, it was so small we didn't even notice  
22 it.

23 My wife and I know there is a lot of  
24 crooked behavior environments, you know. We've  
25 talked a lot about the crime, the stabbings and

1       that sort of thing.

2               We also notice too, that MPD, they  
3       seem to have closed down 9th Street between S and  
4       U. And, I really wonder why, I don't know if  
5       it's the city doing that or parking enforcement.

6               But, it does seem to create like a lot  
7       of issues with traffic. And then also too, I ask  
8       myself, how much does the city really have to pay  
9       and spend to close the street?

10              And, I really wonder if the city could  
11       use those resources better elsewhere? It's just  
12       taking them a lot of time.

13              And, we're really also concerned too  
14       about all these people coming in the city and  
15       being hurt. I believe the police officer  
16       mentioned there have been seven homicides.

17              That seems like an awful lot in the  
18       past, I think he mentioned the past year. Is  
19       that correct?

20              And, that really seems like a lot.  
21       And, I'm going to ask you all this. What would  
22       you do if your family members and your friends  
23       were coming into these bars?

24              How would you feel about that? I for  
25       one wouldn't recommend anyone doing it that I

1 know.

2 So, and again, that's pretty much all  
3 I have to say. Thank you for taking the time to  
4 listen to my concerns.

5 And again, let's please get this  
6 moratorium.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for  
8 your presentation, sir. Have a great day.

9 MR. ROSENFELD: All right.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is -- do we  
11 have Derege Zewdie? Do we have that person  
12 available to testify?

13 MR. ORELLANA: No. Mulugeta, Michael  
14 appears to be the next available.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, sir. Can  
16 you please elevate that person, please?

17 MR. ORELLANA: Sure. Mulugeta,  
18 Michael, your access has been elevated. That is  
19 all, Chairman.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Can  
21 you please unmute yourself and turn your camera  
22 on?

23 Can you unmute yourself, please and  
24 turn your camera on?

25 MR. ORELLANA: I just sent the request

1 to unmute.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

3 MR. ORELLANA: Okay. So, he may not  
4 be available.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
6 What about India Dawkins? As soon as that person  
7 is available, then they can come back.

8 And, what about India Dawkins?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Well, in the chat we  
10 just got a request from ANC 1B. They are  
11 requesting to come up first.

12 That --

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. No, they  
14 are not on the list. So, I am going -- I am  
15 going on every -- I am going on the list.

16 After the list, after I've gone  
17 through the list, then I will take anyone else  
18 who has not previously sent. So, is there an  
19 India Dawkins here?

20 MR. ORELLANA: No.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What about a  
22 Linda Herpassa, H-E-R-P-A-S-S-A?

23 MR. ORELLANA: No.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What about Amen  
25 Mareg, M-A-R-E-G?



1 MR. ORELLANA: No.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What about  
3 Tameru Zemenfes?

4 MR. ORELLANA: No.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What about  
6 Ashleigh Fields?

7 MR. ORELLANA: Yes. Ashleigh Fields,  
8 ANC 1B, your access has now been elevated. That  
9 is all, Chairman.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

11 MS. FIELDS: Hi, I'm glad we got that  
12 worked out.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.  
14 Good morning, Ms. Fields. Can you please spell  
15 and state your name for the record?

16 MS. FIELDS: Good morning. My name is  
17 Ashleigh Fields, spelled A-S-H-L-E-I-G-H, last  
18 name Fields, F-I-E-L-D-S.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
20 ma'am. You have five minutes to speak.

21 MS. FIELDS: Thank you so much for  
22 having me on the call today. I'm representing  
23 ANC 1B in the capacity of the ABCA Committee  
24 Chair.

25 I have the right to speak on behalf of

1 the resolution introduced to you to stand in  
2 support of the moratorium for the next three  
3 years.

4 We do understand that there's been  
5 extensive crime in this area. We understand that  
6 the (inaudible) liquor licenses in this area is  
7 fully saturated.

8 And so, we do want to see a decrease  
9 in crime and a better community for homeowners to  
10 live in. Which is one of the reasons that we  
11 support this moratorium, in addition to wanting  
12 to also bring other elements of the outside to  
13 the area.

14 I'm hoping to elevate activities that  
15 residents and members can participate in.  
16 However, I'd like to also take time to speak in  
17 my own capacity as a Commissioner and my own  
18 behalf of the Commission, and I would not  
19 recommend that we introduce the moratorium today  
20 as an emergency.

21 I want for us to have the next 30 or  
22 60 days to inform businesses in the area of  
23 what's going on. And, also give them a chance to  
24 tie up any loose ends that they might have.

25 And so, that's my testimony. And,

1       thank you so much for having me here.

2                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All  
3 right. We have gone through and exhausted our  
4 list. So, if there is anyone else who would like  
5 to speak, please identify yourself through the  
6 chat and our IT will elevate you.

7                   MR. ORELLANA: We have one more, Sudha  
8 Gollapudi, your access has been elevated.

9                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

10                  MS. GOLLAPUDI: Good morning.

11                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a  
12 camera, please, ma'am?

13                  MS. GOLLAPUDI: Yes. I'm trying. One  
14 second. Good morning.

15                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, yes. All  
16 right. Good morning. Can you spell and state  
17 your name for the record?

18                  MS. GOLLAPUDI: Yes. It's Sudha,  
19 S-U-D-H-A Gollapudi, G-O-L-L-A-P-U-D-I.

20                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have five  
21 minutes, ma'am.

22                  MS. GOLLAPUDI: Thank you. Thank you  
23 for the opportunity to speak today. I am here to  
24 ask for ABCA's support in passing the North Shaw  
25 and 9th Street Moratorium, without the carve-out

1 for issuing new licenses for taverns.

2 Taverns are a big part of the problem  
3 in the area. And, absolutely need to be included  
4 in the moratorium.

5 I testified in the fall meeting as  
6 well, but I am a 15-year resident of D.C. I live  
7 on 9 1/2 Street, directly behind a number of  
8 bars on 9th that I share a property line with.

9 As I mentioned during the September  
10 hearing, this neighborhood has become unlivable  
11 over the past few years. And, in the few months  
12 since the last hearing, the conditions have only  
13 declined.

14 The big primary issues facing this  
15 community, safety, sanitation, and noise,  
16 continue to chaotically get worse. With regards  
17 to safety, I won't repeat all these claims  
18 everyone else has made.

19 But, it's become a very unsafe place  
20 to live. I don't feel safe leaving my house at  
21 night or having others come to visit me.

22 I wake up in the morning to  
23 notifications regarding shootings, stabbings, and  
24 physical altercations occurring at bars and  
25 taverns in the area.

1 Sanitation has also not improved.  
2 There's a total lack of respect for those  
3 patronizing bars and taverns. There is trash  
4 everywhere from the night's big activity,  
5 particularly on the weekends.

6 It absolutely feels like we're living  
7 on Bourbon Street in New Orleans or something  
8 like that.

9 When it comes to noise, we continue to  
10 hear music in our homes and feel base vibrations,  
11 starting some nights as early as 7:00 p.m., and  
12 continuing until 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning.

13 This has significantly impacted on the  
14 quality of life and physical and mental  
15 well-being for this community.

16 It often feels like there's a mini  
17 earthquake happening inside our homes, given the  
18 level of noise coming out of these  
19 establishments. And, we're not able to go to  
20 sleep until after these venues close.

21 While in the past, noise was often  
22 limited to Thursday, Fridays, Saturdays, and  
23 Sundays, it's now entering our homes every single  
24 night. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays now  
25 sound just as bad as the weekend.

1                   During the September hearing I  
2                   mentioned that I had personally called ABCA 15  
3                   times during a three-week period to complain  
4                   about noises levels. And, that during many of  
5                   those calls, ABCA mentioned that they were  
6                   understaffed to respond to issues.

7                   After I testified in September, the  
8                   Board, all of you, recommended a meeting with Mr.  
9                   Moosally and Mr. Brooks. So, I and one of my  
10                  neighbors did meet with them in early November.

11                  And, while we appreciate that meeting  
12                  and their time, there has been no relief  
13                  following that meeting and several subsequent  
14                  meetings with one of their lead investigators.

15                  We are still having to call ABCA  
16                  multiple times a night regarding noise. In  
17                  January and February, we have called a minimum of  
18                  25 times over an eight-week period.

19                  That's just the log for me and one  
20                  other neighbor. That doesn't include other  
21                  neighbors that might have also been calling ABCA  
22                  during the past two months.

23                  ABCA continues to put the burden on  
24                  residents to identify and complain regarding  
25                  noise multiple times each night, rather than

1 holding the bars and taverns accountable to  
2 existing noise regulations.

3           Given how long this problem has  
4 persisted and how severe it is, it seems like  
5 ABCA should be regularly monitoring and fining  
6 these establishments when noise is heard outside  
7 the premises.

8           Yet, we're still having to call. When  
9 we do call, ABCA says they often don't know where  
10 the noise is coming from and puts the burden back  
11 on us to figure that out.

12           But, I'm not going to walk out at 1:30  
13 in the morning to go look for where the noise is  
14 coming from when I already don't feel safe in  
15 this neighborhood.

16           If ABCA is unable to enforce current  
17 regulations with the current number of  
18 establishments, there's no reason it should be  
19 issuing even more licenses and excluding taverns  
20 from the moratorium.

21           I also recently found out that ABCA is  
22 closed on Sundays and D.C. holidays. Noise  
23 levels this past President's Day were absolutely  
24 at an all-time high. And, our call to ABCA went  
25 unanswered, because they were closed.

1                   Holidays are often nights of  
2                   heightened activity at bars and taverns in this  
3                   area. And, it turns out that we actually have  
4                   zero support from ABCA during these nights.

5                   I have always loved living in D.C.  
6                   But, what's taken place the past couple of years  
7                   has made me feel very let down by ABCA and D.C.  
8                   government agencies.

9                   The situation is at a level where  
10                  drastic action is needed. And, it's beyond due.  
11                  The moratorium is one small step in moving in the  
12                  right direction.

13                  And, I hope ABCA will listen to the  
14                  community feedback today and quickly pass the  
15                  emergency moratorium, including also not  
16                  excluding taverns from the moratorium.

17                  Thank you.

18                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you,  
19                  ma'am, for your -- for your testimony today. All  
20                  right. Is, Mr. Orellana, is there anyone else  
21                  who has identified that they want to speak?

22                  MR. ORELLANA: Yes. Behzad  
23                  Hosseinkhan, your access has been elevated. That  
24                  is all, Chairman.

25                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.



1 Sir, hello?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Caller, you  
4 need to unmute your phone.

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think the  
7 person left. Maybe you need to send them a  
8 request again. I don't know what happened.

9 MR. ORELLANA: I'll see if they  
10 rejoin.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank  
12 you. Is that the last person, sir?

13 MR. ORELLANA: That is the last person  
14 that has been listed to speak.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, but I'm  
16 saying, has anyone -- has anyone else identified  
17 themselves --

18 MR. ORELLANA: No.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That they want  
20 to speak? Okay.

21 MR. ORELLANA: Well, Kerry would like  
22 to close.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. Yes,  
24 sir. Besides her, yes?

25 MR. ORELLANA: No.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
2 Just see if the call in is, that call in person  
3 is available. And then, I'll have them speak and  
4 then I'll go to Ms. Verdi.

5 MR. ORELLANA: I think the only call  
6 in that's listed now is our backup court  
7 reporter.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. I'm  
9 talking about -- I'm talking about the person who  
10 just, who was on screen, but then we lost them.

11 MR. ORELLANA: Yeah. They haven't  
12 rejoined.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. I'll  
14 give them maybe another minute to see if they  
15 rejoin. And then, I'll have Ms. Verdi end, end  
16 this.

17 MR. ORELLANA: Nothing yet, Chairman.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
19 Well then, you can elevate Ms. Verdi and so she  
20 can -- she can speak.

21 Ms. Verdi, yeah, we'll have her, so  
22 she can end.

23 MR. ORELLANA: Okay. Kerry Verdi,  
24 your access has been elevated. That's all,  
25 Chairman.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Ms.  
2 Verdi, I'll give you another five minutes. But,  
3 I do not expect you to take five minutes, ma'am.  
4 Okay?

5 MS. VERDI: Chairman Anderson, I will  
6 not take five minutes. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But, I know as  
8 an attorney, five -- that's why I'm letting you  
9 know you have five minutes, because if I don't  
10 give you the time, I think you'll go ahead.

11 But, that's just the mark of the  
12 trade. So, it's not -- as an attorney, we do  
13 that.

14 All right. So, I --

15 MS. VERDI: That's why we take the  
16 view.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,  
18 you can wrap up the hearing, ma'am. Go ahead.

19 MS. VERDI: And, I very much  
20 appreciate this extra time. In closing, I do  
21 want to correct myself.

22 I did pull my papers back out, I want  
23 to confirm that the WNA was seeking in their  
24 petition and continues today to only exempt  
25 licenses for hotels and new restaurants that do

1 not have an endorsement for cover charge, live  
2 entertainment, or dancing.

3 And, stated another way, the WNA is  
4 not seeking to include restaurants without  
5 endorsements in the moratorium, or hotels. But,  
6 to include all other licenses, including taverns  
7 and retailers.

8 And, I think that today's testimony,  
9 which I, along with you all, have listened to all  
10 of it. And, the overwhelming testimony that was  
11 given today supports the inclusion of taverns in  
12 this moratorium.

13 And, I think there are just a few  
14 points that I think really recognize, really  
15 should be highlighted.

16 The testimony of Mr. Bekele, who said  
17 he, as an owner, he has the same concerns about  
18 this neighborhood as the neighbors, because crime  
19 is so high.

20 Now, he put a lot of the problem with  
21 the establishment owners. Which I really applaud  
22 that he stepped forward to give his testimony  
23 today.

24 But, it shows that there is an issue  
25 here that this moratorium is addressing, but it

1 -- including more establishment owners and more  
2 licensed establishments is not going to address  
3 the problem.

4 And, Mr. Bescher, I liked his analogy  
5 of saying that not including taverns is like  
6 banning CDs when everyone is streaming or banning  
7 horse and buggies while everyone is driving.

8 The overwhelming testimony today that  
9 is consistent with the testimony that we  
10 previously presented, shows the need for this  
11 neighborhood to have a prize on everything so  
12 that as the ANC recognized, we can bring in a  
13 little more focus on the arts.

14 That there can be a more -- a  
15 rebalance of this very vibrant community. That  
16 it's clear that the -- that -- it's clear that  
17 the people that live there, that the residents  
18 love and care about this community, which is why  
19 they spearheaded this effort and just want to see  
20 that balance returned.

21 And, including taverns in this  
22 moratorium will give that needed pause so that  
23 the residents, the MPD, the other stakeholders,  
24 everybody can figure out a solution to rebalance  
25 this vibrant community, to allow the residents to

1 feel safe, to allow new business owners to move  
2 in.

3 So, with that, we thank you for this  
4 first step of finding the need for a moratorium.  
5 We again, ask that it include taverns so that the  
6 necessary work can be done.

7 We also strongly believe consistent  
8 with the comments that we submitted in writing  
9 yesterday, that emergency rules should be adopted  
10 today, to put this moratorium in place today.

11 As Mr. Bescher warned, that the  
12 licenses under review could add another 2,000  
13 patrons to the area, which is not what this area  
14 needs. This area needs a pause right now so that  
15 the work can be done to rebalance this community.

16 And again, we would ask that you  
17 review the written comments that we submitted to  
18 consider a very specific boundary, so that there  
19 are no questions as to where the moratorium  
20 begins and where it ends.

21 Thank you again so much for all of the  
22 time and effort that you put into this. For  
23 listening to our comments, reviewing what we  
24 submit, and really taking this matter as  
25 seriously as you have.

1                   We appreciate it. Thank you so much.

2                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms.  
3 Verdi. All right. I'm going to bring this  
4 hearing to closure.

5                   I would like to thank all members of  
6 the public who participated in this hearing  
7 today. The Board values your input, and we will  
8 listen intently to the input that we received  
9 today.

10                  And, we will utilize this input to  
11 guide us in whether or not we will establish this  
12 moratorium for three years and the types of  
13 licenses that will be included in the moratorium.

14                  I think it's already established that  
15 the Board is in favor of a three-year moratorium.  
16 And so, we will listen again to what was the  
17 input that we received today. And, we will make  
18 a determination whether or not we will make  
19 changes to what was published.

20                  All right. So, with that said, let me  
21 close this hearing for the day. Hold on.

22                  As Chairperson of the Alcoholic  
23 Beverage and Cannabis Board for the District of  
24 Columbia and in accordance with Title III,  
25 Chapter 405, Office of Open Government, I move

1 that ABC Board hold a closed meeting on March 6  
2 for the purpose of discussing and hearing reports  
3 concerning ongoing or planned investigations of  
4 alleged criminal or civil misconduct or  
5 violations of law or regulations and seeking  
6 legal advice from our legal counsel and the  
7 Board's investigative agenda, legal agenda, and  
8 licensing agenda for March 6, as published in the  
9 D.C. Register on March 1.

10 Is there a second?

11 MEMBER GRANT: Second the motion.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has  
13 seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call  
14 vote on the motion before us that has been  
15 seconded.

16 Mr. Short?

17 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?

19 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.  
21 Anderson, I agree.

22 As it appears that the motion has  
23 passed, I hereby give notice that ABC Board will  
24 hold this closed meeting pursuant to the Open  
25 Meetings Act.



1                   Notice will also be posted on the ABC  
2   Board Hearing Room bulletin board, placed on the  
3   electronic calendar on ABCA's website, and  
4   published in the D.C. Register in as timely a  
5   manner of -- manner as practical.

6                   Thank you very much. And, thank all  
7   the members of the public who participated in  
8   this hearing today.

9                   We are now adjourned for the day.  
10   And, I will now ask all Board Members to return  
11   to executive session for further development.

12                   Thank you very much. Have a great  
13   morning.

14                   (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
15   went off the record at 11:34 a.m.)  
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