

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTERS OF: :
DC Halloween Crawl 2022 :
Project DC Events :
Applicant: Alex Lopez :
Golden Triangle :
Size: 2500 to 3500 :
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The Halloween Hip Hop :
Bar Crawl : Fact Finding
RegMoPromo Holdings, Inc. : Hearing
Applicant: Reginald Eliacin:
U Street Corridor :
Size: 1500 to 2000 :
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Nightmare on M Street :
Lindy Promotions :
Applicant: Miranda McLean :
Dupont Circle :
Size: Maximum 2000 :
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Date: October 29, 2022 :
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Wednesday
August 3, 2022

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

PRESENT:

- DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member
ALSO PRESENT:
SARAH FASHBAUGH, DC ABRA Staff

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 11:18 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're back on  
4 the record. Our next case is a fact-finding  
5 hearing on three pub crawls. I'm going to call  
6 all three cases at the same time.

7 The first case is a pub crawl for DC  
8 Halloween Crawl 2022, Project DC Events. The  
9 second event, it's Reginald Eliacin, the  
10 Halloween Hip Hop Bar Crawl, RegMoPromo Holdings.  
11 And the third one, the applicant is Miranda  
12 McLean. This is for Nightmare on M Street, Lindy  
13 Promotions.

14 Ms. Fashbaugh, can you please elevate  
15 the rights of the parties for the pub crawl,  
16 please? There's three pub crawl hearings,  
17 please.

18 MS. FASHBAUGH: Please stand by. Alex  
19 Lopez, your rights have been elevated. Andrew  
20 Kline, your rights have been elevated. Andrew  
21 Huff, your rights have been elevated. Captain  
22 Sherrelle Williams, your rights have been  
23 elevated. Captain Craig Solgat, your rights have  
24 been elevated. Mike Silverstein, your rights  
25 have been elevated. Kevin Puente, your rights

1 have been elevated. Reginald Eliacin, your  
2 rights have been elevated. M. Fisher from  
3 RegMoPromo, your rights have been elevated. And  
4 we have one more person who I am going to  
5 elevate, Mike Bramson.

6 That is all, Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.  
8 RegMo, I need you to mute your phone, please.

9 Good morning, everyone. If you have  
10 a camera, can you please turn your camera on,  
11 please. Is there anyone here from the BID?  
12 Okay, good. All right, good.

13 All right. Good morning, everyone.  
14 So I'm going to have everyone introduce themselves  
15 for the record. So let's start with, let's start  
16 with the representative from -- Mr. Lopez, so let  
17 me have you introduce yourself for the record,  
18 sir, and then we'll have -- we'll start with you,  
19 Mr. Lopez. Mr. Lopez, are you there? I'm sorry.  
20 That's one of the reasons why I ask everyone to  
21 turn their cameras on because, at least if your  
22 camera is on, I can tell that you're there.

23 Okay. Let me start with you, I'll  
24 start with you, Mr. Kline, since I believe I know  
25 who you represent. So go ahead, Mr. Kline.

1 MR. KLINE: Yes, good morning. And  
2 Mr. Lopez is now visible. I am here on behalf of  
3 Project DC Events. Andrew Kline.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lopez, can  
5 you --

6 MR. LOPEZ: Hi, how are you? Sorry.  
7 Now I got granted access to the video. I'm Alex  
8 Lopez. I'm here with Project DC Events.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.  
10 Can you spell your name for the record, please?

11 MR. LOPEZ: Yes. A-L-E-J-A-N-D-R-O,  
12 and the last name is L-O-P-E-Z.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Is  
14 there anyone else from Project -- I'm sorry.

15 MR. LOPEZ: Project DC Events.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I'm sorry.  
17 Is there anyone else with you? It's just you and  
18 Mr. Kline?

19 MR. LOPEZ: That is correct.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So  
21 let's have RegMo, from RegMo, please spell and  
22 state -- well, let's start with the  
23 representative from RegMo.

24 MR. ELIACIN: Hi, how are you doing?  
25 I'm Reginald Eliacin, R-E-G-I-N-A-L-D, last name

1 is E-L-I-A-C-I-N.

2 MS. FISHER: Monisa Fisher, M-O-N-I-S-  
3 A, F-I-S-H-E-R.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. And  
5 you're from where, please?

6 MS. FISHER: RegMoPromo.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

8 MS. FISHER: Good morning.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what about  
10 Lindy Promotions? Who is here from Lindy  
11 Promotions?

12 MR. BRAMSON: Mike Bramson with Lindy  
13 Promotions. M-I-C-H-A-E-L, B-R-A-M-S-O-N.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank  
15 you. Good morning. Is there anyone else with  
16 you, Mr. Bramson, or are you the only one?

17 MR. BRAMSON: Only one.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. And  
19 so we have Captain Williams. Can you please  
20 spell and state your name for the record, please?

21 MS. WILLIAMS: Good morning. My name  
22 is Captain Sherrelle Williams. My name is  
23 spelled S-H-E-R-R-E-L-L-E, Williams, W-I-L-L-I-A-  
24 M-S.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.

1 You're the commander of what --

2 MS. WILLIAMS: I'm the captain of the  
3 2nd District.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very  
5 much.

6 MS. WILLIAMS: You're welcome. Thank  
7 you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
9 Captain Solgat, can you please spell and state  
10 your name for the record, please? Captain Craig  
11 T. Solgat, can you please spell and state your  
12 name for the record, please? You're on mute,  
13 sir. I still can't hear you. I believe you need  
14 to unmute yourself.

15 Ms. Fashbaugh, has he been unmuted?

16 MS. FASHBAUGH: Chairperson, was it  
17 Mike Silverstein?

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, it's  
19 Captain Solgat, I believe, is the person who we  
20 can't hear.

21 MS. FASHBAUGH: He's unmuted.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
23 Captain Solgat, can you please spell and state  
24 your name for the record, please? Captain?

25 MS. FASHBAUGH: He asked if we could

1       come back to him. He's trying to get it  
2       together.

3                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine.  
4       Mr. Huff, can you please spell and state your  
5       name for the record, please?

6                   MR. HUFF: Thank you. Good morning,  
7       Mr. Chairman. My name is Andrew Huff. Andrew,  
8       common spelling. Last name Huff, H-U-F-F. And  
9       I'm with the Golden Triangle Business Improvement  
10      District. Thank you.

11                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr.  
12      Silverstein.

13                   MR. SILVERSTEIN: Mike Silverstein, M-  
14      I-K-E, S-I-L-V-E-R-S-T-E-I-N. ANC 2B06. Did you  
15      hear me?

16                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. I've  
17      heard you. Good morning, Mr. Silverstein.

18                   MR. SILVERSTEIN: Thank you, sir.

19                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, Captain  
20      Solgat, are you able to speak now? No. Still  
21      not. We'll come back. I believe everyone has  
22      identified themselves for the record.

23                   We're having this pub crawl hearing,  
24      and one of the reasons we're having this pub  
25      crawl hearing is that these three pub crawl

1 operators have requested pub crawls around  
2 Halloween. And the Board is always reminded that  
3 Halloween, several years ago we had events around  
4 Halloween and that was a perfect storm. It's my  
5 understanding, since the Board has established  
6 rules and regulations regarding pub crawls, that  
7 we have not had those concerns subsequent.  
8 That's my understanding, that's my belief. We  
9 have not had any, at least -- well, that's my  
10 belief.

11 But, again, because it is around  
12 Halloween, although it is not on Halloween, we  
13 want to make sure that the operators are  
14 providing appropriate services, that they're  
15 complying with the regulations. So that's one of  
16 the reasons why we contacted them today for them  
17 to present. We'll get some response from the  
18 BID, the Golden Triangle BID, which is one of the  
19 areas where the pub crawl will be. We'll also  
20 talk to Reginald regarding U Street. And just to  
21 make sure that the parties are complying with our  
22 rules and regulations, and then we will move  
23 forward.

24 Oh, I'm sorry. I did not have Mr.  
25 Puente introduce himself for the record. So, Mr.



1 Puente, can you please spell and state your name  
2 for the record and where you're currently  
3 employed, sir?

4 MR. PUENTE: Yes, sir. Kevin Puente,  
5 K-E-V-I-N, P-U-E-N-T-E, ABRA. I'm an  
6 investigator.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
8 Good morning.

9 Mr. Kline, since you are here --

10 MR. SOLGAT: Just real quick, can  
11 anybody hear me?

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Who  
13 is that? Someone is speaking.

14 MR. SOLGAT: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. Can  
16 you introduce yourself for the record, sir?

17 MR. SOLGAT: All right. Yes, so,  
18 again, my name is Captain Craig Solgat, spelled  
19 C-R-A-I-G, last name is Solgat, S-O-L-G-A-T. I'm  
20 a captain of the 3rd District, which encapsulates  
21 the U Street corridor.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
23 Good morning, sir, and welcome.

24 All right. So we can start with Mr.  
25 Kline. You're here, and so maybe you can tell us

1 what it is that, as far as Project DC Events,  
2 what is it that you have to offer regarding the  
3 pub crawl, the request for a pub crawl on  
4 September 30th, 2022 and this DC crawl -- so the  
5 DC Halloween Crawl is on October 29th.

6 MR. KLINE: Correct.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And there's  
8 also a DC, I'm sorry, a Santa Crawl on September,  
9 I'm sorry, on December 10th, 2022. So maybe, Mr.  
10 Kline, you can just provide some more information  
11 to us. What is --

12 MR. KLINE: Sure. Thank you, thank  
13 you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that. And thank  
14 you for holding this hearing. As, Mr. Chairman,  
15 you pointed out, we've had these fact-finding  
16 hearings for a number of years. Since what was  
17 then described as the perfect storm occurred, and  
18 that's seven years ago if you can believe it.  
19 But I think, Mr. Chair, you are correct. With  
20 the regulations that the Board put in place and  
21 the operators' compliance with those regulations,  
22 we have not had a repeat of what we saw seven  
23 years ago.

24 My client, as you stated, would like  
25 to do a Halloween crawl on October 29th from the

1 hours of 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. It is anticipated  
2 that there will be between 2500 and 3500 patrons.  
3 They have filed a comprehensive security plan, as  
4 well as a trash management plan.

5 In terms of security, they will have  
6 30 of their own staff who will be there  
7 monitoring. And as you will see from the plan,  
8 each of the establishments involved will also  
9 have security and will maintain security for  
10 their premises. Mr. Lopez has found that that  
11 has worked well over the last number of bar  
12 crawls that he's organized and held and that the  
13 establishments have done their part.

14 I want to speak for a minute about  
15 trash management because I think that was an  
16 issue that came up after the last bar crawl and  
17 we were here with the BID, representatives of  
18 Golden Triangle BID. There were some discussions  
19 about the BID taking over the post-cleanup, the  
20 management of the post-cleanup. Mr. Lopez --  
21 those discussions were never finalized, but he  
22 remains open to pursuing that.

23 In lieu of that, there is a trash  
24 management plan. He also plans to take  
25 photographs after the cleanup is done, so there

1 isn't any question about what's been done. And  
2 we're happy to make those available to the Board,  
3 as the Board sees fit.

4 In addition to the security that will  
5 be provided by his organization and the security  
6 that will be provided by the individual  
7 establishments -- and this is not part of his  
8 plan, it's something that he and I have discussed  
9 in the past week -- he is committed to bringing  
10 in a minimum of two reimbursable detail officers.  
11 As the Board knows, reimbursable detail officers  
12 are not assigned to any particular establishment  
13 but are available in the community where they're  
14 deployed. And he's expressed a willingness to do  
15 that, and I wanted to communicate that to the  
16 Board, as well.

17 So that's a summary. We're happy to  
18 answer any questions that the Board might have  
19 with respect to what is planned.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
21 Thank you. Mr. Bramson, what is it that you're  
22 planning for your event, please?

23 MR. BRAMSON: Yes, it's a very  
24 similar, we have a very similar plan. But we  
25 hired, aside from each bar having their own

1 security, which has worked well in the past, and  
2 we've told them to have even more than normal,  
3 what worked well for us last year is we hired a  
4 third-party company called Next Level Security.  
5 There's four of them, two at each registration  
6 bar. Once registration, which is usually the  
7 busiest time, they kind of scatter and check in  
8 on each bar. So aside from our staff, which is  
9 around 20 to 30, as well, we also, in addition to  
10 that, the security of the establishments, we have  
11 a third party, which I think was a requirement  
12 last year that we had and worked out really well.

13           And then we also hired, same as last  
14 year, it's Bayside Cleaning, and they start at 2  
15 a.m. But I do remember the conversation last  
16 year having the, you know, kind of the BID take  
17 over that, and we reimburse them for that. I  
18 still think that's kind of the best idea instead  
19 of having, you know, three different companies.  
20 I'm not sure which one Project DC hired, but we  
21 hired another company. I'm sure the BID has  
22 their regular one that comes, you know, at the  
23 end, at 4 a.m. or 6 a.m., whatever time they  
24 come. So I'm still open to that, as well.

25           CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, Mr.

1 Bramson, you're asking for how many people for  
2 your event, sir?

3 MR. BRAMSON: We have about 2,000  
4 people.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the request  
6 to the Board is for how many? For 2,000?

7 MR. BRAMSON: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what are  
9 the hours?

10 MR. BRAMSON: The hours are 2 p.m. to  
11 10 p.m.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what area,  
13 what specific, what area are you requesting --

14 MR. BRAMSON: Dupont.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Dupont. All  
16 right. RegMo Promotions, can you tell us what's  
17 been requested and when?

18 MR. ELIACIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
19 for having us. Yes, we're going to be doing our  
20 bar crawl 2 to 10 p.m. along U Street and 14th  
21 Street. It's going to be on October 29th. We  
22 are anticipating 1,500 to 2,000 people. Our  
23 security plan, we have, I believe we're going to  
24 have about five security guards, in addition to  
25 the security that's inside the bars. We work

1 with DevilDog Security as far as that.

2           And we also, our registration points  
3 are pretty much during the time of, the scheduled  
4 time of the bars, so we always have either our  
5 staff, which is generally, at least, we have  
6 eight to ten staff members and maybe, like I  
7 said, about five security guards, and we kind of  
8 -- as well as us. We manage the whole event, and  
9 we'll have somebody at each one of the locations  
10 in order to do check-in and also as far as to  
11 provide extra security, as well.

12           CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.  
13 Huff, as far as part of the BID, do you have any  
14 comments you want to make?

15           MR. HUFF: Sure. I'm going to have a  
16 brief testimony, but I'm happy to read into the  
17 record if this is the appropriate time.

18           CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, sir.

19           MR. HUFF: Thank you. Good morning,  
20 members of the ABC Board. My name is Andrew  
21 Huff. I'm the Associate Director for Member and  
22 Government Relations at the Golden Triangle  
23 Business Improvement District. I appreciate the  
24 opportunity to testify before you today regarding  
25 the proposed Halloween bar crawls in the Golden

1 Triangle neighborhood.

2 As you know, the BID has testified on  
3 several occasions before this body, beginning in  
4 2015 regarding the adverse impacts on the  
5 neighborhood resulting from multiple bar crawls,  
6 including serious issues of both public health  
7 and public safety. As we know from the bar  
8 crawls that took place last Halloween, there is  
9 still a long way to go to ensure that attendees  
10 have a safe experience and the neighborhood is  
11 not left in disarray the following morning when  
12 business owners, workers, residents, and visitors  
13 arrive on the Golden Triangle.

14 Considering what we know about this  
15 year's applications, as well as our past  
16 experience, we have a couple of concerns we'd  
17 like to raise to the Board, the first of which is  
18 the number of expected attendees and crowd  
19 control. Establishments and sidewalks are  
20 already at capacity on Halloween and Halloween  
21 weekend in the Golden Triangle. Adding  
22 additional people can cause overcrowding and  
23 dangerous situations for pedestrians, as we saw  
24 this past Halloween.

25 Additionally, the amount of trash



1 produced and left behind for others to clean,  
2 namely our ambassadors, not a contracted company  
3 but our ambassadors, which is also a direct  
4 result of this overcrowding. We've presented on  
5 several occasions photographs of the condition of  
6 the neighborhood during and after these events.

7 The second issue is post-event  
8 cleaning. We have seen repeatedly, in spite of  
9 Board-mandated cleaning requirements, the  
10 neighborhood totally trashed the morning after  
11 these events. Even with contracted cleaners, our  
12 ambassadors are left with the job of cleaning up  
13 the streets and sidewalks of the neighborhood.  
14 We have recently been fortunate to enlist  
15 assistance from the District's Department of  
16 Public Works and have already requested their  
17 assistance for this event, as we have very little  
18 faith the promoters will follow through on their  
19 requirements in a thorough manner. Cleaning  
20 should not take place when the permitted event  
21 ends but rather when the neighborhood empties out  
22 and should focus on the entire block face where  
23 participating bars are located, not just the area  
24 adjacent to each establishment.

25 The Golden Triangle BID works hard to

1 support all of the businesses in our neighborhood  
2 and to help ensure their success. The pandemic  
3 continues to impact the Central Business District  
4 and the many small businesses located here. We  
5 strive to balance these types of events and  
6 activities with the impacts they have on the  
7 greater community.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to  
9 testify, and I'd be happy to answer any questions  
10 you may have.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
12 Huff. Mr. Silverstein on behalf of the ANC,  
13 please.

14 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Thank you, Mr.  
15 Chairman. First, the 2015 event upon which all  
16 of this is predicated, was, in fact, the perfect  
17 storm, and it involved three different pub crawls  
18 all happening at the same time. It did not, at  
19 that point, involve a pandemic. It did involve  
20 Halloween.

21 The question is do we really -- is  
22 there any public good in holding multiple pub  
23 crawls on the same week as Halloween? Because,  
24 in reality, we're going to be pulled down here  
25 anyway. Halloween is a special holiday in D.C.

1 It is one that we all appreciate, that we all  
2 enjoy, and everyone comes out for it. The idea  
3 that anyone needs an additional pub crawl or two  
4 or three on a day when the police are going to be  
5 stressed anyway and are understaffed anyway, I  
6 don't think that it makes sense.

7 I support pub crawls; I always have.  
8 But this is one of those things. You say you're  
9 going to offer RDOs. We're having problems  
10 staffing RDOs as it is now. We're going to get  
11 them during the day on a day when the police are  
12 going to be out because everyone knows the  
13 Saturday before Halloween is a big party night,  
14 it is the party night in the city. That and, of  
15 course, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving are the  
16 two nights that everybody goes out to party.

17 This is just not a good idea. And,  
18 you know, as much as I respect especially RegMo  
19 who have done just such an outstanding job on U  
20 Street, it's a question of whether this is the  
21 right time. It's almost like pushing too many,  
22 trying to put ten pounds of potatoes in a five-  
23 pound sack in terms of putting people on the  
24 sidewalk, safety issues. And, of course, the  
25 history of all of these groups, cleaning up at

1 10:00 or 10:30 when, in real life, the party  
2 continues whether the quote, unquote, event  
3 doesn't. And so the place is a mess, there were  
4 broken windows last year, there were people who  
5 walked into the businesses that were open and  
6 used their facilities. It just, it was very,  
7 very difficult.

8 I don't see public good in doing it,  
9 but, if you do, and I respect that if you do,  
10 please keep the numbers low. Please, please keep  
11 the numbers low. It's like unringing a bell. We  
12 made a terrible mistake in 2015. Let's be  
13 careful what we do this year and not find  
14 ourselves in a position where we wish we had done  
15 something a little more cautious.

16 I didn't have prepared statements. I  
17 didn't want to make this into some kind of  
18 performance. But I just have a bad feeling about  
19 this because of all the things that have been  
20 going on in the world and in our community, and I  
21 don't want us to be doing anything that we'll  
22 regret. That's all.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
24 Silverstein. Captain Williams, do you have  
25 anything you want to state about pub crawls?

1 MS. WILLIAMS: Good morning, everyone,  
2 again. Last year, we had complaints about the  
3 cleanup with the pub crawls. I'm looking now to  
4 research any criminal offenses that we had last  
5 year, but, on hand, in 2020, we did have four  
6 violent crimes, three robberies. The year  
7 before, we didn't have anything. In 2018, we had  
8 two. So right now, and I'm just trying to pull  
9 up our stats to see what we had, what was  
10 reported last year during the Halloween season.

11 So the only thing that I would offer  
12 to this testimony is that the RDOs are important  
13 for us. We will have our SOD units there to  
14 reinforce police visibility with the help of the  
15 Department of Transportation, with DDOT, and DPW  
16 to help close off the streets and enforce parking  
17 violations and so forth.

18 So that's all that I have to offer to  
19 the testimony from my perspective.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you,  
21 Captain. Thank you. Captain Solgat, any  
22 comments you wish to make?

23 MR. SOLGAT: Yes, good afternoon,  
24 everybody. Thank you for having me. First  
25 thing, I just wanted to address the issues

1 regarding, that Captain Williams was talking  
2 about. On our end of the U Street corridor,  
3 there's been a massive effort with the task force  
4 in place. However, it's very, very important to  
5 remember that the task force does not begin until  
6 9 p.m. and all the resources are not available at  
7 that time. These pub crawls are designed to  
8 start at 2:00 in the afternoon, so these  
9 resources are not available to us.

10 Beyond that, I want to echo the  
11 sentiments of everybody for 2015. However, now,  
12 in 2022, there's a lot of change that's happened,  
13 especially within the District and anything you  
14 want to say with social media. I do have  
15 concerns, as the BID said, with these three  
16 events becoming one massive event. And I think  
17 with social media and the communication and how  
18 quickly people can do so, these locations are not  
19 too far from one another, and they could have the  
20 potential to escalate into one that no one is  
21 prepared for.

22 In regards to ANC and what they were  
23 speaking of, as well, yes, MPD will be stressed  
24 then and we do have a problem already fulfilling  
25 the RDO program. So asking for more may not even

1 be feasible. The fact of the matter is I'm  
2 looking at specifically RegMo Production security  
3 plan. I read it and went over it completely.  
4 Listening to what you guys said earlier, you have  
5 your staff at every single location. Your plan  
6 says four staff members. You have 14 locations.  
7 That seems like that's not possible to cover all  
8 of them.

9           You talked about security that's  
10 already on site. The security that's already on  
11 site is already built that capacity for what  
12 their bar is established for, and that's not  
13 going to be at 2:00 to 10 p.m., according to your  
14 staffing. Again, this is also an increased event  
15 with Halloween. You should expect a larger  
16 crowd, so that would be beyond it.

17           You talked about having DevilDog  
18 Security. That's five security guards you want  
19 to hire for an estimated on the low end 1,500  
20 people. That would be one security guard for 300  
21 people. That is not even feasible. I would  
22 suggest that you increase your security potential  
23 by a factor of ten. That would mean one security  
24 guard per 30 people. That is much more feasible  
25 and that's realistic of what even a police

1 officer could manage.

2 Specifically, with the overall  
3 increasing type of thing, we would have to have  
4 serious reservations in approving these three  
5 collaborative events at the same time. That's  
6 all I have.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Any  
8 questions by any Board members?

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.  
11 Short.

12 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you very much.  
13 Just for the record, we're talking about 7500  
14 people if all of these pub crawls are granted the  
15 numbers they want. Seventy-five hundred people,  
16 and that's not to include the regular crowd  
17 that's normally there on U Street and in Dupont.

18 So I see one pub crawl says they're  
19 going to be at Dupont Circle, which is  
20 Connecticut Avenue. And another one said they're  
21 going to be -- what address did they give? Well,  
22 it was in the same vicinity, so we're talking  
23 about having 5500 people between those two pub  
24 crawls for Connecticut Avenue.

25 I'm just very, very worried, very



1 leery. There have been comments made that there  
2 was no complaints about last year or any other  
3 years. I think we've heard some testimony from  
4 some people today that that's not true. There  
5 were complaints. And we're hearing from the  
6 police department they can't handle 7500 people  
7 between U Street and those smaller sidewalks and  
8 Connecticut Avenue, which on a Friday or Saturday  
9 night without a pub crawl you can't traverse the  
10 sidewalks. Seventy-five hundred people is just  
11 too many.

12 I want to go on the record as saying,  
13 as the public safety person on the Board, I am  
14 against 7500 people being on these three pub  
15 crawls at the same time in the same hours. I  
16 think it's very dangerous. I think, as we've  
17 heard said many times, it's not if Washington,  
18 D.C. will have disastrous situations like other  
19 cities, but it's just when.

20 And, again, we're hearing about the  
21 perfect storm. We had three during the perfect  
22 storm, three pub crawls permitted at the same  
23 time with these same types of numbers. We had it  
24 all the same happen on the same weekend. So the  
25 perfect storm is being brewed up again.

1 I would just like for us to really  
2 think, and I'd really like to ask the police  
3 officers, the two captains from the 3rd District  
4 and the 2nd District -- and thank you for your  
5 service, both of you -- if I could get one of you  
6 to comment on 7500 people between U Street and  
7 Connecticut Avenue. And someone mentioned, if  
8 they all join into one pub crawl, there's no way,  
9 and I do know when they had the perfect storm,  
10 the last one, every police officer in the  
11 District of Columbia had to be summoned to  
12 Connecticut Avenue because they couldn't get any  
13 public safety vehicles through: ambulances, fire  
14 engines. No public safety was available until  
15 they called all of the policemen from every area,  
16 every PSA in this city, which means the other  
17 citizens of the city weren't protected.

18 That's all I have to say for this  
19 time, and I'd really like, if I could, to get  
20 also someone else to talk about the trash. We're  
21 hearing now that somebody wants to pay to BID,  
22 and I'd like to know are there any contracts with  
23 the BID or is this just a pie in the sky. The  
24 streets were torn up, trash and litter, human  
25 fluids all up and down the streets. And I don't

1 think that's a healthy thing for this city and I  
2 don't think it's a healthy thing for this board  
3 to again have three pub crawls on the same night  
4 and same hours, the same day, the same night, the  
5 same hours, as we did seven years ago, which  
6 didn't work out so well for us.

7 Again, I'm just saying a word of  
8 caution. I, as a Board member, think 7500 is  
9 much too much; 1500 to 2000 on U Street is much,  
10 much, much too much. I think if someone has  
11 requested, maybe the ANC or someone will testify,  
12 maybe if we put the numbers at a reasonable,  
13 manageable number, MPD would be a lot more  
14 satisfied, whoever is going to have to do the  
15 trash cleanup will be a lot more satisfied, and  
16 it will be a lot more manageable. It's just too  
17 many people, and that's my testimony.

18 Thank you for allowing me to speak.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other  
20 questions by any of the Board members? Go ahead,  
21 Mr. Grandis.

22 MEMBER GRANDIS: I want to thank each  
23 of the participants today for taking time. I'm  
24 sure you all have very important things to be  
25 doing right now, so thank you to help us evaluate

1 this.

2 Mike, if I could ask you a couple of  
3 questions. These three applications --

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short, can  
5 you please mute your phone, please? Mr. Short,  
6 please mute your phone, please. Mr. Bramson,  
7 please mute your phone, please.

8 Go ahead, Mr. Grandis.

9 MEMBER GRANDIS: Mike, did you hear my  
10 question? These three events are all for  
11 Saturday night, correct?

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who are you  
13 asking the question? The events are October  
14 29th. There are three pub crawls on October  
15 29th, on October 29th.

16 MEMBER GRANDIS: Which is a Saturday  
17 night.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's the  
19 Saturday before Halloween. Halloween is Monday.

20 MEMBER GRANDIS: And if it wasn't even  
21 Halloween weekend, Saturday night in those areas  
22 are very busy regardless because we have a lot of  
23 good licensees, both restaurants and taverns, in  
24 those areas that are busy on a Saturday night,  
25 and we're grateful that there is activities now

1 after COVID somewhat that people can go out. So  
2 it's going to be a busy night anyway.

3 Also, from my experience when I was a  
4 bit younger, because Halloween is on Tuesday this  
5 year, I believe that some establishments thought  
6 having events for Halloween on Thursday nights,  
7 some have it on Friday night, some will have it  
8 on Sunday night, some will have it on Monday  
9 night, and, if you're not too exhausted, some  
10 will have it on Tuesday night, which is  
11 Halloween. So, Mike, in the recent years, are  
12 you familiar with events on other nights when  
13 Halloween is, like, on a Tuesday, like I just  
14 restated?

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who are you  
16 asking a question of, Mr. Grandis?

17 MEMBER GRANDIS: As I said, Mr.  
18 Chairman, I'm talking to Mike Silver -- I mean,  
19 I'm happy to have anyone chime in, but Mike is on  
20 the ANC for Dupont Circle, which seems to be the  
21 location of two of these events, if not three.  
22 Mike.

23 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Well, yes. I mean,  
24 Saturday night is the night that everybody is off  
25 that everybody goes out to party. And when it's

1 that close to Halloween, that will probably be  
2 the largest night. And we do have a vibrant  
3 nightlife culture to begin with down here.

4 MEMBER GRANDIS: Gratefully.

5 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Absolutely agreed.

6 MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you, Mike. I  
7 now have a question for the three applicants, and  
8 I don't know who wants to speak up. But are you  
9 all coordinating with the other two applicants,  
10 particularly the ones that are in Dupont Circle?  
11 I believe there are two that would be considered  
12 Dupont Circle. Can the applicants just inform  
13 the Board what type of communication and  
14 coordination you all have had in preparing the  
15 applications and also coordination, if any, for  
16 that night?

17 MR. KLINE: I don't think there's been  
18 any coordination. I do want to point out that,  
19 in terms of my client, the area stretches all the  
20 way down to G Street, so I think it's important  
21 to note that, you know, G Street is not  
22 traditionally Dupont Circle. So, I mean, north -  
23 south, this is nine blocks. This is not  
24 concentrated within, you know, a four-block area.  
25 It's quite a large area, 17 establishments.

1                   And, you know, I agree with Mr.  
2 Silverstein. There will be a lot of people out  
3 in any event on a pre-Halloween Saturday night.  
4 But I'm not sure that I agree that there will be  
5 many more because there are these activities, and  
6 it would seem to me that we're better off with  
7 this type of activity that the Board has some  
8 oversight over in terms of commitments to  
9 additional security and trash cleanup than we  
10 would be without it because, with bar crawls, we  
11 bring in all of these establishments under an  
12 umbrella, have them committed to doing certain  
13 things with respect to security, and doing  
14 certain things with respect to trash cleanup.

15                   And I'm going to expand on what you  
16 asked, Mr. Grandis, simply because I think it's  
17 an appropriate time. Mr. Short asked about any  
18 agreements with the ANC. There aren't at this  
19 point, but at least Project DC Events has  
20 submitted a detailed trash management plan that  
21 calls for trash cleanup to begin at 5 a.m., not  
22 at 10:00 at night, not when these establishments  
23 close, but when the neighborhood is empty. And,  
24 certainly, by 5:00, it will be empty, and they're  
25 going to be done by 9:00.

1                   If, in the meantime, we've remained  
2 willing and open to reaching agreement with the  
3 ANC in terms of them handling trash cleanup and  
4 the pub crawl operator paying for it, we're more  
5 than happy to do it. We've had one or two  
6 conversations about it, happy to get with Mr.  
7 Huff and see if we can finalize those. But in  
8 the event we can't, we do have a very good solid  
9 trash management plan, and I don't think that  
10 should be overlooked.

11                   People are going to be out, and it  
12 seems to me it would be better for them to be out  
13 in the situation that's a bit more supervised  
14 through these regulations, which I don't think we  
15 can ignore have been effective since 2015 in  
16 mitigating the effects of this activity. I'm not  
17 going to say that, you know, there are no issues.  
18 When you get a lot of people out for hospitality,  
19 yes, it has to be managed. But I think the  
20 Board, and the Board is to be commended, has done  
21 a good job of setting forth a framework after  
22 2015 to make sure that it is managed. And I can  
23 say, at least on behalf of my client, this  
24 applicant, that what's been submitted reflects  
25 thought and reflects the issues that need to be



1 addressed, including, you know, just a simple  
2 thing. Yes, trash cleanup is going to start at 5  
3 a.m., not at 10:00 at night.

4 MEMBER GRANDIS: Mr. Kline, thank you.  
5 Because you are representing one of the  
6 applicants, I would think that particularly, on  
7 this particular weekend, that these applicants  
8 could be very successful if one of them had it on  
9 a Friday night of this weekend, as opposed to a  
10 Saturday night. And I would even say, venture to  
11 say that one of them could be very successful if  
12 they did it on Sunday night. People who enjoy  
13 Halloween are going to go out, and I see a pub  
14 crawl as a type of activity that can be utilized  
15 when an area is not well frequented, you know.

16 We know we're going to have thousands  
17 of people in D.C., not just in our neighborhoods  
18 but have thousands of people. Georgetown used to  
19 have a reputation of Halloween, if I remember  
20 that correctly, and it still may. I think our  
21 MPD is going to be overworked even without pub  
22 crawls.

23 You know, this Board supports pub  
24 crawls, and you know that, Mr. Kline. We support  
25 them. But this particular night is almost an

1 invitation for not a problem because the  
2 applicants are not professional and sophisticated  
3 but just because of the numbers. And I really  
4 think that, in the future, I wish now but the  
5 application is already in, I really wish these  
6 type of businesses would communicate with each  
7 other and come to us with a coordinated plan  
8 because I know it's competition, but, my God, U  
9 Street and Dupont Circle don't need a lot of  
10 invitations to go out.

11 So I am concerned about the magnitude  
12 of three sanctioned pub crawls on the Saturday of  
13 Halloween. I just have to be honest about that.  
14 But I do think we can work things out. But I'm  
15 just sharing for the future I wish we could learn  
16 that there is coordination and that we could  
17 learn that maybe they could look at other nights  
18 than just Saturday night. Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on one  
20 minute. I think Captain Solgat had his hand up.  
21 Go ahead, sir.

22 MR. SOLGAT: Thank you, Mr. Anderson.  
23 Just specifically to address the trash cleanup  
24 effort that was brought up by Mr. Kline, for  
25 those of you that are aware of the Mayor's

1 initiative with U Street, multi-unit task force  
2 has been going on recently. Trash cleanup has  
3 already been established. The Department of  
4 Public Works always comes to all these locations,  
5 so I don't believe these three organizations are  
6 going to be bringing anything new to the table  
7 that isn't already there. It almost seems to be  
8 redundant to have another service doing the  
9 cleanup that's already going to be done.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.  
11 Huff. I think, Captain Solgat, I think one of  
12 the things that, when the Board started to  
13 formalize the pub crawls and issue licenses, as  
14 part of our requirements, they have to do a trash  
15 cleanup because that was one of the issues that  
16 was brought to our attention by the BIDs and the  
17 ANCs. So we do require that the pub crawl  
18 operators, that they do trash cleanup and that  
19 they provide extra security. So that's part of  
20 our requirement that this is what they need to  
21 do.

22 I think, from what I've heard, because  
23 there are other people on the streets, so the pub  
24 crawl operators might clean the street up, but  
25 then there are still folks on the street. So at

1 least I would think that if they're going to do  
2 trash cleanup, maybe they need to do it at a  
3 later hour because I think, especially from what  
4 I've heard and I think Mr. Huff, of course, will  
5 speak about that, is that there are issues even  
6 last time with trash pickup. And it might not  
7 necessarily be from the pub crawl operators, but  
8 there is still trash on the street.

9 So go ahead --

10 MR. SOLGAT: Mr. Anderson, and I agree  
11 with you directly. I agree with what you're  
12 saying, and I understand that is a requirement.  
13 It was just more to speak on Mr. Kline's point to  
14 say that these BIDs, essentially, are bringing  
15 additional resources to the table. Yes, they  
16 are, but it's something that we're already going  
17 to be doing anyway. So I don't think that's  
18 necessarily a net positive for it.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Captain Solgat,  
20 I think when we had a previous hearing earlier  
21 this year, the Golden Triangle BID was  
22 complaining that the city wasn't doing its part.  
23 I think that was their position. Although the  
24 operators might have been cleaning, they could  
25 not get the city to -- but I can't speak for the

1 Golden Triangle BID, so let me hear what Mr. Huff  
2 -- I'll get to you, Mr. Silverstein. Let me hear  
3 what Mr. Huff has to say.

4 MR. HUFF: Sure. Thank you. Yes,  
5 just to clarify, in the Golden Triangle, we did  
6 not have the support of the District Department  
7 of Public Works until very recently. And through  
8 speaking directly with Mike Carter, the director,  
9 and, you know, they don't do anything, you know,  
10 too grandiose, but they do provide a packer, a  
11 small packer, so that when their cleaners and our  
12 ambassadors are picking up trash, we can throw it  
13 right into a, directly into a trash truck, as  
14 opposed to us having to take it out to Fort  
15 Totten or somewhere else.

16 I am happy to hear that the cleanup  
17 time has been advanced to 5 a.m. and hope that  
18 that will help address some of our bigger  
19 concerns. And we also remain very open to any  
20 conversation with Mr. Kline or any of his  
21 clients. It may be too late for this time, but  
22 in the future in terms for the BID providing  
23 these services at an agreed-upon cost. And we  
24 provided some preliminary numbers to Mr. Kline,  
25 and we're happy to continue that conversation in

1 the future. It may be more efficient for  
2 everybody involved.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
5 Huff. Yes, Mr. Silverstein.

6 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Just very briefly.  
7 The multi-agency task force creation has been a  
8 game changer, and I want to thank everyone at  
9 ABRA and everyone in the city who has moved  
10 forward on this. It's exactly the kind of thing  
11 that we need to do and what we needed to do for  
12 the longest time. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bramson, I  
14 think you had something you wanted to say.

15 MR. BRAMSON: Yes, I've kind of been  
16 listening to everyone and have a few points I  
17 want to touch base on. One, in terms of the  
18 coordination, us and PDC may have not spoken  
19 directly, but Lindy and Project DC have coexisted  
20 for a long time, you know, in the same area.  
21 There was, I think, St. Patty's Day, we both had  
22 a bar crawl at the same time, which is also a big  
23 holiday event. I don't think there was any  
24 issues with that one from what I was told.

25 One regulation that the Board had come

1 up with which I thought was a great idea was that  
2 no bar can participate in both bar crawls, which,  
3 in a way, it's a coordination itself. So, you  
4 know, if Project DC has ten bars and we have, you  
5 know, ten, the participants are separated between  
6 those areas. So in a way, it is a coordination  
7 because we can't overlap with the participating  
8 bars. I think that has been super helpful. And  
9 when we both did St. Patty's Day, you know, they  
10 had their bars, we had our bars.

11 So that was one thing that was really  
12 helpful, so, yes, we haven't coordinated directly  
13 but indirectly we sort of have. And, again,  
14 we've coexisted, and, you know, we didn't have  
15 any issues with that bar crawl.

16 You know, we've been doing this for a  
17 long time now, and participants go to their bars,  
18 for the most part, but they don't leave their  
19 area. So the fact that there's another bar crawl  
20 on U Street, they're not coming over to Dupont.  
21 They paid their ticket, they paid for their  
22 specials, which are very different than the other  
23 groups. They have their specific wristbands.  
24 Those wristbands are not going to be allowed into  
25 the Dupont bars. So I am very, very confident

1 that the U Street bar crawl is not going to  
2 affect the Dupont, and I don't think the Dupont  
3 bar crawl is going to affect U Street.

4 One thing that is coordinated between  
5 the --

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bramson,  
7 just hold on. Mr. Bramson, just hold on one  
8 minute, please. I have to step away, so just  
9 hold for one minute. So we're off the record for  
10 a couple of minutes, please. I apologize. Okay.  
11 Hold on.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
13 went off the record at 12:10 p.m. and then went  
14 back on the record at 12:11 p.m.)

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I apologize.  
16 We're back on the record. Okay. Go ahead, Mr.  
17 Bramson.

18 MR. BRAMSON: Yes, I was just kind of  
19 stating that I'm confident that the U Street  
20 won't overlap with Dupont and vice versa. And  
21 we've done this for a long time, and the reasons  
22 really being that each, you know, you have your  
23 specials, you're in that area, you have a  
24 wristband that lets you into those bars.

25 One thing that Project DC and us do



1 coordinate a few days before the event is the  
2 color of wristbands so that we don't overlap.  
3 We've never had an issue with that before. So,  
4 for example, we're red, they'll be green. Those  
5 are wristbands that let you in to those  
6 participating bars.

7 So, again, we've closed this for a  
8 long time, so we know what works. So we don't  
9 want their participants in our bars and vice  
10 versa, and the bars don't either. So that's  
11 another, you know, way that we've kind of managed  
12 over the years. I remember that in 2015 we had  
13 separate wristbands, but there was a third  
14 company that didn't even have a license came in  
15 there with selling fake wristbands, and that was  
16 one of the issues that -- I don't even think they  
17 showed up to those hearings in 2015. But that  
18 was one of the issues that we saw that I think  
19 that we've overcome.

20 The other thing is that the bars, you  
21 know, they reach out to us months in advance for  
22 this bar crawl. Yes, they're all busy at 10:00  
23 or 11:00 at night. Some of the clubs don't get  
24 busy until midnight. But they're looking for  
25 business from 1 to about 9 p.m. or 1 to 10. This

1 is a big day for them, and they would be slower  
2 during the day regardless. Some of them may  
3 double their sales, and a lot of them need this.  
4 So they're really anticipating this day and the  
5 event is during the day. I understand that puts  
6 a little bit more pressure on MPD, but, at the  
7 same time, this is a big day for those bars. So  
8 that's kind of why they wouldn't even accept us  
9 on a Friday night knowing, obviously, people work  
10 during the day on Friday, so they wouldn't come.  
11 So, you know, for us, this is really the only day  
12 they could do it, unless they chose another  
13 weekend completely.

14 So also, like Project DC, our bars  
15 span about nine blocks minimum from some of the  
16 bars, so it is more spaced out. It's not all in  
17 one condensed area. There are a lot of bars.  
18 The most popular bars, I would say, are in that  
19 Dupont area, but, you know, we try to space it  
20 out. We have our registration bars spread out,  
21 as well, so we don't get hit all at one time.  
22 Registration is, you know, for our crawl, it's a  
23 six-hour, you know, from about four to five  
24 hours' span. I think Project DC is a little bit  
25 longer. But that also spaces out the time that

1 people are coming into the area. So we've seen  
2 people come in at 2, and, you know, they probably  
3 go home 7 or 8. But then we see that late rush  
4 come in, as well.

5 And I think I touched base on  
6 everything. I do agree with the post-cleanup.  
7 It does seem like we're all duplicating efforts.  
8 I think that if we could coordinate with the BID  
9 and, you know, all contribute to that, that seems  
10 to make the most sense. But, of course, you  
11 know, we're always open for that discussion.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
13 Thank you, Mr. Bramson. Any other questions,  
14 anyone who wants to -- I have some questions that  
15 I'm going to ask, but I want to have other Board  
16 members ask questions first and I want people to  
17 weigh in before I assume specific questions.

18 Hold on a minute, Mr. Short. Let me  
19 see if there are any other Board members who have  
20 questions that they want to ask. Any other  
21 questions by any other Board members? Go ahead,  
22 Mr. Short.

23 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you very much,  
24 Mr. Chair. I just wanted to put on the record  
25 that, after seven years ago, 2015, the Board

1 then, at that time, came up with District of  
2 Columbia Municipal Regulations, specifically 712,  
3 pub crawls, which is the law. The law. And  
4 specifically dealing with 712.7, the litter plan  
5 required by 712.5(f) shall set a time frame  
6 within which the litter removal vendors will  
7 remove litter from the geographic area in which a  
8 pub crawl occurs. The time frame shall require  
9 that the litter be removed by no later than 10  
10 a.m. the day after the pub crawl. In fact, the  
11 whole pub crawl regulation addressed every issue  
12 that was brought before the Board after the  
13 perfect storm, so to speak.

14 So there are regulations that address  
15 every issue, including litter and including how  
16 the bars will be regulated during pub crawls.  
17 It's on the record, and I think we got away from  
18 doing what those pub crawl regulations have  
19 required, and that's what I want to have on the  
20 record that there are municipal regulations. And  
21 if those are followed, we don't have the  
22 overcrowding and we don't have the litter  
23 problems if the pub crawl regulations, which this  
24 Board ratified and had sent to the council and  
25 the council made it law.

1                   Thank you very much for allowing me to  
2 speak, Mr. Chair.

3                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
4 Short. I just want to clarify the record. The  
5 pub crawl, it's my understanding that the pub  
6 crawl operators, they are in compliance with the  
7 regulations. I think the issues that we've been  
8 having is that they have been cleaning up as per  
9 the regulations, but they have been cleaning up  
10 too early. And so, therefore, they go and clean  
11 the street up and, because there's still folks on  
12 the street, there are still litter on the  
13 streets. So that's one of the reasons why I  
14 believe the conversations was that, rather than  
15 they clean up two hours after the event, then  
16 they probably need to clean up once the bars have  
17 closed. But that's something we can negotiate.

18                   All right. So I have some specific  
19 questions I want to ask. Now, this is for  
20 Project DC Events. Now, for Project DC Events,  
21 did you apply for a pub crawl around Halloween  
22 last year? Did you apply for that last year?  
23 This is for Project DC Events.

24                   MR. LOPEZ: Hi. Sorry. Can you  
25 repeat the question, Mr. Anderson?

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did you apply  
2 for a Halloween crawl for '21? Did you have a  
3 Halloween crawl for '21?

4 MR. LOPEZ: We did have a Halloween  
5 crawl last year, yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so how many  
7 people were approved for this crawl?

8 MR. LOPEZ: I believe the Board  
9 approved our event, reduced our capacity, I want  
10 to say 2,000 people.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You believe  
12 2,000. So do you recall how many tickets were  
13 sold for this event?

14 MR. LOPEZ: Two thousand.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, is this  
16 event any different this year than last year?

17 MR. LOPEZ: No, sir.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what type of  
19 drink specials or special offers are being  
20 provided to participants?

21 MR. LOPEZ: What type of drink  
22 specials?

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

24 MR. LOPEZ: We have a beer special, we  
25 have a well drink special, and we have a shooter

1 special.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I apologize for  
3 the noise in the background. I know that we  
4 have, we've spoken about the litter plan, but  
5 tell me specifically what is the security plan  
6 that you have in place for your event.

7 MR. LOPEZ: Sure. So, yes, we were  
8 granted a license last year. I want to say it  
9 was 2,000 people that the Board ended up going  
10 with for both Project DC Events and Lindy. But  
11 in terms of security, we coordinate with every  
12 participating venue. In terms of the specials,  
13 we have 30 staff members, like Mr. Kline said at  
14 the beginning of the call.

15 After check-in is over, usually our  
16 check-in goes from 2 p.m. and we close up maybe  
17 five hours later, depending if people are late.  
18 So worst-case scenario will be 6 - 6:30 that we  
19 close up. And after that, our staff members, we  
20 go from bar to bar assisting.

21 In terms of anything that's different  
22 between this year's event and last year's event,  
23 it's literally the exact same thing. Nothing has  
24 changed. We've had the same model for the last  
25 seven - eight years. There's no differences.

1                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, was there  
2 any incidents or any incidents you thought you  
3 could have done, anything that you thought you  
4 could have done better as a result of us  
5 approving the pub crawl for last year?

6                   MR. LOPEZ: I think the only thing  
7 that I'm seeing, we use Bayside Cleaning, LLC.,  
8 and I think Lindy Promotions also uses them. I  
9 do want to say, I'm not 100-percent sure, I think  
10 that RegMo may use them, too. Do you guys,  
11 RegMo, you guys use them, as well?

12                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think they  
13 have agreed that they do.

14                   MR. LOPEZ: So the only thing is maybe  
15 the bandwidth to have a cleanup for three  
16 different companies the same morning would be  
17 something that we need to talk about. And I did  
18 talk to Mr. Kline actually this week, you know,  
19 because I think, in my eyes, having an agreement  
20 with the BID would make the most sense moving  
21 forward in terms of making sure the BID is always  
22 happy with the post-event cleanup.

23                   I know that we briefly touched on this  
24 at the post-event hearing a few months ago, and I  
25 do want to say that maybe she had a rough idea,



1 maybe like, you know, paying the BID 150 bucks  
2 per venue that's participating in the event would  
3 make the most sense. But like Mr. Kline said,  
4 nothing was ever finalized after that hearing.  
5 But I do think that, I don't know if it's  
6 bringing in another company to assist with the  
7 cleanup, I don't know if it's the bandwidth that  
8 maybe Bayside, LLC may have, but I did see that,  
9 you know, all promoters use the same company for  
10 cleanup, and maybe we can touch on that. But  
11 that's one big point that I think would help all  
12 of us moving forward.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
14 Lopez. So, Mr. Lopez, so you're saying that you  
15 use Bayside for the litter removal. Is that what  
16 you're stating?

17 MR. LOPEZ: Yes, we use Bayside, LLC  
18 for post-event cleanup, yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how long  
20 have you been using them?

21 MR. LOPEZ: I would say five years.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, in  
23 planning for this pub crawl, what communications,  
24 if any, has your organization had with other  
25 District agencies?

1                   MR. LOPEZ: I mean, for us, I mean,  
2 the application process, we email MPD and FEMS  
3 with the participating bars that we've applied  
4 for a certain date and this is how many people  
5 we're expecting, and that's attached in our  
6 application. Another thing that we do is we  
7 email ABRA the week of the event with the final  
8 list of venues.

9                   But in terms of communication, yes, I  
10 mean, everything is done via email, and,  
11 obviously, we email FEMS and MPD with our  
12 application and our security plan and litter  
13 plan.

14                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,  
15 basically, you've had this event last year and  
16 the Board approved 2,000 participants, and so  
17 you're asking, roughly, for those same numbers  
18 again this year; is that correct?

19                   MR. KLINE: For 3,500.

20                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I said roughly.  
21 So you're asking for, what's the minimum you're  
22 asking for?

23                   MR. LOPEZ: The minimum is 2,500, Mr.  
24 Anderson.

25                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're

1 asking for 2,500 to 3,500. That's what you're  
2 asking for?

3 MR. KLINE: Yes. And just, you know,  
4 to answer your initial question in terms of how  
5 did last year go, the only thing that we're aware  
6 of is this trash issue that we talked a lot about  
7 and the Board had a post-event fact-finding  
8 hearing about. That's the only issue that we're  
9 aware of with respect to last year.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
11 Thank you. All right. Now, let me, I have some  
12 similar questions that I want to ask. I'm  
13 getting to you, Reginald, because you're a  
14 different area, so let me have Project, I'm  
15 sorry, Lindy Promotions.

16 So for Lindy Promotions, do you have,  
17 did you request last year a Halloween crawl?

18 MR. BRAMSON: Yes, we did.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And do you  
20 recall about how many participants were approved  
21 for this event?

22 MR. BRAMSON: It was around 2,000 last  
23 year. That's why we kept it around the same just  
24 because we don't think we would top that. So I  
25 know we were right under 2,000, and that's why we

1 went with the same number this year.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
3 Thank you. What type of drink specials, if any,  
4 are being offered to the participants?

5 MR. BRAMSON: Similar. We always  
6 offer a beer, a shooter, and a well drink from  
7 the hours of the crawl.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So tell us  
9 about the security plan that you have provided.

10 MR. BRAMSON: Yes, not to be  
11 repetitive, very similar to Project DC's. I'd  
12 say the only difference is that we, I don't know  
13 if they did it or not, too, but we hire, in terms  
14 of our own staffing that does focus on the  
15 registration bars and roams to check in on bars,  
16 all the bars are told to staff as if it's, you  
17 know, 10:00 at night. So they're staffing their  
18 bars fully staffed from the beginning of  
19 registration all the way through.

20 And then, in addition to that, we  
21 hired Next Level Security, which is a third-party  
22 security company that starts at the registration  
23 bars and focuses on those and then roam. So we  
24 do hire a third-party company, as well, to just  
25 help with the flow and just check in on things.

1                   We do reach out to MPD not only with  
2 email but we give them a call. Miranda has been  
3 really great about reaching out to them ahead of  
4 the event, letting them know how many  
5 participants we have the day of. Usually,  
6 numbers do increase. You know, numbers can  
7 sometimes be slow up until two or three days  
8 before, but we do let them know a couple of days  
9 before or the day before if we have significant  
10 changes. You know, we've been doing this, the  
11 bar crawl is having our 24th anniversary,  
12 something like that, so we have some experience  
13 with it.

14                   But, yes, very similar. I think the  
15 only real difference is just hiring that third-  
16 party security.

17                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So how many  
18 extra staff members -- I'm sorry. Between  
19 security and your staff members, how many bodies  
20 are we talking about?

21                   MR. BRAMSON: Around 40.

22                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So  
23 this is for RegMo Promotions and basically the  
24 same question. Did you apply for a pub crawl  
25 permit last year for a Halloween event?

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MR. ELIACIN: Yes, we did.

MS. FISHER: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how many participants were approved for this event.

MR. ELIACIN: We were approved for up to 800, I believe.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how many are you requesting this year?

MR. ELIACIN: This year, we said 1,500 to 2,000 in anticipation of possibly having more people.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If we approved 800 last year, why are you approving 1,500 and you're hearing what's been said? Why are you then requesting 1,500 to 2,500?

MS. FISHER: Because, last year, we went a little bit lower because of coming right out of the pandemic. We didn't think it was going to be that big. After we got closer to the day of, our sales were near maxing out, and then we ended up getting, when I got home the next day, I ended up answering about 500 emails being, like, I'm sorry I didn't respond to you, we were hosting the event of people who wanted to attend

1 and could not because we were sold out online.

2 So we have a max number, and we cut  
3 off our sales so we cannot go over what you have  
4 permitted us to do for the day.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
6 Thank you. So tell me about your security plan  
7 and litter plan.

8 MS. FISHER: So one thing for us is  
9 not just the security plan but for how we run our  
10 crawl is that we have check-in from 2 p.m. to 10  
11 p.m. So at any point of time where a bar is open  
12 for their time slot, we have a RegMo person or  
13 two representing our door front either helping  
14 with directions, helping with confusion, giving  
15 wristbands, just checking guests in. On top of  
16 that, we have a security person for each bar,  
17 along with a whole entire bar security staff who  
18 knows to be fully staffed like it is midnight on  
19 a Saturday from the time that they are open.

20 We also only do, like, three or four-  
21 hour increments at each bar with it getting --  
22 so, like, say, because check-in is kind of slow  
23 around, like, 2 p.m., so we'll only do a three-  
24 hour slot at the first bar, and then we  
25 incrementally open a bar and close another bar

1 throughout the day so not all the bars are  
2 flooded and we also don't have 10,000 people  
3 trying to come out to 30 different  
4 establishments.

5 Another thing with our security plan  
6 is that we just keep somebody at the door. We  
7 also keep a security person from the venue at the  
8 door checking their IDs for the guests with  
9 wristbands or not, and then they're fully secured  
10 inside.

11 MR. LOPEZ: And, also, I just want to  
12 add one thing. As far as --

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lopez, hold  
14 on. I'm going to get back to you. Just hold on  
15 a minute. I'm going to get to you also, Mr.  
16 Silverstein. I have some specific questions I  
17 wanted RegMo to respond to. Then I'll open it  
18 back up.

19 I'm sorry. So, ma'am, can you  
20 identify yourself? Who are you again, ma'am?

21 MS. FISHER: Me?

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.

23 MS. FISHER: Monisa Fisher from  
24 RegMoPromo.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We have a court



1 reporter, so, when you're speaking, I just want  
2 to make sure that -- so I'll ask everyone, when  
3 you speak, just identify yourself so the court  
4 reporter can capture who is speaking, okay?

5 All right. So about how many extra  
6 bodies in the sense of security and staff will  
7 staff if the pub crawl is approved by the Board  
8 do you envision?

9 MR. ELIACIN: Actually, I'm Reginald  
10 Eliacin. I just wanted to speak on this, Mr.  
11 Chairman, from RegMoPromo.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, go ahead.

13 MR. ELIACIN: Okay. Great, sir. I  
14 guess what we're trying to say also, we have,  
15 like, a lot of venues that are approved to be  
16 part of the bar crawl. The thing is we kind of,  
17 sometimes we have to have less venues because a  
18 lot of times we do end up having less venues on  
19 the actual day, depending on, you know, how many  
20 people actually come because a lot of times a lot  
21 of folks end up getting tickets more last minute.

22 So we want to prepare for more, but,  
23 like, sometimes, it's just really not as many.  
24 But we're completely willing to comply as far as  
25 if we need to have more security, even just in

1 case it does end up being, like, the full amount  
2 of people that actually show up for the event. I  
3 mean, we have no problem doing that.

4 MS. FISHER: We can double to triple  
5 with the Board's recommendations, whatever you  
6 all would like. We are willing to listen to what  
7 your needs are to make our guests as safe as  
8 possible and to make the Board feel good about  
9 our safety procedures.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, what  
11 communication, if any, have you had with any  
12 District of Columbia agencies regarding this  
13 proposed pub crawl?

14 MR. ELIACIN: We've sent emails to the  
15 MPD, the DPW, the FEMC, I'm sorry, FEMS, as far  
16 as to give them our plans of litter removal,  
17 security, overview, everything. Everything part  
18 of the application process that has been required  
19 is what we've done.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.  
21 Mr. Silverstein, you need to make a statement,  
22 sir?

23 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Yes, Mr. Chairman.  
24 I just wanted to say that I have an appointment  
25 that I have to leave for now, and I wanted to

1 drop off and I did not want to do that without  
2 thanking you folks for holding the hearing and  
3 apologizing for having to leave. Thank you, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
5 Silverstein. Thank you for your participation  
6 today.

7 All right. I think, Mr. Lopez, you  
8 wanted to say something.

9 MR. LOPEZ: No, I'm sorry. I never  
10 raised my hand.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You were  
12 speaking earlier, and I told you I would get back  
13 to you, so that's why I was giving you an  
14 opportunity now to speak because I told you I  
15 would get back to you once I was finished with  
16 Reginald. But all right.

17 MR. KLINE: Mr. Chair, if I may --

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Kline.

19 MR. KLINE: Thank you. The one thing  
20 I wanted to add is, I mean, one difference is Mr.  
21 Lopez does have a larger number of bars lined up  
22 this year, which, you know, would accommodate a  
23 larger amount of people. It was 15 last year and  
24 17 this year. So in terms of capacity, there's  
25 several hundred more in terms of capacity, and

1 we'd certainly ask the Board to take that into  
2 consideration.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I also want to  
4 alert the parties that I see that, as if these  
5 pub crawls are approved, the participants are  
6 aware that one bar cannot participate in more  
7 than one pub crawl. And from what I see here is  
8 that 1830, One Bar, Abigail, Admiral, Bar and  
9 Lounge 54, Blackfin American Pub, Bottomline,  
10 Caf, Citron, Decades, Mayflower Club, Nero DC,  
11 Ozio, Phantom DC, Public Bar Life, Rewind,  
12 Rosebar Lounge, Saint Yves, Sign of the Whale,  
13 Toyko Pearl, and Twelve after Twelve. I believe  
14 these establishments have, it appears they're on  
15 more than one pub crawl request. So the parties  
16 will need to negotiate who it is that, I'm sorry,  
17 what licensee is going to operate for their pub  
18 crawl.

19 And, secondly -- I'm getting to you,  
20 Mr. Huff. And, secondly, we have a new staff  
21 member which is for the pub crawl operators. I  
22 need the pub crawl operators for future, moving  
23 forward, any time you need to send an email to  
24 Derrick Brooks, B-R-O-O-K-S, number one, at  
25 DC.gov. And his phone number is 202-306-0779.

1 He is our Director of Enforcement, so you need to  
2 copy Brooks, B-R-O-O-K-S, number one, at DC.gov  
3 on all your communications regarding pub crawls.

4 Mr. Huff, I think you had your hand  
5 up, sir.

6 MR. HUFF: Sure. Thank you. Just as  
7 a point of information, I would encourage the  
8 Board to take a look at the list of proposed  
9 establishments. Some of those establishments,  
10 and this is what happened last time, as well, are  
11 no longer in operation. So what that amounts to  
12 ultimately is more people at fewer  
13 establishments.

14 For example, Sign of the Whale caught  
15 on fire. They're not open. And there are others  
16 on the list, I believe, as well that closed  
17 during the pandemic that are no longer in  
18 operation. So I would encourage the Board to  
19 take a closer look at the list of proposed  
20 establishments.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, thank  
22 you, Mr. Huff. They are supposed to provide us a  
23 final list of the establishments. I think these  
24 applications were done a while back, so I'm not  
25 sure, because these events are for October 29th,

1 so they had to have applied to us a while back  
2 because we have a 60-day time line. So I believe  
3 these applications came in in the fall, and, so,  
4 therefore, these are their wish list of  
5 establishments. But they will provide us with a  
6 finalized list. If it's approved, they'll  
7 provide us with a finalized group.

8 I'm sorry. It's Chief Derrick Brooks.  
9 He's the head of our Enforcement Division.

10 Now, prior to bringing, I'm going to  
11 have, Captain Williams, do you have any comments  
12 you want to make before I bring this hearing to  
13 close?

14 MS. WILLIAMS: No, I don't have any  
15 more comments. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you,  
17 ma'am, for being here today. I'm not sure if  
18 Captain Solgat is still here. I don't see him on  
19 my screen.

20 All right. Do you have any final  
21 comments you want to make, sir, prior to bringing  
22 this hearing to closure?

23 MR. SOLGAT: Yes, just one. I was  
24 listening. I did hear the representatives from  
25 RegMo. I do think it is admirable that you would

1 like to increase your security staff. I'm glad  
2 to hear that there's the plan of not necessarily  
3 a free-for-all of all the bars simultaneously,  
4 but I do think that a coordinated effort needs to  
5 take place because, like Mr. Huff was saying,  
6 there's going to be a situation where there's  
7 going to be an influx of people at certain  
8 locations.

9 And, presently, your plan that you  
10 submitted that I reviewed list five, you have  
11 five staff members. I think that needs to be  
12 amended and updated to be more accurate to  
13 reflect the actual size and scale of what you're  
14 doing and just replicating something from last  
15 year when you are trying to at least double the  
16 size would at least call for an amendment to it.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
18 Thank you, sir. Let me see. I'm going to have  
19 everyone do closing, but I want to make sure that  
20 --

21 Mr. Puente, I know I have not called  
22 on you, sir. Any concerns that you have? Maybe  
23 you could talk about the experience of last year  
24 with the approval of these pub crawls. As an  
25 investigator, any concerns, if any, you want to

1 bring to the attention of the Board, sir?

2 MR. PUENTE: Yes, sir. I've been  
3 working the pub crawls since 2015. I'm the one  
4 that authored the report from the perfect storm.  
5 The biggest thing that we see every year,  
6 probably around 6:00 is when we see the heaviest  
7 foot traffic in the Golden Triangle area. Last  
8 year, there were a lot of people in the street  
9 walking and just loitering. I had to call  
10 Commander Bedlion of 2D, and he got officers down  
11 there. We tried contacting DDOT, but DDOT wasn't  
12 coming on until almost 9 p.m., so they couldn't  
13 start traffic control measures until that time.

14 So that was the biggest thing. If the  
15 security from the pub crawls can try to keep them  
16 out of the street so no one gets hit, that was  
17 the biggest issue that we had last year.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
19 Thank you, Mr. Puente. Mr. Huff, any final  
20 comments you want to make before -- I'm going to  
21 come to the Board, I'm going to come to the  
22 operators last, so you're going to have the last  
23 word. So, Mr. Huff, any comments, any final  
24 comments you want to make?

25 MR. HUFF: No further comments. Thank



1 you.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
3 Thank you. Thank you, Captain Solgat, for being  
4 here today, sir. Thank you very much.

5 All right. RegMo, any final comments  
6 you want to make?

7 MS. FISHER: Just a couple. Well,  
8 first of all, I wanted to ask the Board is there  
9 a number that you all do feel comfortable with  
10 with three events going on at the same time? Is  
11 there a way that we can maybe all adjust our  
12 numbers so that the Board is happy and ABRA is  
13 happy is my first question.

14 And then also I just want to add  
15 because we never spoke about our drink specials,  
16 and our demographic is a lot different than the  
17 Dupont demographic. Our drink specials, yes, we  
18 still have a beer. Our beers all start at \$5.00,  
19 not at \$3.00. Most of our drink specials,  
20 they're not rails. So they're usually, even if  
21 it's a rail rum punch or a rail margarita,  
22 they're usually, like, \$7.00 - \$8.00 Jack  
23 Daniels, \$9.00 Hennessy, \$8.00 Titos. So they're  
24 not like, they're at a more elevated price point,  
25 which also brings out a different demographic.

1                   So sometimes, when it comes to, like,  
2                   our crowds colliding, it's definitely not the  
3                   same kind of crowd. So you wouldn't have to, I  
4                   think, worry as much as our crowds intersecting  
5                   at a point because our crowd is coming out for a  
6                   different thing and their crowd is coming out for  
7                   a different thing also.

8                   So I just wanted to make that quick  
9                   point.

10                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
11                  Thank you. Do you have anything else you want to  
12                  make before I close? Any final comments you want  
13                  to make?

14                  MR. ELIACIN: No, I think we're good,  
15                  yes. We also talked about our crowds also, we  
16                  have our wristbands that have our company name on  
17                  it, and we coordinate with the establishments  
18                  before so they know exactly which ones are going  
19                  to be part of the bar crawl. Nobody else is  
20                  going not be doing a bar crawl at the same time  
21                  that we're doing it on U Street. So, yes, I  
22                  think that's about it.

23                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
24                  Thank you very much. Mr. Bramson.

25                  MR. BRAMSON: I think I kind of

1 covered everything from before. The only last  
2 thing I want to say about the capacity issues,  
3 the one way we calculate capacity is the capacity  
4 of the bars on the crawl. So one thing that we  
5 make sure we do, and I'm pretty sure that the  
6 other companies do this, as well, but we ask the  
7 bars what their capacities are and we never  
8 exceed that total. So if all our participating  
9 bars are, you know, I could say right off the bat  
10 it's at least 3,000 people and we only have  
11 2,000, we know that we're within that capacity.  
12 So we try not to ever exceed that number, so I  
13 think that's how at least we calculate our number  
14 to make sure that we're safe, make sure that, you  
15 know, if people just happen to walk in, that  
16 there's enough room for everyone.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
18 Bramson. Mr. Kline on behalf of Project DC  
19 Events.

20 MR. KLINE: Yes. Thank you, Mr.  
21 Chairman. And, again, thank the Board for  
22 holding this hearing. I certainly appreciate the  
23 concerns that were raised by Mr. Silverstein, Mr.  
24 Huff, Mr. Short, and Mr. Grandis, and you, Mr.  
25 Chair.

1           I think what's important to note is a  
2 few things. The Board reacted to these issues  
3 after what we've all called this perfect storm,  
4 and I think it's worked. And I think, in terms  
5 of what you have before you in Project DC Events,  
6 you have an operator who has shown that he will  
7 follow the rules, that he will comply with the  
8 regulations, and that, when an issue is raised,  
9 such, for example, the trash management, he will  
10 respond and react and address it, even if it's  
11 something that's not precisely required by the  
12 regulations. So what I'm saying to you is he is  
13 to be trusted in terms of what he's asked for.

14           And, lastly, as I said before, I think  
15 we're better off with these bar crawl operators,  
16 which gives the Board, at least indirectly, some  
17 supervision of what goes on in the neighborhood.  
18 I think we've created a terrific mechanism for  
19 oversight management, and I think the fact that  
20 there has not been any repeat of what happened  
21 seven years ago in the issues that we've heard  
22 about relate to trash, which is a problem but  
23 different than outright public safety, I think is  
24 a testament to what's been done has worked.

25           And, lastly, I want to close with,

1 yes, this is a strain on resources. Anything  
2 that creates revenue and provides opportunity is  
3 going to come with some cost. But aside from  
4 these bar collaborators, these businesses need  
5 this right now. I mean, they need shots in the  
6 arm that these operators provide by providing  
7 these opportunities, and we would ask the Board  
8 to -- it's a balance. I mean, the Board is  
9 always balancing. But we would ask the Board to  
10 also put that into the mix in terms of what  
11 numbers there should be and how much to restrict.

12 I think you have some good operators  
13 before you. I think they play by the rules. I  
14 think you will trust them. And we would ask that  
15 Project DC Events be approved and be approved for  
16 a suitable number, given the number of  
17 establishments involved.

18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
20 Kline, for your close. We had this because we  
21 want to make sure that we do not have a repeat,  
22 and I'll say, as Chairman of the Board, I did  
23 chair the hearing that we had seven years ago  
24 after the perfect storm. And I just generally, I  
25 just want to say at least I have not heard since

1 that event that we have had a significant amount  
2 of concerns. I know that we took two years off  
3 because of the pandemic. I'm just stating that I  
4 still have not heard, but we want to make sure if  
5 we're going to approve pub crawls around  
6 Halloween weekend that we hear what the operators  
7 are requesting and also what the community is  
8 saying. And so the Board will look at what is  
9 requested by the operators, and we will also take  
10 into consideration what the community is saying,  
11 and then we'll make a determination that we think  
12 is in the best interest of the residents of the  
13 District of Columbia. And so the Board will take  
14 this matter under advisement, and we will issue a  
15 decision.

16 I know that, I guess for Project DC  
17 Events, I know that you had also, we did talk  
18 about December, but I guess you're the only one  
19 requesting a pub crawl around December, the Santa  
20 Crawl, so we will make a decision at that time.  
21 I think that's a little bit different because,  
22 since there's no other event, I think, at least  
23 currently, no other operator has requested that  
24 same date. But we will make a decision on what  
25 numbers, if any, we will approve for that event

1 also, but we will take the matter under  
2 advisement and make a determination.

3 I want to thank everyone for their  
4 participation and presence today, and thank you  
5 very much. And as I said before, we'll take this  
6 matter under advisement and we'll issue a  
7 decision shortly on whether or not we will  
8 approve pub crawl events for October 29th, 2022.  
9 Thank you very much. Have a great day.

10 All right. We are at the end of our  
11 morning calendar, and it's 12:51 and the Board  
12 needs to have lunch. So what I'm going to  
13 suggest that we do is that we will, we're going  
14 to come back for a public hearing at 1:45. So  
15 1:45 is when we will come back, resume our  
16 afternoon calendar. Not 1:30, 1:45. And I will  
17 ask the Board members, I'll ask all Board members  
18 to return to executive session at 1:30. So all  
19 Board members return to executive session at  
20 1:30, and we will have our public hearing at  
21 1:45. All right. Thank you very much. See the  
22 Board at 1:30 and see the public at 1:45. Thank  
23 you.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
25 went off the record at 12:51 p.m.)

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