



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A-02  
815 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002



January 12, 2007

Alcohol Beverage Control Board  
Suite 700  
941 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Support of ANC 6A Moratorium on the sale of single containers of alcoholic beverages

Dear Board Members,

As the Single Member District representative to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A that represents the south side of H Street NE between Eighth and Thirteenth Streets, I fully support the proposed moratorium that will be before the Alcohol Beverage Control Board on January 17, 2007, at 11:00am at 941 North Capital Street, NE.

Our community struggles with the negative consequences of Class A and Class B license-holders selling single containers of alcoholic beverages. In several locations, our curbs have been converted to bar stools, our alleys have become bathrooms and our tree boxes serve as trash cans for singles. The evidence of this is visible each day on our streets. A moratorium is required to improve the quality of life of our residents as well as reduce the "disorderly" calls and service calls to the Metropolitan Police Department.

The crime, loitering, littering and public intoxication associated with singles sale of alcohol is a significant impediment to H Street NE corridor's economic revitalization because these sales contribute to an overall perception of an unsafe area – discouraging people from shopping or dining along the corridor.

In close, our community deserves the same protection and consideration afforded under the recently renewed Mount Pleasant Street NW moratorium. Simply put, if it is good enough for North West, it is good enough for North East. To do anything less than approving the moratorium will only expose the lack of real options residents have to combat the problems associated with the single sales of alcoholic beverages.

Respectfully,

Joseph Fengler, Commissioner 6A-02  
ANC 6A

Cc: Mayor Fenty  
Councilmember Wells

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF:

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A

Application No.:

TO REQUEST A SINGLE SALE MORATORIUM  
WITHIN ANC 6A BOUNDARIES

**WRITTEN REQUEST OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6A  
FOR A SINGLE SALE MORATORIUM WITHIN ANC 6A BOUNDARIES**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6a, by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby makes this written request to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (hereinafter "Board") for a Moratorium on the sale of single containers of alcoholic beverages by certain establishments with either Class A or Class B professional liquor licenses.

ANC 6a seeks a moratorium on the sale of single containers of alcohol by current and future Class A<sup>1</sup> and Class B<sup>2</sup> license-holders in the Portion of the District of Columbia centered at Me & My Supermarket, located at 1111 H Street, NE, effective as to those license holders along the H Street, NE, corridor.

ANC 6a seeks the aforementioned moratorium to promote the goals of (1) improving the quality of life of ANC 6a residents by reducing the negative impact on the community caused by the sale of singles, such as litter, public drunkenness, and loitering; and (2) encouraging and contributing

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<sup>1</sup> Class A License holders along the H Street, NE, corridor include Northeast Beverage, located at 1344 H Street, NE; Jumbo Liquors, located at 1122 H Street, NE; Family Liquors, located at 710 H Street, NE; Friends Liquors, located at 1406 H Street, NE.

<sup>2</sup> Class B License holders along the H Street, NE, corridor include Sun & Moon Grocery Store, located at 1387 H Street, NE; Me & My Supermarket, located at 1111 H Street, NE; and 1101 Convenience Mart, located at 1101 H Street, NE.

to the economic revitalization of the H Street corridor. In support of its written request, ANC 6a states as follows:

**Reducing the Negative Impact of Single Sales.**

1. The proposed moratorium will support the goals of H Street revitalization by reducing the incidence of crime, public intoxication, loitering, and litter along and near the corridor, which are the negative byproducts of the sale of single-servings of alcohol. These problems harm the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. A reduction of these problems will improve the quality of life for residents and will make the corridor a more desirable location for commercial and retail operations.

2. The most important of the problems which this moratorium aims to address is crime. Criminal activity commonly occurring along and near the H Street Corridor includes public consumption of alcoholic beverages, public urination, public intoxication, violence, and disorderly conduct. These activities negatively impact the quality of life within the neighborhood and give rise to other undesirable behaviors. The adoption of a limited-term moratorium on the sale of single servings of alcoholic beverages at Class A and Class B establishments will help to reduce criminal behavior in this area.

3. A moratorium zone such as the one proposed here has previously been enacted with success in other parts of the District of Columbia. Over the course of the four years from 2000 to 2004, a similar moratorium along Mount Pleasant Street, NW, yielded a 41% reduction in total calls for Metropolitan Police Department service (from 1,423 calls to 834 calls), and a 51% reduction in “disorderly” calls (from 486 calls to 240 calls). This reduction in crime makes the area safer and

more pleasant and also makes police officers available to intervene in more serious crimes elsewhere. The ANC anticipates improvements in this area similar to those seen on Mount Pleasant Street.

4. Single-serving sales of alcohol within the proposed moratorium area often produce behavior that is too transitory to allow for any true law enforcement intervention. Numerous eyewitnesses have provided accounts of public urination, public drunkenness, and loitering directly outside the stores where single servings of alcohol are purchased. These offenses are often not reported to law enforcement because of their transitory nature. This proposed moratorium is expected to reduce these criminal behaviors that are difficult to police against.

5. In addition to reducing criminal behaviors, the proposed moratorium will reduce the loitering, littering, and public intoxication associated with single sales of alcohol. The sale of single servings of alcohol destroys the peace, order, and quiet in the neighborhood and harms the quality of life for the residents, visitors, and shoppers in the corridor.

**Enhancing the Economic Revitalization of the H Street Corridor.**

6. The crime, loitering, littering, and public intoxication associated with single sales of alcohol is a significant impediment to the H Street corridor's economic revitalization because they contribute to an overall perception of an unpleasant and unsafe area, thereby discouraging people from shopping or dining along the corridor.

7. The District Government anticipates spending significant amounts of tax revenue to revitalize the H Street corridor, which was once one of the area's busiest commercial areas. The goal

of the Great Streets initiative is to create “safe, vibrant places” that attract visits to merchants and that offer a pleasant atmosphere for residents.

8. For the H Street corridor to be revitalized, it cannot continue to be a site of criminal conduct, public drinking, public intoxication, urination, and litter. The proposed moratorium will make the H Street corridor and surrounding areas safer and more attractive, thereby making it a more desirable place for residents, visitors, shoppers, diners, and those seeking entertainment. This moratorium is crucial to the economic revitalization that the corridor so greatly needs.

For all the foregoing reasons, ANC 6a respectfully requests a moratorium on the sale of single containers of alcohol by current and future Class A and Class B license-holders in the Portion of the District of Columbia centered at Me & My Supermarket, located at 1111 H Street, NE, effective as to those license holders along the H Street, NE, corridor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_