



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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March 20, 2014

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Deputy Director for Public Space Regulation
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
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Re: Sidewalk Café Permit Application for Sahra Restaurant, 1200 H Street NE

Dear Mr. Marcou,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on March 13, 2014, our Commission voted 5-1-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the application for a Sidewalk Café from Sahra Café at 1200 H St. NE. The size and location of the proposed sidewalk café raises concerns about the negative effect it will have on peace, order and quite of the surrounding community.

The proposed sidewalk café borders a residential neighborhood. The proposed use would allow for a total occupancy of more than 44 persons (44 seats plus additional standing patrons). The sidewalk café would sit at a busy intersection on the 800 block of 12th St NE, a mostly residential block. It would add greatly to the pedestrian traffic at and along 12th St NE. We are concerned that noise emanating from a sidewalk café and the increased pedestrian traffic would have a negative impact on the quality of life of the surrounding residents. We are especially concerned about the negative effect that late night noise will have on the nearby families. We recommend that, if a public space permit is approved, that you restrict the hours of use of the sidewalk café no later than 11 pm Sunday-Thursday and 12 am on Friday and Saturday, and that you restrict the total occupancy to no more than 44 patrons seated or standing.

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@googlegroups.com, ANC-6A and NewHillEast yahoogroups, on the Commission's website, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.



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Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. I can be reached at 6A04@dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

Nicholas Alberti
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A