



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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February 7, 2013

Ms. Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400S
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Chairperson Miller:

I am writing to urge the Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA) to investigate, and the ABC Board to take appropriate action to eliminate on-going noise violations coming from Twelve Restaurant and Lounge located 1123-1125 H St NE.

ANC6A has received many noise complaints about this establishment and efforts to work with the ownership to resolve these issues have not been successful. In response, on November 8, 2012, the Commission voted 5-0-1 (with Commissioner Alberti abstaining and not participating) to invoke the cure provision contained in Section 8 of the settlement agreement between Twelve and ANC6A. I have attached a copy of that letter. The meeting was its regular, publicly-announced monthly meeting. A quorum of our Commissioners was present (five are required). The ANC advertises its meetings in the Hill Rag, and announces them through its own email distribution list and through two neighborhood listservs. It announces the meetings on its website as well.

In response to the letter, Mr. Bernard Gibson, owner of the establishment, attended the ANC's Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee on December 18, 2012 to respond. Mr. Gibson acknowledged long-standing problems with cracked windows at the establishment allowing noise to broadcast into the neighborhood. Mr. Gibson assured the Committee that new windows had been ordered and would be installed before the Committee meeting scheduled for January 15, 2013. He also committed to attending the January ABL Committee meeting.

Mr. Gibson failed to attend that meeting, and sent Mr. Allan Whittaker to represent him. Mr. Whittaker said none of the new windows had been installed and that only half of them had been delivered.

The Commission invokes Section 8 of the settlement agreement and urges the ABC Board to resolve this matter. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. The residents living near this establishment are entitled to peace, order, and quiet and need the Board to enforce the law and settlement agreement.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Holmes".

David Holmes
Chair

Attachment