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Mr. Burger,

On June 9, 2005, at our regularly scheduled monthly public meeting, and with a quorum present, the Commission voted to recommend additional procedures to those already established by the Board with regard to amendment of voluntary agreements.

The Commission appreciates Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration's response to our concerns regarding ABC Board unsolicited amendments to voluntary amendments which are negotiated in good faith and signed by all parties. We praise your efforts to make your amendment process less ambiguous, more transparent, and more equitable.

To support these efforts, we recommend that the Board include written explanations and rationale for amendments prior to a hearing or mediation. We believe that this step will help avoid speculation of intent for an amendment and thereby help in communicating terms more clearly.

We look forward to joint efforts at making the process of negotiating, executing and enforcing voluntary agreements an effective tool to respond to community concerns regarding liquor licensee operations.

Respectfully,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A