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Re: Nightlife Office and Commission

Dear Council Member Todd:

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on November 1, 2017, with a quorum present, ANC 1C passed the attached resolution in opposition to your proposal to create an Office and Commission of Nightlife by a vote of 7-0-0.

Sincerely,

Ted Guthrie

ANC 1C (03)

cc: Council Chair Mendelson, Council Members Bonds, Grosso, Silverman, White, White, Nadeau, Evans, McDuffie, Allen, Cheh and Gray

ANC 1C Resolution in Opposition to the Establishment of an Office
and Commission of Nightlife

Whereas, Councilmember Brandon Todd has introduced the Office and Commission of Nightlife Establishment Act of 2017; and

Whereas the act limits “nightlife establishments” to those with alcohol licenses; and

Whereas the ABC Board and ABRA are existing District body and agency with the authority to supervise alcohol licensees, with existing regulations and a body of caselaw that provides some predictability for both licensees and the community as to allowable and prohibited behavior by licensees; and

Whereas the Director of the Office of Nightlife, under the proposed act, would have expansive and ill-defined authority to be a “liaison”, “point of contact”, and “intermediary” between existing District agencies, ANCs, members of the community and alcohol licensees in some undefined manner with the authority to make recommendations on policy changes to existing rules governing alcohol licensees; and

Whereas the proposed Commission on Nightlife would be comprised of members who are directly or indirectly connected with “Nightlife” establishments without any community members; and

Whereas the expressed purpose of the Office and Commission would be to “promote an economically and culturally vibrant after-hours economy, while accounting for the best interests of the District and its residents”, an effect which already exists;

Now, therefore, ANC 1C hereby resolves that the proposed act should be rejected by the Council of the District of Columbia as an unnecessary, ill-conceived, poorly defined and duplicative effort.