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ANC1D protests the renewal of liquor licenses for eight Mount Pleasant venues

Passed by 5 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on May 15, 2007, with a quorum present.

ANC1D advises the Alcohol Beverage Control Board of its protest of the renewals of the list below of eight licensees on the grounds of improving and not decreasing the Peace, Order and Quiet of the neighborhood and especially the highly dense residential areas nearby and intermixed with these locales. It is amenable to negotiating a Voluntary Agreement with these licensees that would meet its concerns.

Licensees:

Don Jaime, 3209 Mount Pleasant Street NW, License #21925, Class Retailer CR 01, Petition Date: 2007 06 04

Marx Café American Bar, 3203 Mount Pleasant Street NW, Dalunas, LLC, License # 74712, Class Retailer CR 01, Petition Date: 2007 06 04

Corado's Guatemalan Restaurant, 3217 Mount Pleasant Street NW, Corado's Restaurant, Inc., License # 15941, Class Retailer CR 01, Petition Date: 2007 06 04

Haydee's Restaurant, 3102 Mount Pleasant Street NW, License # 24663, Class Retailer CR 01, Petition Date: 2007 06 11

Radius, 3155 Mount Pleasant Street NW, License # 72310, Class Retailer CR 01, Petition Date: 2007 06 11

Tonic, 3155 Mount Pleasant Street NW, License # 60786, Class Retailer CR 01, Petition Date: 2007 06 11

Pupuseria San Miguel, 3110 Mount Pleasant Street NW, License # 74630, Class Retailer DR 01, Petition Date: 2007 07 02

Don Juan Restaurant and Carry Out, 1660 Lamont Street NW, License # 15934, Class Retailer CR 02, Petition Date: 2007 07 16

Why: The neighborhood has changed markedly in the last three years. Property values are up, there has been more policing, the demographics is undergoing a rapid shift. Yet, the level

of trash, noise, traffic, congestion, vermin, and other nuisances remains high, even with existing VAs in place.

While it is true that in some instances this ANC may wish to negotiate changes in the Voluntary Agreements (VAs) sponsored by civic groups, difficult trade-offs may be necessary to preserve peace, quiet and order.

It would be incompetent for us to not explore the application of better practices for handling these issues, practices that have been proven elsewhere to improve conditions. To not implement with VAs the best appropriate practices essentially is to choose to subject residents and visitors to unnecessary levels of annoyance and deprive them unnecessarily of other benefits. This would be contrary to our oath of office, and the general intents of public policy.