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## Hostile Business Environment

*Passed by a four to zero vote (Kahn, Backfield, McKay, and Edwards voting “yes”, Wysocki and Scott absent) at the legally noticed, public monthly meeting of February 7, 2006, with a quorum present.*

ANC1D resolves to advise the DC government, and specifically the Mayor, the Council, and the DC Department of Transportation, that there is now accepted in Mount Pleasant the appearance of a hostile business environment. This includes the appearance of conflicts of interest, and selective and destructive application of laws. This ANC asks that Mount Pleasant be declared by Executive Order an Innovation Zone to explore better practices in the handling of regulation and the education of all connected parties. This includes special attention to revision of laws that will encourage a sense of fairness. This must include changes in laws and regulations to encourage and balance the pursuit of both business innovation and the rights of DC residents.

## Why

In a meeting of this ANC’s Commercial Corridor Committee, a large cross section of representatives of merchants, business owners, and officers of civic associations reviewed the history of DC regulation in Mount Pleasant, and the apparent favoring by the DC Government of a small group of activists who wish to change the character of the commercial corridor against the interest of a larger group of residents.