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Allow later alcohol service hours at Don Juan's sidewalk café

Resolved, ANC1D advises the DC Public Space Committee (housed in the DC Department of Transportation) to accept the application of extended hours for Don Juan's Restaurant sidewalk café at 1660 Lamont Street, NW.

Specifically, the new hours will be: Monday through Friday: 11:00 am -11:00 pm; Saturday through Sunday: 11:00 am - midnight.

Why: Don Juan's restaurant, along with Haydees, is one of the two anchor venues in the commercial corridor of Mt Pleasant Street and its success is critical to maintaining the vitality of this four block strip.

The vitality of street traffic and eyes on the street is critical to maintain a sense of safety in what has been until now a mostly unpopulated area at night. Don Juan's outdoor café is especially valuable for maintaining eyes on Lamont Park, just across Lamont Street to the north, and a direct view on the next block up of 3200 Mt Pleasant St.

Since the owners have assured 1D that there will be no amplified music in this area, and have been exemplary in controlling noise during the last few years, 1D believes that the extended hours of service will have no negative impact on the Peace, Order, and Quiet of the neighborhood. The several hundred bus trips along the strip are by our measures louder and more annoying than the legal level allowed to Don Juan's.

Passed by 5 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on June 15, 2010, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Edwards, Lepanto, Bosserman, Tunda, McKay.