March 16, 2018

Mr. Matthew Marcou, Director
Public Space, DDOT
1100 Fourth Street S.W., Second Floor
Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: Application for converting an unenclosed sidewalk café to an enclosed café during inclement weather, application 10575606, 201 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Union Pub

Dear Mr. Marcou,

On March 14, 2018, at a duly noticed public monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C, with a quorum of six out of six commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned item came before us.

The applicant described the need for the enclosure to mitigate against seasonal fluctuations in business that create staffing challenges and difficulty in keeping prices relatively low. The commissioners understand the applicant’s need for the enclosure, but believe it is important to comply with D.C. sidewalk café regulations.

The commissioners voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to oppose the application because the enclosed café plans do not comply with DCMR 24 210.8, which states that “No enclosed sidewalk café shall project more than twenty feet (20 ft.) from the building line or occupy more than sixty percent (60%) of available surface space.” The existing awning, to which the enclosure panels would be attached, covers the entirety of the public space and extends approximately 35 feet from the building.

Several options were discussed to bring the enclosure in compliance with the regulations, but they would be expensive because a new awning would be needed.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6C.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair