Mr. Fred Moosally, Director  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration  
2000 Fourteenth Street N.W., 4th floor  
Washington, D.C. 20009

Re: Bistro Cacao, 320 Massachusetts Avenue NE, ABRA-082758

Dear Mr. Moosally:

On January 8, 2020, at a regularly scheduled, duly noticed monthly meeting of ANC 6C, with a quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned item came before us.

The commissioners voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to (1) reinstate the applicant’s ABRA license due to an error made by ABRA; and (2) grant the applicant a stipulated license so he can resume selling alcohol until his license is reinstated.

We learned during the holidays that this proprietor, who has had Bistro Cacao for 10 years and been a good neighbor, put a liquor license in safekeeping while he changed addresses (on the same block) and renovated the new address. When he tried to take the license out of safekeeping, he was told the fee had not been paid and thus the license was terminated. The proprietor inquired and discovered that ABRA mistakenly sent the fee notification to the former owner, not Bistro Cacao. Thus he could not have paid the fee because it went to the incorrect address. We request that the license be reinstated due to the error in ABRA’s mailing and a stipulated license until the matter can be resolved.

I spoke with Ms. Martha Jenkins during the holiday period. She asked me to send the ANC vote to her and she would contact the ABRA board to try to resolve the problem.

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

cc: Martha Jenkins

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt  
ANC 6C chair