

Report from March 3, 2026
6B Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee Meeting

- I. Introductions**
 - a. Commissioners: Karen Hughes (Chair, 6B09), Jerry Sroufe (6B02), David Sobelsohn (6B03), Sam Pastore (6B05), Anna Krebb (6B06)
 - b. Chuck Burger (Vice Chair), Jonathan Levy, Chander Jayaraman, James Loots, Russ Mawn.
- II. Discussion with proprietors of Little Engine, which is in a pre-application phase.**
 - a. Robert Sonderman – Founder/chef of Little Engine. The business is a fast-casual rotisserie chicken focused restaurant in the former Eat Burgz space. The team is ready to put in their application for a beer and wine alcohol license. All alcohol will be served, including wine. The building has a sidewalk café and will need a sidewalk café endorsement. Trash for the building is internal to the building complex in a corridor shared with other tenants on the block.
 - b. The Committee voted 8-0-1 to place letter supporting a stipulated license for Little Engine to operate until 11:30 pm with alcohol served until 11 pm.
- III. CIVIC on Eighth – Update on negotiations and ABCA schedule**
 - a. Commissioner Sobelsohn gave an update of discussions with the team at CIVIC on Eighth.
 - b. Committee reviewed a draft Settlement Agreement and agreed on a small group to work on this going forward: Chair Hughes, Commissioner Sobelsohn, RM Burger and Alt-RM Loots will take point.
- IV. Letter to ABCA Director about consistency of ABCA communications**
 - a. Committee voted 8-0-0 to approve the letter and put it on the consent agenda, including relevant other DC government actors in the letter’s dissemination.
- V. Letter to DC Council Chair supporting B26-0522, re: medical cannabis regulations & child serving institutions.**
 - a. Committee voted 8-0-0 to recommend this letter to the consent agenda, with the addition of support for the aspects of B26-0522 that would give ANC input over internet delivery retailers licensing. We also agreed that the letter should go to all DC Council members and any other interested parties.
- VI. Barracks Row Roundtable Discussion**
 - a. Commissioner Pastore (6B05) has committed to sharing a document with the committee outlining next steps.



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Donovan Anderson,
Chair Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
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VIA E-MAIL: abra.legal@dc.gov

RE: **Stipulated License for ABRA-###**, Little Engine, 250 7th St SE

Dear Chairperson Anderson:

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed, meeting on March 10, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to support a stipulated license for ABRA-###, Little Engine, 250 7th St SE.

The applicant and the ANC are working on finalizing our Settlement Agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact Commissioner Jerry Sroufe (6B02) at 6B02@anc.dc.gov and copy Commissioner Karen Hughes (6B09), Chair of ANC 6B's Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee at 6B09@anc.dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Samuel Pastore
Chair, ANC 6B

Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

*At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed, meeting on **March 10, 2026**, and at the recommendation of its Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis (ABC) Committee, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **X-X-X** to file the following request.*

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B writes to express its strong support for B26-0522, the “Medical Cannabis Process Improvement Amendment Act of 2025,” and to urge the Committee of the Whole to provide it with timely consideration by holding a hearing and advancing the bill before the end of Council Period 26.

ANC 6B supports well-regulated medical cannabis and the legitimate small businesses in this industry. We understand and welcome the importance of the legalization process. We also affirm our support for DC-based, Black-owned businesses. In our role as neighborhood representatives, we have worked collaboratively and congenially with medical cannabis operators. We are committed to ensuring that the regulatory environment surrounding medical cannabis is transparent, predictable, and fair – as far as we contribute to the process.

Today we write to tell you that *the existing rules are creating unnecessary friction* around what should otherwise be a smooth license review process. District law has left gaps and vague standards that undermine confidence in the legalization process and have increased conflict at the neighborhood level. This is true even when all parties seek to act in good faith.

As such, ANC 6B supports B26-0522 as written, and we particularly want to call out the following elements:

- **Codify the Child Development Center Definition:** We are genuinely frustrated at the way current regulations treat organizations serving young children, and B26-0522 offers relief. By proposing a standard that does not discriminate between the many different child-serving institutions, this bill levels the playing field before a license case even gets to the ANC. We do not want business owners to make an investment, sign a lease and get all the way to ANC review before it becomes clear the ABCA review process failed to identify that the new cannabis shop is right next to a daycare center. We have had two such cases in the past year. This is frustrating for the neighborhood and the business owners alike. It is also easily preventable by incorporating the child development center definition into code, as B26-0522 would do.
- **Grant ANC Standing for Delivery Businesses:** ANC 6B also supports the provision in B26-0522 that would give ANCs standing with regards to the issuance, renewal, or transfer of an internet retailer license. According to their locations on Google Maps, many of these businesses are currently operating all over 6B, out of homes. Delivery businesses have implications for traffic, parking, and public order. ANC input it warranted.

ANC 6B respectfully requests that the Committee of the Whole hold a hearing on the “Medical Cannabis Process Improvement Amendment Act of 2025” during the first half of 2026 and then move the bill forward promptly thereafter. Timely action will provide much-needed clarity for business owners, ANCs, and families across the District of Columbia as we continue to transition from an era of unlicensed cannabis shops to a stable, community-oriented medical cannabis program.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to a regulatory framework that balances cannabis access, protection of children, neighborhood quality of life, and fair treatment of law-abiding businesses. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide additional information or testimony.

Sincerely,

March XX, 2026

Director Moosally
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)
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Re: Standardizing ABCA Placard Notification Email Format**

Dear Director Moosally,

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed, meeting on March 10, 2026, and at the recommendation of its Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis (ABC) Committee, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted X-X-X to file the following request.

ANC 6B is writing to request improvements on the format of ABCA notification emails to help ANC Commissioners and community members manage these notices more efficiently.

Currently, the subject lines of notification emails vary significantly in format and language. Since we rely on these subject lines to locate and organize notifications prior to our meetings, a consistent and standardized format would be extremely helpful. Below are three examples of recent email subject lines:

- Notice of Public Hearing – Streets Market (ABRA-132855)
- 6B09 Renewal Placard Notice: Hill East Burger
- Placard Notification: Good Stuff Eatery (ABRA-078027)

As you can see, some include “Placard Notification,” while others use “Placard Notice.” In certain cases, the SMD number or ABRA case number is included (both of which are very useful), but not consistently. While the format seems to be consistent for individual staff members, it differs between ABCA staff and it seems that there is no standard.

To improve clarity and consistency, we request the adoption of a uniform subject line format such as: “[SMD #] **Placard Notification: Business Name (ABCA Case #)**”. This would, in practice, look like: “**6B09 Placard Notification: Streets Market (ABCA-132855)**”. This standardized structure would make it far easier for Commissioners to track and compile relevant notifications in preparation for our ANC meetings.

We have passed this feedback along informally to staff, and it is our hope that with this letter the request will be given great weight. We welcome any dialogue, so please don’t hesitate to let us know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,
Samuel Pastore
Chair, ANC 6B
Commissioner 6B05