



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C
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ANC 3C Resolution 2025-004

To Protest ABRA-134075, Application for a Medical Cannabis Retailer, Safe-Use Treatment Facility, Delivery and Summer Garden Endorsements at 2653 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008

WHEREAS, District Growers has applied to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) for a Medical Cannabis Retailer license with Delivery, Safe-Use Treatment Facility, and Summer Garden endorsements at 2653 Connecticut Avenue NW in Woodley Park;

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C ("ANC3C") represents the residents of the neighborhoods of Cleveland Park, Massachusetts Avenue Heights, Woodley Park and Woodland-Normanstone in Ward 3, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, ANC 3C is the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission under D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06j, and the ABC Board must give ANC positions great weight under D.C. Official Code § 1-309.10(d);

WHEREAS, The proposed business is located on a major pedestrian corridor used daily by schoolchildren, university students, families, and tourists accessing the Smithsonian National Zoo from Metro;

WHEREAS, The building directly abuts a university student residence and educational program, whose faculty and students use an adjacent outdoor terrace and gallery spaces for frequent youth-serving programming, and whose operations would be directly affected by air emissions or odors;

WHEREAS, The applicant seeks onsite consumption and proposes an outdoor rear space where cannabis could be consumed, creating fugitive emissions and odor migration into neighboring properties and pedestrian circulation areas, which cannot be mitigated by visual screening alone and which may impact the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, The proposed operating hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. substantially overlap with peak youth and student pedestrian periods, increasing exposure concerns. The 2600 block of Connecticut includes an early-childhood play and learning business and a martial arts studio offering classes for children;

WHEREAS, Woodley Park currently has a fragile commercial district with limited storefronts and already has a cannabis retailer. A second retailer would result in over-concentration, altering the block's retail character and reducing neighborhood-serving diversity;

WHEREAS, ANC 3C has received extensive public comment citing pedestrian safety, youth exposure, air quality concerns, adjacent student housing impacts, and appropriateness issues, all of which are valid grounds for protest under Chapter 16B and ABCA medical cannabis protest standards, including appropriateness, pedestrian safety, and peace, order, and quiet considerations;

WHEREAS, ANC 3C hosted a meeting of the Planning, Zoning, Housing and Economic Development Committee on December 2 to hear the applicant make a presentation of plans and to hear the views of residents and community members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ANC3C PROTESTS application ABRA-134075 for a Medical Cannabis Retailer, Delivery, Safe-Use Treatment Facility, and Summer Garden at 2653 Connecticut Avenue NW, on the grounds of appropriateness, pedestrian and youth safety, neighborhood character, over-concentration, and external emissions and air-quality impacts consistent with ABCA protest authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ANC3C finds any outdoor or rear consumption space to be inappropriate at this location, because no feasible filtration or screening method can prevent fugitive emissions affecting adjacent residences, students, or children in the corridor, and therefore ANC 3C requests that the ABC Board deny any Safe-Use Treatment Facility or Summer Garden endorsement at this address.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ANC3C authorizes its Chair and the Commissioners for 3C01 to represent the Commission in this protest, including mediation, hearings, settlement negotiations, complaint filings, and all ABCA procedures. BE IT RESOLVED THAT ANC3C expresses its intent to work collaboratively with the Applicant to establish a settlement agreement that reflects the Commission's recommendations, addresses community concerns raised during the review process, and supports a project outcome that is compatible with the Woodley Park Business District.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janell Pagats', written in a cursive style.

Janell Pagats

Chair, on December 15, 2025

This resolution was approved by voice vote on December 15, 2025, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 4 of 7 commissioners) was present.