



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A

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February 1, 2022

Matthew Marcou, Chairman
Public Space Committee
c/o Public Space Regulation Division
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Resolution **#4A-02-01-22-02** Supporting Public Space Permit Application
#10906054 for New Sidewalk Café Enclosed at Mi Casita Taqueria, 5910
Georgia Avenue, NW

Dear Chairman Marcou:

Please be advised that the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A (“ANC 4A” or “Commission”), at its regularly scheduled and duly noticed public meeting on February 1, 2022, conducted virtually via videoconference and with a quorum of six out of seven Commissioners and the public present, ANC 4A approved the following resolution by a vote of five in favor, one opposed, to approve Public Space Permit Application #10906054:

During an emergency meeting for Single Member District (SMD) 4A06, where Mi Casita Taqueria is located, Commissioner Candace Tiana Nelson called for area residents to speak for or against the application. The restaurant was represented by Permit Applicant Ana Deleon. Commissioner Nelson and the Residents noted that Mi Casita Taqueria is in a location with high crime and high foot traffic, where there is frequent loitering. The following concerns were raised:

- Neighbors expressed concerns to the applicant, stating the hours of operation proposed in the application for the Sidewalk Café extend beyond reasonable hours.
 - The application proposes hours of operation from 8:00 am to 12:00 am.
 - Residents and the Applicant agreed upon hours of operation from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.
- Residents expressed concerns to the applicant, asking for the business’ trash, including the Sidewalk Café area, to be collected on a regular schedule.
 - Applicant agreed suggest the Business Owner assign staff to monitor the Sidewalk Café.

- Neighbors expressed concerns to the applicant, stating the tables and chairs utilized for the Sidewalk Café could invite more loitering in a location with high crime and high foot traffic, where there is frequent loitering.
- Residents expressed concerns to the applicant, asking whether the establishment would play at a decibel that can be heard through the residents' entrance or windows.
- **Neighbors and Commissioner Nelson agreed to support Public Space Permit Application #10906054 with the condition the Applicant and/or Business Owner will enter into a Settlement Agreement.**

The Settlement Agreement will consider Examples of the Appropriate Standards such as those named in DC Official Code Title 25. The most relevant for this establishment are as follows:

- The effect of the establishment on real property values.
- The effect of the establishment on peace, order, and quiet, including the noise and litter provisions set forth in §25-725 and §25-726.
- The effect of upon residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Commissioner **Candace Tiana Nelson**, ANC 4A06, is hereby **authorized** to serve as the Commission's **representative in all matters relating to this issue**. You may reach her by sending an email to candace.nelson@anc.dc.gov or 4A06@anc.dc.gov, or via telephone by dialing (202) 642-4149.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 4A requests the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) consider this resolution with great weight, consistent with DC Code §1--309, which states only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patience Singleton
Patience Singleton
Chair

CC: Janeese Lewis George, Ward 4 Councilmember
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Kisha Allen, Civil Engineering Technician, DDOT
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