

Government of the District of Columbia



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A

July 15, 2021

Mr. Franklin Carter  
Licensing Specialist  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration  
2000 14th Street NW, Suite 400 South  
Washington DC 20009

Applicant: ABRA Application #112422  
Qategna, Inc./Cafe  
1207 Tuckerman Street NW  
Washington, DC 20012

Dear Mr. Carter:

Please be advised that the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A, voted to oppose the issuance of a new Retail-Class "C" Tavern license for Qategna, Inc. (Applicant) at a special scheduled public meeting on July 13, 2021. The vote was 7 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Prior to the public meeting, ANC 4A issued notice to the applicant and to the public. The contact for the Applicant, Beniyam Woldeamanuel, has not responded to several requests to engage and sign a voluntary settlement agreement. The protest of this application is based on the following:

- (a) ongoing concerns about the over concentration of ABC licensed establishments on and near Georgia Avenue NW;
- (b) the granting of the requested liquor license to the establishment will have adverse impacts on the peace, order quiet and quality of life in the neighborhood, including but not limited to, public intoxication, increase littering, and increased loitering. The establishment is located near many residential homes. There is concern that if a license is granted, the quality of life of residents will be severely impacted by increased noise, particularly in the evening and late night hours, and by an upsurge in litter along the 1200 block of Tuckerman Street NW and the adjacent and nearby blocks;
- (c) The planned Tavern will be located in an area where parking is very limited in the evenings. The opening of this new establishment with the requested liquor license will only exacerbate the parking difficulties and could cause an increase in vehicular traffic putting pedestrian safety at an increased level of risk; and
- (d) the potential adverse impact on the economic development and property values of the homes near the establishment.

Please file this protest with the official record of this case. ANC 4A Commission designated Commissioner Patience Singleton, SMD 4A04, to present the ANC's position and protest at the public hearing conducted by the ABC Board. Please feel free to contact me at 202-596-9902 if there are any questions.

Thank you for your time in considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patience R. Singleton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Patience R. Singleton, Chair  
ANC 4A