



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D**

December 12, 2025

Chair Donovan Anderson  
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board  
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**RE: ANC 2D Resolution/Petition to Protest and Oppose Licensee Dupont Eatery, Inc., Trade Name: d/b/a Platinum DC Club, License Class: Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub, 1805 Connecticut Avenue NW -- Petition to Amend or Terminate the Settlement Agreement attached to its License (ABRA-128784) on the basis of peace, order and quiet and the effect upon residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety.**

Dear Chairman Anderson,

At its special meeting on December 11, 2025, the Sheridan-Kalorama Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2D" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 2 of 2 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (2-0):

**WHEREAS** the Applicant and Licensee Dupont Eatery, Inc., Trade Name: d/b/a Platinum DC Club, License Class: Retailer's Class "C" Nightclub, ("Platinum DC" or "Establishment") located at 1805 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. has petitioned to Amend or Terminate the Settlement Agreement (the "Petition") attached to its license. (ABRA-128784). The referenced Settlement Agreement is the 2020 Settlement Agreement ("2020 SA") to which ANC 2D is one of the parties. The Petition applicant, Platinum DC, is subject to the 2020 SA because it is the current license holder.

**WHEREAS** Platinum DC Club filed its Petition, and the ABC Board issued a public notice providing an opportunity for the filing of protests against the Petition.



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**WHEREAS** establishing and maintaining good relationships between residents, property owners and nightlife and commercial establishments is a responsibility and priority of ANC 2D.

**WHEREAS** Platinum DC is located on the boundary of ANC 2D Sheridan-Kalorama near residents and other entities including but not limited to apartment buildings, condominiums, individual homes, four houses of worship, and a Pre-K educational institution.

**WHEREAS** at the October 2025 and November 2025 regular ANC 2D meetings, ANC 2D residents, neighborhood organizations, and other ANC 2D property holders along with Platinum DC owner Mahesh Patel and their representatives, including Richard Bianco, were invited to testify about the Petition. Patel and Bianco spoke at the October 2025 ANC 2D meeting. Neighborhood constituents, including representatives from one of the parties to the 2020 SA, Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Counsel (“SKNC”), testified at both meetings outlining their concerns re: the Petition. Furthermore, at the December 11, 2025 Special ANC 2D meeting, participants were given an opportunity to comment and unanimously opposed the Petition.

**WHEREAS** it is ANC 2D’s understanding that if Platinum DC cannot terminate the 2020 SA, they would like to amend it in the following areas:

- Expand Hours
- Use the Upstairs Area for private parties and other events
- Release it from the RDO agreement

**WHEREAS** the previous licensee’s lack of oversight, problematic actions and inability to control behavior by the Establishment’s clientele resulted in the disruption of peace, order and quiet in the neighborhood, damage to and/or trash on residential property, and parking and vehicular safety issues for residents. These problematic occurrences led to the creation of the 2020 SA.



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**WHEREAS** the 2020 SA helps protect the neighborhood against adverse impacts caused by Platinum DC's operations, including but not limited to obligations with respect to hours of operation, floor utilization and occupancy, outdoor signage, security, parking, noise, privacy, trash, litter, and pests.

**WHEREAS** Terminating the 2020 SA and /or amending it, especially expanding the hours and allowing the use of the second floor would adversely affect residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety for the following reasons: First, street parking is not restricted to "residences only" on one side of the street in the neighborhood during evening hours. Second, paid parking options nearby will be severely limited or eliminated during construction at The former Universal Plaza located at 1825-1875 Connecticut Avenue, starting in early 2026, which contains garages that are the main source of public parking in the area (BZA Case No. 20879: 1825-1875 Connecticut Avenue). The garages will not be open to the public once the project is complete. Finally, an overflow of clientele into the neighborhood due to the opening of the second floor will decrease vehicular and pedestrian safety.

**WHEREAS** it appears that the Platinum DC signage and private entertainment activities in the Establishment, including private lap dance rooms, as advertised on Platinum DC's website, may violate the 2020 SA and DC law, indicating the need for ongoing vigilance and enforcement and having the 2020 SA in place.

**WHEREAS** according to testimony from MPD, the 2020 SA coupled with actions by the new licensee has resulted in fewer disturbances in the neighborhood, and therefore the 2020 SA is a useful tool in promoting peace, quiet and order.

**WHEREAS** the presence of RDO uniformed off-duty MPD officers and MPD cars-deters crime and neighborhood disturbances.



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**WHEREAS** ANC 2D's constituents--residences, neighborhood organizations and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church at 1830 Connecticut Ave NW, among others, unanimously oppose the Petition.

**WHEREAS** amending or terminating the current 2020 SA needs to be considered on its own merit and not exclusively on the behavior, track record and intentions of the current licensee. Terminating or amending the 2020 SA would affect all current and future license holders. Because there has been problematic behavior by past licensees, and the 2020 SA has helped mitigate those issues, the most prudent course is to keep it in place. This ensures its protections continue to apply, especially given the uncertainty of actions by future licensees.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** due to the issues outlined above ANC 2D *opposes* and *protests* Platinum DC's Petition to amend or terminate the current 2020 SA on the following grounds:

- The effect of the establishment on peace, order, and quiet.
- The effect of the establishment upon residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that both or either one of ANC 2D's Commissioners Carole L. Feld and/or Robyn Lipton are authorized to represent ANC 2D at any hearing or negotiations on this Protest Petition.

Commissioner Robyn Lipton (2D01@anc.dc.gov) and Commissioner Carole L. Feld (2D02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

**ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION**

Sincerely,

Carole L. Feld, Chair, ANC 2D