GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



July 18, 2024

DC Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration 2000 14th Street NW Washington, DC 20009

Sent by e-mail

RE: ABRA-127617 Lidl Grocer LLC application for Retailer Class A 25% License at 4000 Wisconsin Avenue NW

I am writing on behalf of ANC 3A to express our support for the request in ABRA-127167 for a Retailer Class A "25%" license to be granted to Lidl Grocer LLC to open and operate a full-service grocery store at 4000 Wisconsin Avenue NW selling beer, wine, and spirits. We announced the application at our May 14 public meeting and also included notice of the application in the agenda that month, which we shared on the ANC 3A website and circulated to our local listservs and email lists.

The applicant made a presentation to the Commissioners about the license application at the duly-noticed ANC 3A public meeting on June 18, 2024, at which a quorum was present. The Commission had posted the proposed meeting agenda the required 7 days in advance of the meeting, included the item on the agenda, and invited public comments about the application. The meeting was held in "hybrid" format to allow members of the community to participate in person or by virtual technology, and we invited comments from participants during the meeting. The applicants responded to all questions at the meeting. We did not receive any comments in opposition to the application.

We understand that Lidl is eligible to apply for a Retailer Class A 25% license on the basis that the company constructed and has been operating a new full-service grocery store at Skyland in Ward 7, which is one of the qualifying zones areas identified in the "Reopen Washington D.C. Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration Amendment Act of 2022" that provided for this new class of license. At the meeting, ANC 3A Commissioners expressed their support for Lidl's decision to invest in the new establishment in Ward 7 and operate a much-needed grocery store in that location providing fresh fruits and vegetables and a wide range of other grocery products at economical prices.

After the presentation by Lidl at the June 18 ANC 3A meeting, I made a motion for the ANC to vote on a resolution supporting the application. The motion was seconded and the Commissioners voted 4-0 to approve the resolution. (Three Commissioners make a quorum.) As Chair, I am designated to represent ANC 3A on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or would like additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis

Chair

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