

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



Resolution in Support of Stipulated License with Entertainment Endorsement for Acqua Bistecca at 10 Ridge Square NW (ABC-132936)

Acqua Bistecca, a new restaurant located at 10 Ridge Square NW, Washington, DC, 20016, has applied to the DC Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABC) for a Substantial Change to its Retailer Class C license to add an Entertainment Endorsement for Live Entertainment, Dancing, and a Cover Charge. The establishment has also requested ANC 3A support for a stipulated license for the endorsement to allow the changes to go into effect immediately, until the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board can review comments on the application.

The restaurant is part of a new mixed use commercial and residential complex that opened in 2022 on the site of the former Fannie Mae headquarters in Northwest Washington. The restaurant is a high-quality dining establishment headed by chef Michael Mina and has been offering meal and beverage service to guests since early September. The location is within the City Ridge development, facing the street-level entrance to the Wegman's supermarket and across the street from the King Street Oyster Bar, Shinwa Izakaya, and Tatte Café and Bakery. There are no single family homes in the development.

The restaurant is operating indoors only at this point and plans to continue serving patrons only inside through the winter, though it has an endorsement for a small Summer Garden opposite the Wegman's. The applicant has told the ANC that no entertainment or other services will be offered outdoors until after the stipulated license would end. The management is planning to offer live music such as a jazz band during dinner service, primarily on Friday and Saturday evenings, or potentially a DJ, but no dancing or cover charge for the coming months. The applicants also told the ANC the establishment has no plans for a New Year's Eve event or other entertainment beyond the current closing time of 10 pm.

We understand that ABCA requires support from the affected ANC for a requested stipulated license. ANC 3A hosted a presentation by Acqua Bistecca about its plans for having live entertainment as an item on the duly noticed ANC 3A public meeting on December 16, 2025, at which a quorum was present. We have also invited public comments on the request. No one has submitted any complaints about the restaurant's operations or raised any objections to the requested endorsement or the stipulated license. At the December 16 meeting, the ANC 3A Commissioners discussed that having a stipulated license would allow the restaurant to offer entertainment at this important time of year and would also give the ANC a chance to consider any comments or concerns while the stipulated license is in effect which could suggest potential terms for a settlement agreement for the longer term.

Therefore, ANC 3A supports granting of the requested stipulated license for the entertainment endorsement at Acqua Bistecca. This resolution was approved by the ANC by a vote of 4-0 at its duly noticed public meeting December 16, 2025, at which a quorum was participating. (Three of the five members constitute a quorum.) By the same vote, the Commission also designated the Chair to represent the Commission on this matter.

Chair

Secretary