



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E**

P.O. Box 2236, Washington, DC 20013

February 27, 2024

Mr. Donovan Anderson  
Chair, Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Control Board  
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**Resolution in Protest of Medical Cannabis License for Relva, 311 H St., NW – License # ABCA-127296**

On February 27, 2024, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E (“ANC 6E” or “Commission”) conducted virtually via videoconference and with a quorum of 6 out of 9 Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6E approved the following resolution by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS, the Duties and Responsibilities of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Act of 1975 grants ANC 6E the responsibility to advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency and all independent agencies, boards, and commissions of the government of the District of Columbia with respect to all matters of District government policy, including decisions regarding planning, streets, recreation, social services programs, education, health, safety, and sanitation which affect the ANC 6E area;

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2024, ANC 6E considered the medical cannabis license application of M.J. Jennings Enterprises LLC, doing business as Relva at 311 H Street NW, hearing a presentation from Mr. Jennings, and hearing from ANC 6E Commissioners and members of the public;

WHEREAS, Relva is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of ANC 6E in Single Member District 6E08;

WHEREAS, Relva’s medical cannabis retail license application requests licensing for retail operating hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week;

WHEREAS, Relva’s medical cannabis retail license application requests an endorsement for the operation of a “safe-use treatment facility” at 313 H St. NW with business hours of noon to midnight seven days a week;

WHEREAS, ANC 6E has concerns about potential negative impacts of the opening of a “safe-use treatment facility” and Relva retail operations;

WHEREAS, the ANC’s concerns are based on considerations of peace, order and quiet, as well as possible negative impacts on pedestrian and vehicle safety, parking, sanitation, odors, and the real estate and rental values on the north side of H Street NW between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets NW, which include the Sonata Condominium at 301 Massachusetts Avenue NW; 309 H Street, a vacant commercial property; 311 H Street, now occupied by the Relva cannabis store; 313 H Street, a vacant commercial property; 315 H Street, the Jefferson Apartment Building, a vacant property built in 1899 that in 1994 was entered on the National Register of Historic Places; and 317 H Street, a vacant commercial property;



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WHEREAS, the opening of a “safe-use treatment facility” with hours from noon to until midnight, which is a closing time later than most other businesses in the vicinity, may disturb the peace and quiet with noise from patrons, pick ups and drop offs, and music from the facility;

WHEREAS, the retail and “safe-use treatment facility” may disturb the order by lines of patrons waiting to enter; by trash and odors from food and beverage service; and additional pressure on street parking;

WHEREAS, the presence of a retail cannabis sales storefront and a “safe-use treatment facility” at 311 and 313 H Street NW could have a negative impact on sales or rentals of adjacent commercial addresses;

WHEREAS, the presence of a retail cannabis sales storefront and “safe-use treatment facility” at 311 and 313 H Street NW could have a negative impact on sales or rental values of adjacent residential buildings, namely the Sonata Condominium, the Madrigal Lofts Condominium at 811 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 425 Mass Apartments at 425 Massachusetts Avenue NW, and the Cantata at 801 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW;

WHEREAS, members of the community in SMD 6E08 have concerns about the medical cannabis license application and have made them known to the ANC commissioner for 6E08;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 6E protests the medical cannabis retail license application by M.J. Jennings Enterprises LLC, doing business as Relva;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E designates Commissioner Dale Prince to represent the ANC before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration.

Signed, on behalf of the Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher A. Hart". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Chris Hart

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E