



GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson  
ABRA  
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Dear Chairperson Miller:

I am writing to you to express concern over troubling conditions we found in the Golden Triangle on the morning of Sunday, November 1, 2015, immediately following the October 31 Nightmare on M Street Bar Crawl. We request that the District rethink policy around bar crawl events, especially as it relates to trash removal, crowd management, safety, and property damage.

Attached are several pictures that document the conditions of our neighborhood before and after the bar crawl. The pictures show the outlandish amount of trash that our workers and businesses encountered the following morning, especially in the 1300 block of Connecticut, and the 1800 block of M Street. In the days immediately following the bar crawl, we received numerous complaints from businesses in these areas about trash and vomit directly outside their businesses. Also, landscaping installed by one building owner was destroyed, and one local clothing retailer had to close early, on Saturday afternoon, as their staff felt unsafe because of the drunk and disorderly crowds outside their door.

The sponsors of this bar crawl profited from the activity, while the community around them dealt with the consequences. Our cleaning staff had to suspend their planned projects for the weekend (painting light poles, power washing sidewalks, and removing leaves from curb areas) in order to focus their attention on cleaning around the bar crawl. As a result, the BID was uncharacteristically dirty through Tuesday morning, four days later, when we were finally able to catch up with cleaning the rest of the BID. This is not productive for the BID nor for the city.

We respectfully request the following:

- That the city require bar crawl applicants to pay a fee up front to offset the cost of clean-up afterwards. If the city cleans up afterwards, then the funds should go to the city; if a BID cleans up afterwards, the funds should be transferred to the BID. We note that the same promoter is planning a bar crawl for New Years' Eve. New Years' Day is a holiday for Golden Triangle Ambassadors and, I assume, for city cleaning crews. We implore that this issue be resolved before a permit is issued.
- That the city revisit existing settlement agreements to ensure that they are being honored and enforced.
- That the city commit to a more proactive and positive approach to managing nightlife districts, one that includes a variety of agencies and stakeholders. MPD for years has provided enlightened leadership on nightlife issues, but there needs to be participation and commitment from other agencies throughout the government.

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The bar crawl magnified the issues that we deal with on a regular basis as a result of the concentration of bars and clubs in our area. We agree that the nighttime economy is good for the city and the neighborhood, but caution that we are reaching a point where the saturation is causing consequences that must be addressed with policies that more accurately reflect the current situation.

We would be happy to work with you to identify solutions. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, Golden Triangle BID

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**AFTER BAR CRAWL: Sunday, November 1, 2015- 1300 Block of Connecticut Ave NW**



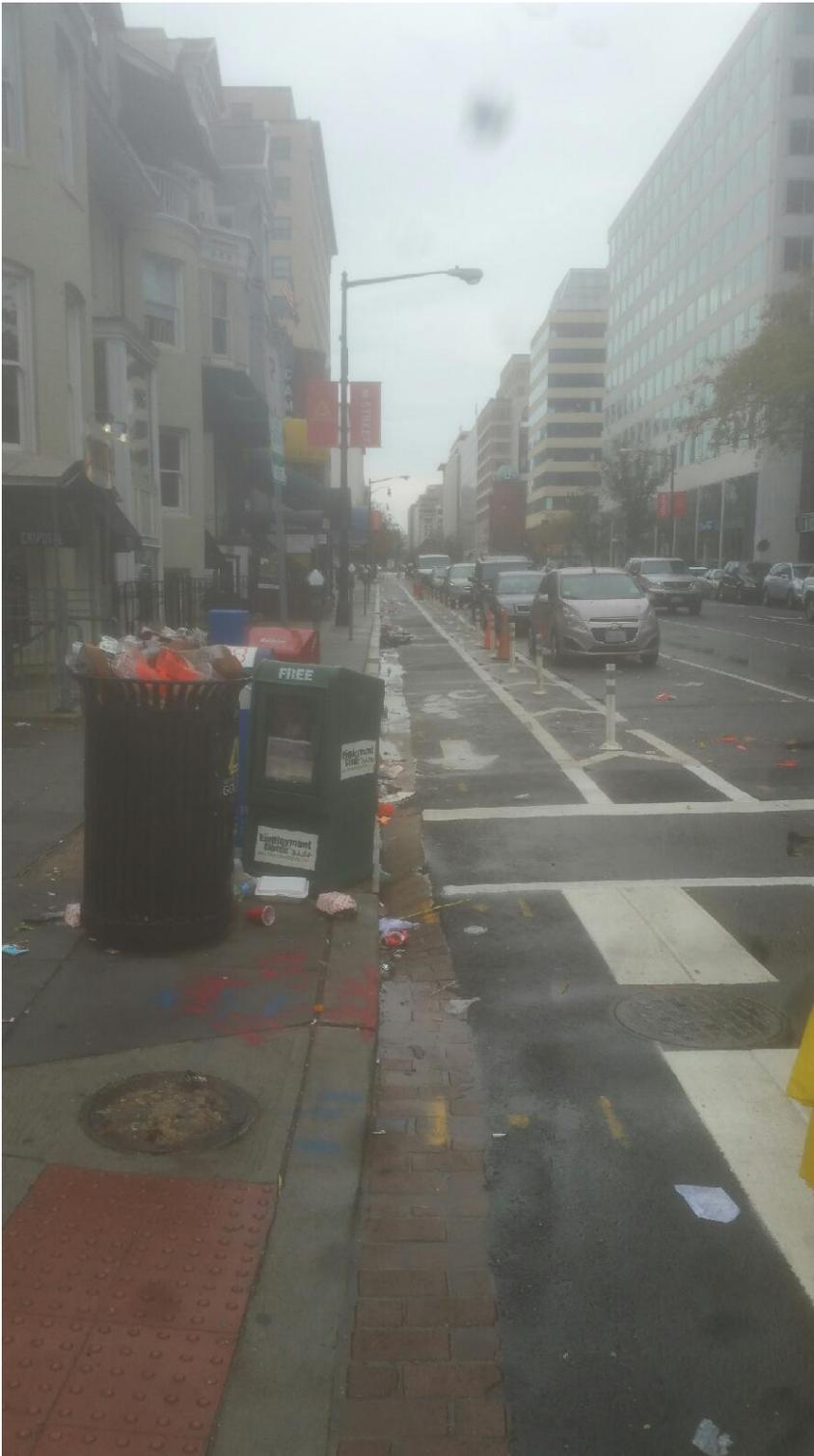
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**DURING BAR CRAWL: Saturday, October 31, 2015- 1301 Connecticut Ave NW**



**AFTER BAR CRAWL: Sunday, November 1, 2015- 1800 Block of M Street NW**



**BEFORE BAR CRAWL: Friday October 30, 2015- 1300 Block of Connecticut Ave NW**



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**BEFORE BAR CRAWL: Friday October 30, 2015- 1800 Block of M St. NW**

