

GREATER REMINGTON
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Economic Matters Committee
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Secretary**SUPPORT: HB0346 Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages
– 43rd Alcoholic Beverages District – Class B–D–7
Licenses - Delegates Boyce and Embry**Sadie Baker
TreasurerChairman Wilson and Members of the Economic Matters
Committee:**Board Members at Large**Matt Williams
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April WelchThe Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) is
writing in support of HB0346 to create new tavern licenses in
our community.**Director of Neighborhood
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In 2018, GRIA successfully brought the community driven
2017 Remington Neighborhood Plan to the Baltimore City
Department of Planning for acceptance. This plan outlined a
desired future for our community: one that is dense, walkable,
and filled with a mix of commercial, institutional, residential,
and open space uses that allow all residents access to
opportunity and the daily things they want and need without
having to get into a car.**Volunteer and Events
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Amongst other things, the Remington Neighborhood Plan calls for:

- Encouragement of a variety of commercial uses, particularly those that foster greater social interaction, such as outdoor seating;
- Promoting neighborhood-scale commercial uses along four major corridors: Remington Avenue, Huntingdon Avenue, 28th Street, and 29th Street, as well as minor corridors with historic storefronts;
- Land uses that support a more walkable, dense neighborhood, including restaurants, coffee houses, cafes, high-quality taverns, and small boutique shops for household goods.

Utilizing rezoning recommended in the neighborhood plan, we were able to convert many vacant historic retail storefronts in Remington into local businesses, including B. Willow, Cafe Los Sueños, Doppio Pasticceria, Fringe Salon, Mount Royal Soaps, and Old Market Barbers.



However, several of these businesses need to diversify their income streams to thrive. And, several other properties in the neighborhood that would be ideal restaurants or high-quality taverns lack the seating capacity, capital investment minimum, or ability to create kitchen space that would make them attractive to purchasers or tenants.

In speaking with these existing Remington businesses and business owners and investors interested in locating in Remington, it is clear that the creation of these licenses would be of immense benefit to sustaining and growing current businesses and reducing the remaining vacancy of storefronts in the community.

The MOU process written into the legislation will strengthen partnerships between business owners and the community association, and the provisions for a majority of average daily receipts to be on premises and restricting a separate package goods department will ensure that these businesses operate within the intent of the neighborhood plan.

As this request is consistent with the Remington Neighborhood Plan, the GRIA Board voted on January 8th, 2025 to write this letter of support for HB0346. We encourage its passage.

Sincerely,

Corey Jennings
President