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Go-Go Star Shorty Corleone Launches New Anacostia Restaurant, DCity Wings & Shorty's

June, 15, 2020 - Washington, DC -- Longtime **Rare Essence** vocalist **Charles "Shorty Corleone" Garris'** new restaurant, **DCity Wings & Shortys**, opening soon at 1301 Good Hope Road SE in Anacostia, will begin carryout service Monday June 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. out of its sister restaurant, **DCity SmokeHouse**, 203 Florida Avenue NW.

Go-go music is tremendously popular throughout the Washington area, and Shorty Corleone is the first go-go star to lend his celebrity to a restaurant venture. He is partnering with **Melvin Hines**, owner of Southeast Restaurant Group, whose properties include DCity Smokehouse and Wicked Bloom Social Club. The black-owned DCity Wings & Shorty's will offer fast, casual service and a full menu of southern-style cooking, including **Smoking Crispy Chicken Wings**, seasoned to make the chicken pop and "**shortys**"—beef and pork short ribs.

A remarkably gifted singer who signed his first recording contract at age 14, Shorty Corleone has long dreamed of opening a restaurant inspired by childhood memories of his family's celebratory backyard barbecues, full of love and the best collard greens in the city. "Now that go-go has been honored as the official music of Washington, D.C., the time is right for the city's first restaurant paying homage to our precious musical culture," says Shorty Corleone.

Hines, who grew up in Capitol Heights as a "super huge fan of Rare Essence," is thrilled at the chance to work with Shorty Corleone. "This opportunity came up in Southeast Washington to expand the DCity brand, and the DCity Wings & Shorty's concept was a natural. Just the energy that he brings in terms of trying to bring something fresh, he is bringing something to this

community that's just a little different from what we ordinarily get at the end of the day," says Hines.

Menu highlights include the **Q-Dog Half Smoke**, with brisket, barbecue sauce, sauerkraut, coleslaw, mustard, and ketchup, and **Lil Benny's Baked Beans**, named in honor of the late go-go star **Anthony "Lil Benny" Harley**, who taught Shorty Corleone how to add pineapple to his baked beans. For **Grandma's Yuma Street Collard Greens**, Shorty Corleone borrowed his grandmother's recipe. "She prepared them with love and turkey necks," he says. "You would shake your head after every bite." Also on the menu is **Freak A Deak Fried Onions**, **Scooby's Spiced Fries**, and **South Side Funnel Cake**.

Hines recently bought a house not far from the new restaurant, and he's hoping to bring positive change to his new neighborhood through good food and hospitality. "If we are part of the Anacostia community, the residents will come and support us," he says.

"I think it brings a sense of excitement for the community that they see something like this from a homegrown talent, someone out of Ward 8 who is one of theirs," Shorty says. "This is something that we can call ours."

Lil Benny's "Baked Beans" , Go-Go Mickey's "Mac & Cheese",
Bootsy's "Brussels" ,
Bounce Beat "Hushpuppies" , Scooby "Spiced Fries", Grandma's
Yuma St. "Collard Greens"
Sweat Cherie's "Go-Go Grits", Freak A Deak "Fried Onions", Sugar
Bear's "Brisket Chilli", Shorty Dud's "In the Pocket "Fried Pickles",
TCB Polo's "Potato Salad", Billy The Kid's Coleslaw" and
Ms. Kim's "Cornbread" Sticks.

Dessert

South Side Funnel Cake (Coming Soon)

Shorty's "Sangria"

