

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD**

In the Matter of:

Solo Entertainment, LLC
t/a Sost

Applicant for Renewal of a
Retailer's Class CT License

at premises
1901 9th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Case No.: 25-PRO-00114

License No.: ABRA-126215

Order No.: 2026-279

Solo Entertainment, LLC, t/a Sost, Applicant

Miguel Trindade-Deramo and Francois Barrilleaux, Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood
Commission (ANC) 1B, Protestant

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
Silas Grant, Jr., Member
Teri Janine Quinn, Member
Ryan Jones, Member
David Meadows, Member

**ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
WITHDRAWAL OF ANC 1B'S PROTEST**

The Application filed by Solo Entertainment, LLC, t/a Sost (Applicant), for Renewal of its Retailer's Class CT License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on December 8, 2025, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-601 (2001).

The official records of the Board reflect that the Applicant and ANC 1B have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated March 5, 2026, that governs the operations of the Applicant's establishment.

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant and Commissioners Miguel Trindade-Deramo and Francois Barrilleaux, on behalf of ANC 1B, are signatories to the Agreement.

This Agreement constitutes a withdrawal of the Protest filed by ANC 1B of this Application.

Accordingly, it is this 18th day of March 2026, **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application filed by Solo Entertainment, LLC, t/a Sost, for renewal of its Retailer's Class CT License, located at 1901 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC, is **GRANTED**;
2. The Protest of ANC 1B in this matter is hereby **WITHDRAWN**;
3. The above-referenced Settlement Agreement submitted by the parties to govern the operations of the Applicant's establishment is **APPROVED** and **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order; except for the following modification:

Section 1 (Nature of the Establishment) – The first sentence shall be modified to read as follows: “The Applicant will operate and manage a Class "C" Tavern or other license issued by the Board in accordance with the terms and conditions of that license.”

The parties have agreed to this modification.

4. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

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Ryan Jones, Member



David Meadows, Member

Any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision or other motion permitted by law within ten days of service of this Order. If a motion is filed, the opposing party may file a response within seven days. If a response is filed, the movant may file a reply within three days. All filings should be served on all parties to the matter and delivered to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 4200-A, Washington, D.C. 20002, or sent by email to abca.legal@dc.gov. Parties are further advised that the failure to properly serve the other parties or to present all matters of record that have allegedly been erroneously decided in a motion for reconsideration may result in the waiver of those matters being considered by the Board. The Board also reserves the right to summarily deny or not consider multiple and repetitive motions.

In addition to filing a Motion for Reconsideration, pursuant to § 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. Official Code § 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, a party that is adversely affected may have the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within 30 days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, located at 430 E Street,

N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Parties are advised that the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. *See* D.C. App. Rule 15(b) (2004).

Parties are also advised that the Superior Court of the District of Columbia may have jurisdiction to hear appeals in non-contested cases or in matters where that court is specifically provided jurisdiction by law. Finally, advisory neighborhood commissions (ANCs) are advised that their right to appeal or challenge a decision of the Board may be limited by the laws governing ANCs. *See e.g.*, D.C. Code § 1-309.10(g).

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MARCH 5, 2026

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Transmittal of Commission Actions to ABCA

Applicant: "SOST"/Solo Entertainment, LLC

ABRA-126215, 1901 9TH STREET NW, Renewal, C Tavern

ANC1B Action:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 8 present at its meeting dated March 5, 2026, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted, with 8 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstention, to take the following action with respect to the above noted license application:

	Protest the license
	Support request for a license renewal
X	Approve Settlement Agreement
	Support license application

Delegation:

Pursuant to 1603.3 the ANC may designate any member or every member of tis Commission to participate in the protest process. The ANC 1B SMD Commissioner shall have the primary responsibility to stand for the Commission within their SMD. Further, any ANC 1B Commissioner may serve as a delegate to represent the Commission. All communication regarding protests should be shared with 1b@anc.dc.gov for coordination.

On behalf of the Commission.


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Miguel Trindade Deramo
Commission Chairperson


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Francois Barrilleaux
Commissioner 1B02



**Settlement Agreement between Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B and
“SOST”.**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this day March 5, 2026, by and between Solo Entertainment, LLC “SOST”, (“Applicant”) and ANC 1B (“ANC”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Applicant has filed an application for a renewal to a Retailer’s Class C Tavern License (“License”) for a business Establishment located at 1901 9th St NW (“Establishment”);

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (“Board”)’s policy of encouraging parties to a liquor licensing proceeding to settle their differences by reaching Settlement Agreements, by their signatures below, the parties hereto desire to enter into a Settlement Agreement whereby (1) Applicant will agree to adopt certain measures to address ANC’s concerns and to include this Agreement as a formal condition of its renewal application, and (2) ANC will not file a protest of the application provided that the Board approve this Agreement conditioned upon Applicant’s compliance with its terms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Nature of the Establishment:
 - Applicant will operate and manage a Class C Tavern Establishment, as defined by the Board. Applicant shall comply with all conditions applicable to this license class.
2. Hours: Establishment’s permitted hours of operation, and selling, serving, and consuming alcohol shall be **newly agreed** as follows. This differs from what was originally included in their placard:

- a. Interior Hours of Operation:
 - Sunday through Thursday: 7am – 2am
 - Friday and Saturday: 7am – 3am
 - b. Interior Hours of Operation and Sales, Service, and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages:
 - Sunday through Thursday: 11am – 2am
 - Friday and Saturday: 11am – 3am
 - c. Hours of Indoor Entertainment:
 - Sunday through Thursday: 6pm – 1am
 - Friday and Saturday: 6pm – 2:30am
 - d. However, (1) on days designated by the DC ABC Board as “Extended Hours for ABC Establishments” Applicant may operate and serve alcohol for such hour(s); (2) in the event the Council of the District of Columbia or the DC ABC Board grant licensees in general extended operating hours (such as Inauguration or World Cup) Applicant may avail itself of such extended hours; and (3) on January 1 of each year Applicant may serve alcoholic beverages until 4:00 am
 - e. Snow removal shall be completed within 6 hours of end of a storm or no later than 12:00pm on the following day if the snowstorm ends after 12:00am
3. Noise:
- a. Applicant shall comply with applicable noise-control regulations, including, but not limited to, those in District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) Title 20 and Title 25.
 - b. Applicant agrees to keep its doors and windows closed in compliance according to ABRA DC official Code Section 25-725 to ensure noise is not audible in any neighboring residential building at any time.
 - c. Applicant shall take reasonable, necessary actions to ensure that music, noise, and vibration from the Establishment are in compliance according to ABRA DC official Code Section 25-725 and not audible in any residence, nor perceptible within fifteen (15) feet of a building where an individual resides.
 - d. Applicant shall take reasonable steps to comply with ABRA DC official Code Section 25-725. Applicant shall continue to work with a sound engineer as needed to assess the best options for plugging noise leaks and ensuring noise is not heard in neighboring residences. Applicant shall share noise engineer reports with the ANC.
 - e. Applicant shall continue to work with a sound engineer as needed to make reasonable architectural modifications to the Establishment, such as upgrades to windows on the premises, upgrades to the sound system; and installing soundproofing and noise mitigation measures to ensure sound cannot be heard in neighboring residences.
 - f. Applicants shall comply with ABRA DC official Code Section 25-725.
 - g. Exterior doors and windows shall not remain open during operating hours.
 - h. Amplified speakers used in the interior must be on stands, raised, and/or mounted to reduce vibrations.
 - i. Applicant’s front door shall remain closed (not propped open), other than for ingress and egress, when amplified music is occurring and as required to comply with ABRA DC official Code Section 25-725.
 - j. Applicant shall inform its patrons by signage and other means, including staff members or security personnel, that residences are in proximity to the Establishment and urge



quiet and decorum by patrons on exiting the Establishment.

- k. Applicant shall receive deliveries only between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No deliveries, except fresh food, shall be accepted on Sunday. Exceptions will be allowed as reasonably necessary for operations.
- l. Applicant's security manager on duty, or their designee, shall be responsible for handling any noise issue complaints from the neighbors. For this purpose, the ANC shall be given a number to distribute to the neighboring residents, as requested. Any noise complaints received via this number will be addressed immediately by reducing noise and/or vibration, ceasing entertainment, or taking any other necessary remedial action.
- m. Applicant shall agree to at least one ABCA sound check per year, upon request by nearby residents, to determine maximum sound levels that remain in compliance with D.C. Official Code § 25-725.

4. Trash and Odors:

- a. Applicant is encouraged to work with the ANC towards solutions for removing dumpsters and grease barrels from public space on site and collectively in surrounding block.
- b. All trash, recyclable materials, and grease stored outdoors at the Establishment shall be in closed containers that are resistant to vermin, leaks, and odors.
- c. Applicant shall deposit trash and garbage only in rodent resistant dumpsters and shall see that dumpster covers fit properly and remain fully closed except when trash or garbage is being added or removed.
- d. Any damaged or leaking containers shall be repaired or replaced within 72 hours. Outdoor containers shall be kept closed at all times, and no waste or other materials shall be stored outdoors, except in such containers.
- e. Applicant shall arrange for trash and recycling collection a minimum of 3 times per week.
- f. Applicant shall not allow trash or recyclable disposal or collection between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. to arrest noise from bottle dumping, etc., to neighbors.
- g. Applicant shall keep the exterior (including immediately adjacent portions of the alley way) of the Establishment free of litter, bottles, chewing gum, trash, other debris and power wash monthly, and as reasonably determined by Applicant.
- h. Applicant shall take reasonable, necessary actions to mitigate odors emanating from the Establishment, including, if necessary, installing and maintaining high-efficiency grease extracting kitchen exhaust ventilation and filtering systems of sufficient design and capacity as to reduce the external emission of odors.
- i. Applicant shall take reasonable measures to ensure that the areas immediately adjacent to the Establishment, including the rear alley and front sidewalk are kept in a clean and litter-free condition at least once per day.

5. Rat and Vermin Control:

- a. Applicant shall reasonably ensure that the areas immediately adjacent to the premises, including the sidewalk and alley abutting the premises and around its dumpster, are swept and trash and other waste are removed from the ground to help eliminate potential attractions for rodents, pests, and other vermin.



- b. The applicant should take reasonable steps to maintain pest control at the establishment and work with a licensed exterminator.
6. Security & Queuing:
 - a. Applicant shall prevent any patrons from queuing or organizing near or alongside any residential properties. Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to prevent excessive noise from waiting patrons, including, but not limited to, verbal warnings, patron removal, reduction in size and length of the queue, and organizing the queue in such a way as to be as far from residential areas.
 - b. The applicant shall make reasonable efforts to prevent the queue from extending next to the homes located at 817 T Street, including moving the line to the north along 9th Street (from 1901 toward 1903, 1905, etc.) so as not to disrupt the R1 residential zones.
 - c. Security or other staff shall actively ensure that the sidewalk remains open and available for egress, taking measures to unblock this area to keep sidewalks free and not blocked by patrons who may be congregating on 9th street.
 - d. Applicant shall make reasonable efforts to reduce the potential for patrons queuing to enter the Establishment. Applicant shall maintain rope and stanchions for patrons queuing to enter the establishment. Only one queue is permitted. Applicant shall make reasonable efforts to minimize the queue's impact on the public space, including having an employee stationed outside to monitor patrons waiting in the queue, including but not limited to being reminded verbally or by signage – to maintain a conversational noise level out of respect for nearby residences.
 - e. Applicant shall take all reasonable steps to minimize problems of illegal drugs and public drinking, including, by having a sufficient number of trained employees to assure adequate security and to control unruly patrons, whether inside or in the immediate outside area; monitoring for and prohibiting sales or use of illegal drugs within or about the Premises cooperating with MPD and other enforcement officials when known or suspected drug activities occur.
 - f. Applicant shall maintain ownership and control of the Premises, including patrons' ingress and egress, staff of the establishment, including any bar and
 - g. Under no circumstances shall Applicant permit a third-party or promoter to be responsible for providing security or maintaining control over the establishment's existing security personnel.
7. Parking:
 - a. Applicant shall discourage its employees from parking their vehicles illegally, on streets signed with parking restrictions, including time-limited parking and resident-only parking.
 - b. Applicant shall encourage vendors and contractors to park legally, and, as reasonably necessary, work with DDOT, DPW or the appropriate agency to resolve issues related to illegal parking by its vendors and contractors.
 - c. Applicant shall notify patrons, on Establishment website or other advertising, that there is limited parking in the vicinity and shall encourage the use of public transportation or walking.
8. Compliance with Regulations: Applicant shall comply with regulations of the Board (ABRA), Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Public Works (DPW), and other applicable DC agency regulations



regarding conduct of its business and the ownership of the license.

9. Binding Effect: This Agreement shall be binding upon and enforceable against the successors and assigns of Applicant during the term of the license to which this Agreement applies. Applicant agrees to specifically notify any prospective transferee of the existence of this Agreement and to provide them with a copy.
10. Agreement Available Upon Demand. A copy of this Agreement shall be kept at the Establishment and made available to law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration inspectors upon request.
11. Notices.
 - a. Notices shall be provided by email, U.S. Mail, or hand-delivery as follows:
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B
2000 14th St., NW, Suite 100B
Washington, DC 20009
1b@anc.dc.gov

If to Applicant:
SOST
1901 9th St NW
Washington DC, 20009
Attn: Siem Abebe
 - b. Failure to give notice shall not constitute waiver or acquiescence to the violation.

WHEREFORE, by the signing of the representatives of Applicant and ANC, Applicant hereby agrees to the aforementioned covenants and ANC agrees to refrain from filing a protest against Applicant's ABC License application, provided that this Agreement is incorporated into the Board's order approving Applicant's Class C Tavern ABC license.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first above written.

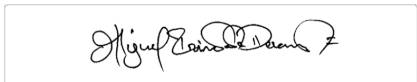
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Francois Barrillaux

Date Signed: Mar 10, 2026

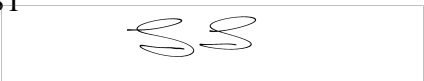

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Miguel Trindade-Deramo, Chair, ANC 1B

Date Signed: Mar 10, 2026

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Date Signed: Mar 11, 2026