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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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 ROLL CALL HEARING

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 IN THE MATTER OF: :
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 Mariachi Lounge Bar & :
 Grill, LLC, t/a Mariachi :
 Lounge Bar & Grill :
 5217 Georgia Ave NW : Roll Call
 License #122495 : Hearing
 Retailer R - ANC 4D :
 Case #22-PRO-00140 :
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 (New License) :
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Monday
 January 3, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
 met via WebEx videoconference, LaVerne
 Fletcher, Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

CHRYSANTHE COURNIOTES, ANC 4D

ZI RUSSELL, Applicant

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10:20 a.m.

MS. FLETCHER: Next case on the calendar is Mariachi Lounge Bar and Grill. This is Case No. 22-PRO-00140. Mariachi Lounge Bar & Grill, LLC. 5217 Georgia Avenue NW. License No. ABRA 122495.

This is a retailer class -- is it a retailer class -- I thought it was CR. Hold on one second please. One second. Retailer Class CR. This is a new license application. The protest issues are adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet.

Is anyone here on behalf of the establishment? Is anyone present on behalf of Mariachi Lounge Bar & Grill? Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 4D?

MS. COURNIOTES: Yes. I'm Chrysanthe Courniotes. I'm the new commissioner for 4D-04. My name is spelled C-H-R-Y-S-A-N-T-H-E C-O-U-R-N-I-O-T-E-S.

MS. FLETCHER: How do you pronounce the last name?

MS. COURNIOTES: Courniotes.

MS. FLETCHER: Well it's spelled

1 like it sounds.

2 MS. COURNIOTES: Exactly.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

4 MS. COURNIOTES: Yeah. That was
5 pointed out to me like when I was in high
6 school that it's spelled that way.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Well thank you very
8 much for coming. Nice to meet you. ANC 4D
9 does have standing as a protestant. There is
10 no one here on behalf of the establishment
11 which means that the application for the new
12 license is dismissed.

13 And what that means, Ms. Courniotes.

14 MS. COURNIOTES: Courniotes, yes.

15 MS. FLETCHER: -otis. What that
16 means is that a board order will be issued
17 dismissing the application because the
18 applicant is not present today.

19 MS. COURNIOTES: Mm-hmm.

20 MS. FLETCHER: You will receive a
21 copy of that board order. The applicant will
22 have ten days to seek reinstatement of the
23 application. They'll have to explain to the
24 ABC board why they were not present today. If
25 the ABC board -- you have an opportunity to

1 respond to whatever their response is.

2 If the ABC board reinstates the
3 application, then you will hear from me because
4 we'll need to set some dates.

5 MS. COURNIOTES: Okay.

6 MS. FLETCHER: For mediation, a
7 status hearing, and a protest hearing but today
8 there's nothing we need to do.

9 MS. COURNIOTES: Okay.

10 MS. FLETCHER: So thank you for
11 coming and we'll keep you posted.

12 MS. COURNIOTES: Thank you.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

14 MS. COURNIOTES: And I look forward
15 to working with you.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Look forward to
17 working with you too. See you soon I hope.

18 MS. COURNIOTES: Okay. Bye.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Bye-bye.

20 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
21 matter went off the record at 10:24 a.m. and
22 resumed at 10:43 a.m.)

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So there is
24 someone who is going to need to join us, so
25 I'm going to send them an invitation and they

1 will be joining us any moment.

2 And so we're waiting for someone to
3 appear in a case that was previously dismissed.
4 So I will go ahead and recall this case right
5 now. The applicant should be appearing any
6 moment.

7 I am recalling the case of Mariachi
8 Lounge Bar & Grill, Case No. 22-PRO-00140. The
9 applicant was having trouble joining us today.
10 I just sent him another link to appear so he
11 should be showing up any moment.

12 He was previously dismissed because
13 he was not present. So let's give him an
14 opportunity to sign in.

15 If for some reason the applicant is
16 not able to sign in within the next couple of
17 minutes, I'm going to give him credit for being
18 present. He's been trying to get in for the
19 last ten minutes, but for some reason he's not
20 able to.

21 And I'll spell his name for the
22 record. The name of the applicant is Zi
23 Russell. Zi is spelled Z-I -- oh there he is.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Russell.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning.

1 MR. RUSSELL: Good morning. Just
2 give me one second. I just set it up for
3 Russell.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So he is now
5 present.

6 MR. RUSSELL: Sorry Ma'am. Good
7 morning. How are you?

8 MS. FLETCHER: I'm fine, thank you.
9 If you would state your name and spell it for
10 the record please?

11 MR. RUSSELL: Yeah. My name is Zi
12 Russell and I'm just Mariachi Lounge & Grill.
13 Zi Russell Z like Zebra, I like India, Zi. And
14 last name Russell R-U-S-S-E-L-L.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much,
16 Mr. Russell. Just to you know your application
17 was dismissed earlier but now that you are
18 present I am going to retract that dismissal.

19 MR. RUSSELL: Please.

20 MS. FLETCHER: And you'll be able to
21 proceed. Just so that you know. So thanks for
22 continuing to try to get in. But just so that
23 you know, I did send you two previous
24 applications to the address that you gave me
25 this morning, but I'm glad that you reached me

1 and that this one made it to you.

2 MR. RUSSELL: Okay. Thank you so
3 much.

4 MS. FLETCHER: And I say that to say
5 this, the email address that I have for you is
6 correct.

7 MR. RUSSELL: Yes.

8 MS. FLETCHER: The one that I got
9 from you this morning is the same one that I
10 sent the other two to. So I'm just making sure
11 I don't need to update your email address.
12 It's the same.

13 MR. RUSSELL: Yes, it is.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And during the
15 previous hearing ANC was granted standing as a
16 protestant. You received a copy of the ANC 4D
17 protest?

18 MR. RUSSELL: Yes.

19 MS. FLETCHER: They were granted
20 standing as a protestant. So what I'm going to
21 do, I'm going to send an email to you and ANC
22 4D and give you some dates available for
23 mediation which is the next step.

24 MR. RUSSELL: Okay.

25 MS. FLETCHER: There's also going to

1 be a status hearing and a protest hearing, but
2 those dates are not available to me today. So
3 what I'm going to be sending you is an email
4 from me offering you some dates available for
5 mediation and then we'll take it from there.

6 MR. RUSSELL: Okay. Sure. Thank
7 you.

8 MS. FLETCHER: So Mr. Russell, thank
9 you very much for continuing your efforts to
10 get through. I know you've been trying for a
11 while. I'm glad you could make it.

12 MR. RUSSELL: Yes. I start like
13 10:00 and my colleague tried and finally I
14 called this -- you for an update.

15 MS. FLETCHER: I got all your
16 messages. Thank you. Okay. Well thanks again
17 for coming. If you don't have any questions,
18 Mr. Russell. I'll go ahead and conclude this
19 roll call hearing.

20 Do you have any questions at all?

21 MR. RUSSELL: Sure. That's it. I'm
22 doing good.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well thank you
24 for coming. The roll call hearing in this
25 matter is concluded and I'll be in touch.

1 MR. RUSSELL: Okay. Thank you.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

3 That concludes cases on the calendar
4 for today.

5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
6 matter went off the record at 10:50 a.m.)

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