DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + + ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD + + + + + MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: : : Giant of Maryland, LLC : t/a Giant #2381 : 300 H Street, N.E. : Protest Hearing Retailer B - ANC 6E : (Status) License No. 91952 : Case #20-PRO-00051 : : (Application to Renew : the License) :

> Thursday February 4, 2021

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson BOBBY CATO, JR., Member EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff TIMOTHY BAKER, Licensee (District Manager) JOEL KELTY, Protestant STEPHEN O'BRIEN, Licensee's Counsel

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2	10:10 a.m.		
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case		
4	on our calendar is Case No. 20-PRO-00051, Giant		
5	2381, License No. 91952. Ms. Andrews, can you		
6	please elevate the rights of the protestants and		
7	the licensee, please.		
8	MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Stand by. Mr.		
9	Kelty, your rights have been elevated.		
10	MR. KELTY: Good morning.		
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.		
12	MS. ANDREWS: Mr. O'Brien, your rights		
13	have been elevated. That's all, Mr. Chair.		
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.		
15	MR. O'BRIEN: Mr. Chair, Timothy Baker		
16	from Giant Food also should be participating.		
17	MS. ANDREWS: Okay. Stand by. Mr.		
18	Baker, your rights have been elevated. That's		
19	all, Mr. Chair.		
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.		
21	Okay. Good morning, everyone. I would like the		
22	parties to introduce themselves for the record.		
23	Let's start with the licensee's representative.		
24	MR. O'BRIEN: Stephen O'Brien for		
25	Giant Food, Mr. Chair, and Timothy Baker,		

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District Manager for Giant Food is with me. 1 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning. 3 Mr. Baker, can you -- you can unmute your phone 4 and maybe if own a camera. Introduce yourself 5 for the record, please. MR. BAKER: Hopefully you can hear me. 6 7 It's Timothy Baker, District Manager for Giant 8 Food. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 10 Mr. Baker. 11 MR. BAKER: Good morning. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr. 13 Kelty? 14 MR. KELTY: Good morning. This is 15 Joel Kelty representing ANC 6C. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 17 sir. All right. Good morning. This is a status 18 hearing for a protest case. Are there any 19 preliminary matters that needs to be brought to the attention of the Board. 20 21 MR. KELTY: No, sir. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No? Okay. 23 Thank you, Mr. Kelty. All right. I do not have 24 a date as yet for the protest hearing. But this 25 matter will be scheduled for a date to be

1	determined. All right. I want to give you some		
2	we've made some changes and then give you		
3	instructions in having a protest hearing.		
4	Now we have scheduled this matter for		
5	a protest hearing, there are a few things that I		
6	would like to instruct you both. Can everyone,		
7	please, mute their microphone, please? Mr.		
8	Baker, please mute your microphone, please.		
9	All right. Thank you. Now that we		
10	have scheduled this matter for a protest hearing,		
11	there are a few things that I would like to		
12	instruct about because the Board's practices		
13	under the COVID-19 restrictions have changed. As		
14	you know the Board's hearings are conducted		
15	virtually. So it is more important than ever		
16	that protest hearings are focused and addresses		
17	only those issues that are being protested.		
18	Following this hearing, you will		
19	receive an email from Assistant General Counsel		
20	April Randall that will include a copy of a		
21	protest information form and a copy of an exhibit		
22	form as well as specific instructions for the		
23	hearing. You are required to complete and submit		
24	the PIF and exhibit forms at least seven days		
25	before the date of the hearing. If we do not		

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receive a copy of your forms seven days before the hearing, your application or your protest may be subject to dismissal.

These documents need to be submitted 4 5 to abra.legal@dc.gov and to the opposing parties. Please know that these document greatly assist 6 7 the Board in narrowing the protest issues, 8 facilitating the process, and keeping the parties 9 on point during the hearing. Number three, each side is limited to no more than five witnesses 10 11 and you will only have 60 minutes to present your 12 case.

13 This includes all direct and cross 14 examination. The Board does not intend to hear 15 testimony on matters that are not relevant to 16 those issues that are being protested. Are there 17 any questions by anyone?

(No response.)

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. We 20 thank you greatly for your cooperation. If you 21 have any questions at any time leading up to the 22 hearing, please do not hesitate to contact 23 Assistant General Counsel April Randall at 202-24 329-6354 or contact her by email at 25 april.randall@dc.gov.

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I wish you -- I'm not sure if the 1 2 parties are discussing settlement. But as always 3 been my position, I prefer if the parties agree 4 to a settlement agreement because at the end of 5 the day, this is your neighborhood. You can 6 agree to the terms and conditions for the 7 establishment to exist within the neighborhood. If the parties are unable to reach an 8 9 agreement, then we will have a protest hearing. But the Board -- the Agency will provide you 10 11 shortly with the dates and the time of the 12 protest hearing. So good luck in your 13 negotiations. And the matter is not settled, I 14 will see the parties at a protest hearing at a 15 date to be determined. Have a great day, and 16 thank you very much. All right. 17 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 10:16 a.m.) 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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