

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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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 : Protest
Retailer CR - ANC 4D : Hearing (Status)
License No. 122495 :
Case #22-PRO-00140 :
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(Application for a :
New License) :
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Wednesday
February 8, 2023

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff
ZI RUSSELL, Applicant Counsel

P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

10:52 a.m.

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3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case in
4 our calendar is case number 22-PRO-00140,
5 Mariachi Lounge Bar & Grill, license number
6 122495. Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate the
7 rights of the parties in this case please?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Mr. Russell, your access
9 has been elevated. That is all, Chairman.

10 MR. RUSSELL: Hi all, good morning.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on one
12 minute please Mr. Russell. Mr. Orellana, it's
13 tentative, there's no one else on line for this
14 case? If there's anyone else on the line for
15 Mariachi Lounge & Bar, can you please identify
16 yourself through the chat please.

17 MR. RUSSELL: Hi, good morning sir, my
18 name is Z-I.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, Mr.
20 Russell, hold on please sir. Hold on please.

21 MR. ORELLANA: No one else in the
22 waiting area, Chairman.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alright, thank
24 you. Alright, good morning Mr. Russell, can you
25 please spell and state your name for the record

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1 please and identify yourself.

2 MR. RUSSELL: Alright, my name is Z-I
3 Russell. Z like Zebra, I like India. And last
4 name Russell, R-U-S-S-E-L-L. And --

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry,
6 you're what sir?

7 MR. RUSSELL: Expediter in a law firm.
8 We just-- I invoke to helping license for
9 Mariachi Grill & Bar.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alright so you
11 are the representative of the licensee, is that
12 correct sir?

13 MR. RUSSELL: Yeah. Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alright. This
15 matter was scheduled for a protest hearing status
16 for 10:30 this morning. It is 10:56, so it was
17 called and the only party that showed up today is
18 the licensee. This license, it's my understanding
19 was being protested by the ANC, by ANC4D. There's
20 no representative of the ANC at this hearing, and
21 because there is no representative of the ANC at
22 this hearing, I make a motion that ANC be
23 dismissed from this-- that their protest be
24 dismissed. Is there a second?

25 Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion.

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1 We'll now have a roll call vote. Mr. Short?

2 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? Ms.
4 Crockett? Ms. Hansen? Mr. Grandis?

5 MR. GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I agree.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
7 Anderson, I agree. The matter passed, 600. What
8 this means, Mr. Russell, the agency will issue a
9 board order giving the ANC ten days to provide us
10 with reasonable cause why they failed to appear
11 at the protest hearing status today. If the ANC
12 fail to respond, or if they do not provide us
13 with reasonable cause why they failed to appear
14 today, their protest will be dismissed and the
15 agency will move towards issuing your license. So
16 we'll follow the procedure in issuing the license
17 for the licensee.

18 So we will issue a board or within--
19 we will issue a board order and the protestants
20 will have ten days to provide us with reasonable
21 cause why they were not here today and if they
22 fail to respond, or if they fail to provide
23 reasonable notice, the agency will move towards--
24 the process will continue to issue the new
25 license. Alright?

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1 MR. RUSSELL: Thank you so much, sir.
2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alright. Have a
4 good day. Thank you.

5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
6 went off the record at 10:58 a.m.)

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