DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

Empire, LLC t/a Empire Lounge

1909 9th Street NW : Show Cause
Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing (Status)
License No. 110702

License No. 110702 Case #21-CMP-00060, : #21-CMP-00062

(Noise Violation) :

Wednesday February 9, 2022

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:

RICHARD BIANCO, Licensee's Counsel SARAH FASHBAUGH, DC ABRA Staff ANTOINE WILLIAMS, DC OAG

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S		
2	11:04 a.m.		
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, our		
4	next case is case number I'm going to call two		
5	cases, case number 21-CMP-00060, Empire Lounge,		
6	license number 110702.		
7	And case number 21-CMP-00062, Empire		
8	Lounge, license number 110702.		
9	Ms. Fashbaugh, can you please elevate		
10	the rights of the Licensee for Empire Lounge,		
11	please.		
12	MS. FASHBAUGH: Please stand by.		
13	Richard Bianco, your rights have been		
14	elevated.		
15	That is all, Mr. Chair.		
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, good		
17	morning.		
18	Mr. Williams, can you please identify		
19	yourself for the record, please?		
20	MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning, Mr.		
21	Chairperson, my name is Antoine Williams on		
22	behalf of the District of Columbia this morning.		
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.		
24	Mr. Bianco, can you please identify		
25	yourself for the record, please?		

MR. BIANCO: Yes, my name is Richard 1 2 Bianco, I'm here on behalf of the Licensee. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 4 thank you. 5 So I called case number 21-CMP-0060 and case number 21-CMP-0062. So for case number 6 7 21-CMP-00060, are there any preliminary matters 8 in that case? 9 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Mr. Chairperson. 10 Attorney Bianco, did you receive an Offer in 11 Compromise from the District related to this 12 case? I did and here's where we 13 MR. BIANCO: 14 are specifically, and I think this will address 15 both matters, this is a noise case and there were a number of noise violations written up. 16 17 Either four or five within a period of 18 a week, two of them are on for today and I 19 believe two of them are on for next week. 20 I've been in touch with the assigned 21 attorneys from OAG and we're going to try and 22 work out a global resolution of all matters 23 together. 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 25 fine, so what we will do then, for case number

1 21-CMP-00060, that matter is scheduled for Show Cause Hearing on March 9, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.. 2 3 And for case number 21-CMP-00062, 4 Empire Lounge, that matter is scheduled for a 5 Show Cause Hearing on March 16, 2022, at 10:30 6 a.m.. 7 And if, as represented by Counsel, if there's a global settlement, that can be provided 8 to the board and the board will consider. 9 And if the board considers and 10 11 accepted the settlement, then those hearings will 12 be cancelled along with the other cases. 13 All right? Thank you very much for 14 the representation and have a great day. 15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 16 went off the record at 11:06 a.m.) 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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