

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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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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 Toro Bar Corporation               :  
 t/a Toro Bar                         :  
 3708 14th Street NW               : Roll Call  
 License #92074                      : Hearing  
 Retailer CT - ANC 4C               :  
 Case #22-PRO-00023               :  
                                           :  
 (Substantial Change -               :  
 entertainment endorsement:  
 for live entertainment)           :  
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Monday  
 April 25, 2022

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

**PRESENT:**

**LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**RALPH BERNSTEIN, Protestant**

**DAVID BRIDGES, Protestant**

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

2 10:19 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the  
4 calendar is Toro Bar, Case Number 2-PRO-00023,  
5 Toro Bar Corporation, 3708 14th Street,  
6 Northwest, License Number ABRA-092074.

7 This is a Retailer Class CT,  
8 substantial change application for an  
9 entertainment endorsement.

10 The protest issues are adverse impact  
11 on peace, order, and quiet, residential parking,  
12 and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and real  
13 property values.

14 My name is LaVerne Fletcher conducting  
15 the roll hearing as the Board's agent. Is anyone  
16 present on behalf of the Applicant?

17 (No response)

18 MS. FLETCHER: Is Ms. DeLeon present?

19 (No response)

20 MS. FLETCHER: The protestant is a  
21 group of 12. Is anyone present on behalf of the  
22 group of 12?

23 MR. BERNSTEIN: Yes. Hello Ms.  
24 LaVerne. This is Ralph Bernstein, B-E-R-N-S-T-E-  
25 I-N.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
2 Bernstein. And Ralph is R-A-L-P-H?

3 MR. BERNSTEIN: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.  
5 Is anyone else from your group present today?

6 MR. BRIDGES: Uh, yeah.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone else present  
8 today from the group of 12?

9 MR. BRIDGES: Yeah. Yes.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Could you state your  
11 name and spell it for the record, please?

12 MR. BRIDGES: Yes, David Bridges, and  
13 that's D-A-V-I-D, the last name B-R-I-D-G-E-S.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Bridges.  
15 Anyone else?

16 (No response)

17 MS. FLETCHER: There are two  
18 individuals present from the group of 12, which  
19 means that the group of 12 is granted conditional  
20 standing.

21 At this point, I'm not going to  
22 schedule any dates. But, if there are going to  
23 be any upcoming dates, Mr. Bernstein, that will  
24 include a status hearing at which at least three  
25 more individuals would need to appear in person.

1                   In order to be granted full standing,  
2                   the Board needs to see at least five people in  
3                   person. Two are present today.

4                   If there's going to be a status  
5                   hearing, three more people from the group would  
6                   need to appear that did not appear today.

7                   MR. BERNSTEIN: Understood.  
8                   Apologies, ma'am. It's difficult to schedule peo  
9                   -- we are all -- all work, you know, during the  
10                  week.

11                  MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

12                  MR. BERNSTEIN: So, it's -- it's,  
13                  yeah, difficult.

14                  MS. FLETCHER: It's not a problem at  
15                  all. We only need one person from the group to  
16                  appear.

17                  That would have -- that would have  
18                  been sufficient. So, the fact that two of you  
19                  are here, it's fine.

20                  Is anyone present on behalf of Toro  
21                  Bar?

22                  (No response)

23                  MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Bernstein, have you  
24                  had any communication with the Applicant at all?

25                  MR. BERNSTEIN: Not -- not in quit, in

1 some quit, quit some time, ma'am.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. The  
3 Application is dismissed because the Applicant is  
4 not present.

5 Mr. Bernstein, what that means is that  
6 there will be a Board Order issued to dismiss the  
7 Application, because the Applicant is not present  
8 today.

9 The Applicant will have ten days upon  
10 receipt of the Board Order, to explain to the  
11 Board why she's not present today.

12 You will be kept informed. You'll  
13 receive a copy of the Order. If the Applicant  
14 does seek reinstatement, you'll have an  
15 opportunity to be opposed to that as well.

16 But, for now, the Application is  
17 dismissed. There are no upcoming dates. If the  
18 Board decides to grant reinstatement of the  
19 Application, you'll be contacted to schedule  
20 mediation by me.

21 And you'll receive notice regarding a  
22 status and the protest hearing. Any questions  
23 regarding that, Mr. Bernstein?

24 MR. BERNSTEIN: No. Thank you very  
25 much, ma'am.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much for  
2 coming. The roll call hearing is --

3 MR. BERNSTEIN: Thank you.

4 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
6 went off the record at 10:24 a.m.)

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