DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

18th & D Liquors, Inc., :

t/a Master Liquors

1806 D Street, N.E. : Protest Status

License #74594 : Hearing

Retailer A - ANC 6A Case # 21-PRO-00029

(Application for License: Renewal)

Wednesday June 30, 2021

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member

JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

NICK ALBERTI, ANC 6A BRIAN ALCORN, ANC 6A SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff RENAE BLACK, Protestant JOHNNIE BRILEY, Applicant BRYCE HUGHES, Protestant LEAH KRYNICKY, Protestant ALEX MACKEY, Protestant RACHEL MACKEY, Protestant ANALIESE MARCHESSEAULT, Protestant ANDY MARCHESSEAULT, Protestant CLARE PARKER, Protestant ALIX PRESTON, Protestant JENNIFER ROMAINE, Protestant JORDAN STONE, Protestant KAROLYN TEUFEL, Protestant NOELLE TRENT, Protestant

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	11:38 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4	on the calendar is You can leave, sir.
5	(Telephone interruption)
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
7	All right. Can, I need everyone to put their
8	phone on, they need to mute their line. If
9	you're not speaking your line needs to be muted.
10	All right. Thank you.
11	The next case on our calendar is
12	Case number 21PRO00029, Master Liquors, License
13	number 074594. Ms. Andrews, can you please
14	elevate the rights of the licensee?
15	And there's a group of five or more
16	protestants, Mr. Alex, Ms. or Mr. Alix Preston.
17	There should be four additional members, and the
18	ANC. And the ANC, please.
19	MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Stand by.
20	MR. PRESTON: Good morning. This is
21	Alix Preston, here as a representative. I put
22	the others
23	MS. ANDREWS: One second, sir.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, Mr.
25	Preston. Hold on, please.

1 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Alberti, your 2 rights have been elevated. 3 MR. ALBERTI: Thank you. MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Briley, your 4 5 rights have been elevated. Ms. Clare Parker, your rights have been elevated. Mr. Leah 6 7 Krynicky, your rights have been elevated. 8 Alcorn, your rights have been elevated. 9 Mackey, your rights have been elevated. Ms. 10 Alex Mackey, your rights have been elevated. 11 Ms. Romaine, your line has been unmuted. 12 interference) your rights have been elevated. 13 Mr. Trent, your rights have been elevated. 14 or Ms. Jordan Stone, your rights have been 15 elevated. Almost there, Mr. Chair. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 17 MS. ANDREWS: Renee Black, your 18 rights have been elevated. Ms. Renee Black, 19 your rights have been elevated. Karolyn Teufel, 20 your rights have been elevated. Mr. Andy, I'm 21 not sure how to pronounce your last name, your 22 rights have been elevated. And one more. 23 Emily Wilcox, your rights have been elevated. 24 That's all, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON:

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Thank you,

	ms. Andrews. For everyone, II you have a camera			
2	you can turn your cameras on. Upload your			
3	cameras, please. I would also ask the parties,			
4	if you are not speaking, please mute your phone,			
5	your phone line. Sorry.			
6	All right. Good morning, everyone.			
7	All right. This is the Master Liquors case,			
8	Number 21PRO00029, Master Liquors, License			
9	number 074594. Let's start with the licensee.			
10	Could the licensee please step, spell or state			
11	his name for the record, please?			
12	MR. BRILEY: Johnnie Briley, J-O-H-			
13	N-N-I-E. Last name B-R-I-L-E-Y.			
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is			
15	your relationship to the establishment, sir?			
16	MR. BRILEY: Manager/Owner.			
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.			
18	Thank you, Mr. Briley. Okay. Let's start with			
19	the ANC and Mr. Alberti. You're muted, Mr.			
20	Alberti.			
21	MR. ALBERTI: My apologies. It's			
22	Nick Alberti, I-C-K, Alberti, A-L-B-E-R-T-I.			
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.			
24	Good morning, Mr. Alberti. And I just want the			
25	record to reflect that I've been the ABC Board			

for the past six years.

And I believe for four years when I served as Chair, Mr. Alberti was a member of this ABC Board, was a member of the ABC Board.

I do know Mr. Alberti as a fellow Board Member.

But as Mr. Alberti knows very well, the fact that I know him will in no way influence my decision as Chair of the ABC Board.

So, but I just want the record to reflect that I do know Mr. Alberti, based on his honorable service to the ABC Board for I believe 11 years. And I served as Chair for the last four years that he was on the Board. So yes, Mr. Short --

MR. ALBERTI: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Alberti. Hold on Mr. Short.

MEMBER SHORT: I too would like to say, I served with Mr. Nick Alberti on this ABC Board. And I know him quite well. And it will have no implications one way or the other about the decision I will make as a Board Member today.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for that explanation, Mr. Short. And I believe that

the other Board Members did not serve with Mr. 1 2 Alberti. Yes, Mr. Alberti. Do you need to make 3 another statement? MR. ALBERTI: Thank you, Board 4 5 It's good to see everyone. And I hope Members. this hearing goes smoothly. Thank you. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 8 Thank you, Mr. Alberti. Okay. All right. All 9 right. All right. Okay. Is anyone else with 10 you from the ANC, Mr. Alberti? Or you're the 11 only representative from the ANC? 12 MR. ALBERTI: No. The ANC 13 Commissioner, Brian Alcorn, is here. And the establishment is in his ANC. And he will 14 15 actually be representing, speaking for the ANC, 16 on behalf of the ANC at this appearance. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 18 Thank you, so, Mr. Alcorn, can you please state 19 and spell your name for the record, please? 20 MR. ALCORN: Yes, thanks, Chairman 21 I am Brian Alcorn. First name, B-R-Anderson. 22 I-A-N, last name A-L-C-O-R-N. And as Mr. Alberti stated, I am an ANC Commissioner in ANC 23 24 And I am a single member District 6A.

Commissioner for 6A08, which is where the

establishment is located.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And thank
you, Mr. Alcorn. And I was not trying to
highlight Mr. Alberti. But the cheat sheet they
gave me, it listed Mr. Alberti as the
representative of the ANC.

So, that's one of the reasons why I immediately went to Mr. Alberti. I was not overlooking you, or usurping your authority, sir, as the representative of the ANC.

MR. ALCORN: Sure. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate that. We will also acknowledge, however, that Mr. Alberti is a co-representative of the ANC, and a valued member of the community at that. So, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you,
Mr. Alcorn. All right. Now, we now have the
group of five or more. And Alix Preston, please
spell or state your name for the record.

MR. PRESTON: Yes. This is Alix Preston, A-L-I-X, P-R-E-S-T-O-N.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
Mr. Preston, it's my understanding that at the
roll call hearing you were given conditional
standing because only, you were the only person

1 at the hearing. So, you then have at least four 2 members who signed the petition, must be present 3 here today. 4 So, could you please state who the 5 additional members are. So, what else we want you to do is to call their name one by one, 6 7 after you call their name. But then I need that 8 person, those folks to identify themself for the 9 record, and to spell their name, please. 10 MR. PRESTON: Okay. The first one 11 is Leah Krynicky. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Krynicky, 13 can you please spell or state the name for the 14 record, please, and spell your name for the 15 record, please. 16 MS. KRYNICKY: Yes. Leah Krynicky, 17 L-E-A-H, last name, K-R-Y-N-I-C-K-Y. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 19 Ms. Krynicky. Mr. Preston, who's the other 20 member? 21 MR. PRESTON: Clare Parker. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Parker, you 23 said? 24 (Simultaneous speaking) 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Parker

1	can you please spell and state your name for the		
2	record, please?		
3	MS. PARKER: Yes. First name Clare,		
4	C-L-A-R-E, last name Parker, P-A-R-K-E-R.		
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who's the		
6	next member, Mr. Preston?		
7	MR. PRESTON: Renae Black.		
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Black,		
9	can you please state and spell your name for the		
10	record, please?		
11	MS. BLACK: Yes. Hi. Good morning.		
12	It's Renee, R-E-N-A-E, Black, B-L-A-C-K.		
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you,		
14	Ms. Black. Who else, sir?		
15	MR. PRESTON: Bryce Hughes.		
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr., is it		
17	Mr. Hughes?		
18	MR. HUGHES: Yes, that's me. Bryce		
19	Hughes, B-R-Y-C-E, H-U-G-H-E-S.		
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you,		
21	Mr. Hughes. Who else, Mr. Preston?		
22	MR. PRESTON: Jenny Romaine.		
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Romaine.		
24	Ms. Romaine.		
25	MR. HUGHES: Give me one second.		

1	She's my wife. Let me grab her. I believe she				
2	may be on the call.				
3	MS. ROMAINE: Can you all hear me				
4	now?				
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can hear.				
6	Ms. Romaine?				
7	MS. ROMAINE: Hello.				
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. Can you				
9	please state and spell your name for the record,				
10	please?				
11	MS. ROMAINE: Sure. My first name				
12	is Jennifer, J-E-N-N-I-F-E-R. Last name,				
13	Romaine, R-O-M-A-I-N-E.				
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.				
15	Anyone else, Mr. Preston?				
16	MR. PRESTON: Yes. Rachel Mackey.				
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Mackey.				
18	MS. MACKEY: Hi. Rachel Mackey, R-				
19	A-C-H-E-L, M-A-C-K-E-Y.				
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Anyone else,				
21	Mr. Preston?				
22	MR. PRESTON: Alex Mackey.				
23	MR. MACKEY: Alex Mackey, A-L-E-X,				
24	M-A-C-K-E-Y.				
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Anyone else,				

1	Mr. Preston?			
2	MR. PRESTON: Noelle Trent.			
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. I			
4	didn't hear the person's name.			
5	MR. PRESTON: Noelle Trent.			
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Noelle Trent.			
7	MS. TRENT: Yes. Noelle Trent, N-O-			
8	E-L-L-E, T-R-E-N-T.			
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,			
10	Ms. Trent. Anyone else, Mr. Preston?			
11	MR. PRESTON: Yes. Andy			
12	Marchesseault.			
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Andy			
14	Marchesseault. We have with us			
15	MR. MARCHESSEAULT: Hi.			
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.			
17	MR. MARCHESSEAULT: Good morning.			
18	A-N-D-Y, last name, M-A-R-C-H-E-S-S-E-A-U-L-T.			
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,			
20	Mr. March Spell, pronounce your last name for			
21	me one more time, sir?			
22	MR. MARCHESSEAULT: Marchesseault.			
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON:			
24	Marchesseault. Good morning, sir.			
25	MR. MARCHESSEAULT: Good morning.			

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Anyone else				
2	that we have, sir?				
3	MR. PRESTON: Yes. Analiese				
4	Marchesseault.				
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, you				
6	know, I'm glad I did that. Because now I				
7	shouldn't have any problem. Ms. Marchesseault.				
8	MS. MARCHESSEAULT: Beautiful				
9	pronunciation, Alix.				
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.				
11	Spell and state your name, please, ma'am.				
12	MS MARCHESSEAULT: Analiese				
13	Marchesseault, A-N-A-L-I-E-S-E, last name M-A-				
14	R-C-H-E-S-S-E-A-U-L-T.				
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,				
16	ma'am.				
17	MS. MARCHESSEAULT: Thank you.				
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Anyone else,				
19	Mr. Preston?				
20	MR. PRESTON: Yes. Jordan Stone.				
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. or Ms.				
22	Stone.				
23	MR. STONE: Hi there. Jordan Stone,				
24	J-O-R-D-A-N, S-T-O-N-E.				
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Anyone else,				

1	Mr., good morning, Mr. Stone. Anyone else, Mr.
2	Preston?
3	MR. PRESTON: Yes. I believe
4	there's one other person on the line. But I
5	didn't see it.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who is
7	that person?
8	MR. PRESTON: One second. Sorry
9	about that. Teufel, I believe. All right.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that
11	Karolyn Teufel?
12	MR. PRESTON: Yes.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you state
14	and spell your name for the record, please?
15	MS. TEUFEL: Sure. K-A-R-O-L-Y-N,
16	T-E-U-F-E-L.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
18	All right. Is that the extent of your group,
19	sir?
20	MR. PRESTON: I believe so.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
22	All right. So, Mr., the group of five or more
23	was granted conditional standing at the roll
24	call hearing. They were supposed to Mr.
25	Stone, can you please lower your screen, please?

1	All right.				
2	So, all right. At the roll call				
3	hearing conditional standing was granted to the				
4	group of five or more because only one member				
5	attended. And Mr. Preston was supposed to have				
6	four other members appear today.				
7	There are 13 other members who				
8	appeared today along with Mr. Preston. So,				
9	there are 14 members of this group of five or				
10	more. And so therefore, I'm going to make a				
11	motion to the Board that full standing be				
12	granted to the group of five or more. Is there				
13	a second?				
14	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I'll				
15	second.				
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has				
17	second the motion. We'll now have a roll call				
18	vote on the motion that was properly second by				
19	Mr. Short. Mr. Short.				
20	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.				
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett.				
22	MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I				
23	agree.				
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen.				

MEMBER HANSEN: Jenny Hansen.

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1 agree. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis. 3 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I 4 agree. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. I agree. The matter passes five, 6 Anderson. 7 So, full standing is now granted to zero, zero. 8 the license, I'm sorry, to the group of five or 9 more. 10 Is there any, are there any 11 preliminary matters that need to be brought to 12 the attention of the Board? Let me start with 13 the licensee. Mr. Briley, any preliminary 14 matters that you have you want to bring to the 15 attention of the Board, sir? 16 MR. BRILEY: No. We're still trying 17 to work out an arrangement for the settlement agreement. We have a individual meeting on the 18 19 20th. So, we think we can come to terms. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 21 Thank you, Mr. Briley. Ms., what about the, as 22 far as the ANC is concerned, any preliminary 23 matters? I'll just state 24 Sure. MR. ALCORN:

for the record that the ANC, members of the

community, and reps for the licensee met 1 yesterday in a mediation session facilitated by 2 3 LaVerne Fletcher. Parties did not reach an agreement 4 or accommodation on the matter in that session. 5 And talks between the representative of the 6 7 licensee, ANC, and community will continue. 8 I believe the July 20th meeting is 9 the next planned. This will give the licensee some time to address issues that have been 10 11 raised by the ANC and the community. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Perfect. 13 Thank you. Mr. Preston, any preliminary matters 14 that you need to bring to the attention of the 15 Board? 16 MR. PRESTON: No, I don't think so. 17 I think everything's already been said. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 19 As just, I just want to invite you, Mr. Preston, if there's a, if a settlement agreement is 20 21 reached between the ANC and the licensee, and if 22 you are not a part of that settlement agreement, 23 then your protest will fall. 24 So, I just want to let you know the 25 Board cannot force a licensee and the ANC to

make you a part of a settlement agreement. But I'm just stating that by operation of the law, if there's a settlement agreement that, if it's reached between the ANC and the licensee, and if your group does not, is not a part of it, or if you do not agree with it, your, you'd have, your standing to move forward with the protest will fall. Just as an FYI, sir. Okay?

MR. PRESTON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. This matter then is scheduled for a protest hearing on August 5th at 10:00 a.m. So, August 5th at 10:00 a.m. All right.

Now that we've scheduled this matter for a protest hearing there are a few things that I would like to instruct the parties about, because the Board's practices under the COVID 19 restrictions have changed.

As you know, the Board's hearings are conducted virtually. So, it is more important than ever that protest hearings are focused, and addressing only those issues that are being protested.

Following this hearing you will be receiving an email from Assistant General

Counsel April Randall that will include a copy of the protest information form, PIF, and a copy of the exhibit form, as well as specific instructions for the hearing.

You are required to complete and submit the PIF and exhibit forms at least seven days before the date of the hearing. If we do not 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 to ABRA Legal and to the opposing parties.

Please note that these documents greatly assist the Board, and narrow the protest issues, facilitating the process, and keeping the parties on point during the hearing.

Each side is limited to no more than five witnesses. And you will only have 60 minutes to present your case, which includes all your witness and cross examination. The Board does not intend to hear testimony in matters that are not relevant to these, to those issues that are being protested.

And I know, Mr. Preston, I know that you have, there are 14 of you in the group of

five or more. But because of the new regulations only five people can testify at, if we go to a protest hearing.

And you'll only have an hour to present your case. I just wanted to let you know only five folks can testify at the hearing if we were to go to a hearing, sir. And the same thing for the ANC also.

MR. PRESTON: Understood.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

Thank you. Any other questions by any of the parties? All right. And thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions that are in timely enough to the appearance, please do not hesitate Assistant General Counsel, April Randall at 202-329-6354, or contact her by email.

I want to thank everybody, everyone who participated today for their attendance.

It's my understanding that there's further conversations that will be held between the parties. I wish you well in your settlement discussions.

The Board supports settlement, because this is your neighborhood. You know

what occurs there. And if you're able to settle
the matter, then you can come up with some terms
and conditions that's workable for both sides.

You know if it comes to a hearing

You know if it comes to a hearing the Board's going to listen, and the Board is going to make a determination on what the Board believes is in the best interest of the residents of the District of Columbia generally.

So, I do support settlements if you are able to do that. But if not, we will have a hearing on August 5th. All right. So, thank you again for being here today. And have a safe holiday weekend. Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 11:58 a.m.)

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