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IN THE MATTER OF: : : Matthias, Inc., : t/a Sylvia's Liquors : 1818 Benning Road, N.E. : Retailer A - ANC 5D : Protest Status License #104606 : Hearing Case #21-PRO-00040 : : (Application for License : Renewal) _____

> Thursday July 15, 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: SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff RONALD DIXON, Counsel for ANC 5C MADISON GIBBS, Counsel for ANC 5C NAM YOUNG JOUNG, Applicant HYE JUNG NA, Applicant

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2	10:59 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4	on our calendar is Case No. 21-PRO-00040,
5	Sylvia's Liquors, License No. 104606.
6	Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate
7	the rights of the parties in this case?
8	MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Stand by. Mr. or
9	Mrs. Nam Joung, your rights have been elevated.
10	That's all I have, Mr. Chair. If there's anyone
11	on the line that belongs to this case, please
12	acknowledge yourselves in the chat, and I will
13	elevate your rights.
14	MR. JUOUNG: Yes, I'm here. Should I
15	please go?
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hang on one
17	minute, please, sir. Is there no one here from
18	ANC 5D?
19	MS. ANDREWS: Okay. I see a few
20	people in the chat. One second, Mr. Chair.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
22	MS. ANDREWS: Ms. Gibbs, your rights
23	have been elevated. That's all, Mr. Chair.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
25	Thank you. Let's start the let the parties

1 introduce themselves for the record. Let's start 2 with the licensee. Please spell and state your 3 name for the record. Who is the licensee? Who 4 owns this establishment? 5 MS. NA: Nam Young Joung and Hye Jung Na. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please 8 spell and state your name, please, ma'am? 9 MS. NA: Okay. My first name is H-Y-10 E, last name is N-A. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your 12 relationship to this establishment, ma'am? 13 MS. NA: I'm a Secretary of Sylvia 14 Liquors. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you mean 16 you're the Secretary of the Board or you're --17 explain to me what your role is? 18 MS. NA: That's just title, but I'm 19 the owner's wife, the owner. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is the owner -are you on the license, ma'am? 21 22 MS. NA: Yes. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Now 24 is your husband on the line also? 25 MS. NA: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can he please 1 2 identify himself by spelling and stating his name 3 for the record, please? 4 MS. NA: Can I explain it to him? Ι don't think he understood. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, ma'am. 6 7 Go ahead. 8 MS. NA: (Foreign language spoken.) 9 MR. JOUNG: I am liquor store owner. 10 My name is Nam Young Joung. My first name is N-11 A-M, middle name is Y-O-U-N-G, last name is J-O-12 U-N-G. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, good 13 14 morning. I'm sorry, ma'am. What's your last 15 name, again, please, ma'am? 16 MR. JOUNG: J-O-U-N --17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, no. Not 18 Not you, sir. Your wife, I'm sorry. you. 19 What's your last name again? 20 MS. NA: My last name is N-A. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Na, how do you 22 pronounce that, please, ma'am? 23 MS. NA: Na is correct. 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry? 25 MS. NA: Na is correct.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Ms.
Na, if this matter goes to a protest hearing
MS. NA: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: if your
husband requires a translator, can you please
instruct you can request a translator from the
Agency.
MS. NA: Okay. I think he will need
it.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. But
I'm just saying if it goes to a protest hearing,
please have your husband request a translator
from the agency and let us know what language he
requires translation services.
MS. NA: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
Thank you. All right. Who represents the ANC?
MR. DIXON: Good morning, Chairman
Donovan. My name is Ronald Dixon, R-O-N-A-L-D D-
I-X-O-N. I'm counsel for ANC 5D. I'm also
joined by co-counsel, Ms. Madison Gibbs. And
we're ready to proceed.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And could Ms.
Gibbs identify herself for the record, please?
MS. GIBBS: Yes. Good morning, Chair

1	Anderson. Madison Gibbs, co-counsel for ANC 5D.
2	Madison, M-A-D-I-S-O-N, Gibbs, G-I-B-B-S.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And is there a
4	representative I know that you're and so,
5	Mr. Dixon, you're an attorney, sir?
6	MR. DIXON: Ronald Dixon, yes, I am,
7	Chairman.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. And is
9	the ANC going to be here today or you're just
10	representing them in your capacity?
11	MR. DIXON: I do not believe that the
12	ANC is going to be here. I received my
13	instructions from Sydelle Moore, who is the Chair
14	for ANC 5D. We're ready to proceed.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Are
16	there any preliminary matters in this case that
17	need to be brought to the attention of the Board?
18	MR. DIXON: Yes, if I may, Chairman,
19	Anderson. The ANC and the applicants have had
20	extensive negotiations with reference to the
21	outstanding protest.
22	I would note just for the record that
23	there was a previous settlement agreement entered
24	in 2018 with reference to the applicant and
25	issues at the establishment at 1818 Benning Road

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Northeast. I can represent, and Ms. Na is on the 1 2 line and she can agree with this, that we have 3 spoken, and we're trying to work this out. 4 However, we have not reached a signed agreement 5 as yet. So what we would ask the Board to do 6 7 is set this matter down for a protest. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. And 9 Mr. Dixon, if during your negotiations, if it's 10 determined that a translator is required, both 11 sides can ask ABRA to provide a translator if 12 that will help the process, if that will 13 facilitate the process. I'm just saying that's 14 available. Yes, sir? 15 If I may, Chairman MR. DIXON: 16 Anderson, I think we can pursue that. But I 17 would leave that to the applicant because I don't 18 want to overstep my bounds with reference to my 19 perception of who may or may not need an 20 interpreter. But I'll leave that to the 21 But I appreciate your offer. applicant. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm making the 23 parties aware --24 MR. DIXON: Mm-hmm. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- that in

order to facilitate the process, we can provide a translator. So I'm not saying that you need to request one on behalf. I'm just saying if it will help facilitate the process and if there is a language barrier issue, the agency can assist in making a translator available.

7 That's all I'm putting out there. 8 Nothing else, sir. Neither am I saying that 9 anyone requires a translator. I'm just saying 10 that we want -- the agency supports discussions. 11 The agency supports settlement agreements. So 12 whatever we can do to facilitate the process, we are able to do that. We will be able to assist 13 14 in that process. All right? But thank you for 15 your representation.

16 All right. Ms. Na, any representation 17 you need to make or preliminary matters you need 18 to make available?

MS. NA: Actually, just like Mr. Dixon says, we had actively, you know -- we had a meeting yesterday. We couldn't come out with a conclusion, but we will have another mediation meeting next Friday.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.That's fine.

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1	MS. NA: Hopefully, we can settle with
2	something.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
4	Thank you for that. All right. This matter then
5	is scheduled if the matter is not settled, we
6	will have a protest hearing on September 22 at
7	1:30 p.m. All right. September 22 at 1:30 p.m.
8	All right.
9	Now that we have scheduled this matter
10	for a protest hearing, there are a few things
11	that I would like to instruct you about because
12	the Board's practices under the COVID-19
13	restrictions have changed.
14	As you know, the Board's hearings are
15	conducted virtually. So it is more important
16	than ever that protest hearings are focused and
17	addresses only those issues that are being
18	protested.
19	Following this hearing, you will be
20	receiving an email from Assistant General Counsel
21	April Randall that will include a copy of a
22	protest information form and a copy of an exhibit
23	form as well as specific instructions for the
24	hearing.
25	You are required to complete and
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submit the PIF and exhibit forms at least seven 1 2 days before the hearing. 3 If we do not receive a copy of your 4 forms seven days before the hearing, your 5 application or your protest may be subject to dismissal. 6 7 These documents need to be submitted 8 to abra.legal@dc.gov and to the opposing parties. 9 Please know that these documents 10 greatly assist the process of the Board in 11 narrowing the protest issues, facilitating the 12 process and keeping the parties on point during 13 the hearing. Each side is limited to no more than 14 15 five witnesses, and you will only have 60 minutes 16 to present your case. This includes all direct 17 and cross-examination. The Board does not intend to hear 18 19 testimony on matters that are not relevant to 20 those issues that are being protested. Are there 21 any questions? No, sir. 22 MS. NA: 23 Ronald Dixon, counsel for MR. DIXON: 24 No questions, Chairman Anderson. ANC 5D. Thank 25 you.

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1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
2	Thank you. We thank you greatly for your
3	cooperation. If you have any questions at any
4	time leading up to the hearing, please do not
5	hesitate to contact Assistant General Counsel
6	April Randall at 202-329-6354 or contact her by
7	email.
8	The Board supports settlement
9	agreements if you're able to do that. And I want
10	to wish you good luck in your next mediation
11	session. And if the matter cannot be settled,
12	then we'll see you at a protest hearing on
13	September 22 at 1:30 p.m. Have a good day and
14	thank you very much.
15	MS. NA: Thank you so much.
16	MR. JOUNG: Thank you. Bye-bye.
17	MS. GIBBS: Thank you.
18	MR. DIXON: Are we excused, Mr.
19	Anderson?
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Dixon.
21	MR. DIXON: Okay. Thank you so much.
22	Bye-bye.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
24	Thank you.
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