DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Sunnyside Group, LLC,
t/a Good Stuff Eatery :

303 Pennsylvania Avenue SE: Protest

Retailer DR - ANC 6B : Hearing (Status)

License No. 78027 Case #22-PRO-00056

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(Application to Renew : the License) :

Wednesday
August 10, 2022

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:

JEFF JACKSON, Applicant Counsel BRIAN READY, ANC 6B CHANDER JAYARAMAN, ANC 6B

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He is our co-chair of the ABC committee. I'm not		
sure if that's enough to elevate him.		
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message in the chat saying that he's also		
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	your camera on, please, so we can start.		
2	Good morning everyone. Let's have		
3	everyone identify themselves for the record.		
4	Let's start with the licensee or the		
5	representative.		
6	MR. JACKSON: Jeff Jackson for the		
7	Applicant.		
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,		
9	Mr. Jackson. can you please spell and state your		
10	name for the record again, sir?		
11	MR. JACKSON: Yes. J-E-F-F J-A-C-K-		
12	S-O-N. I just want to thank the Board for		
13	considering the reinstatement.		
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jackson, is		
15	the licensee participating this morning? Mr.		
16	Jackson?		
17	MR. JACKSON: Yes.		
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is the licensee		
19	participating this morning?		
20	MR. JACKSON: He's not available.		
21	He's out of the country.		
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then the answer		
23	is no, he's not participating. All right. I		
24	think we have two ANCs. Mr. Ready, can you		
25	please spell and state your name for the record		

and your relationship to this case, please. 1 2 MR. READY: My name is Brian Ready, 3 Commissioner Ready for ANC 6B-03, and the chair 4 of the ABC Committee for ANC 6B. Spelling of the 5 first name is B-R-I-A-N. Last name Ready, R-E-A-D-Y. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jayaraman, 8 I see that you're here. Can you please spell and 9 state your name for the record and your 10 relationship to this case, please. 11 MR. JAYARAMAN: I am Chander Jayaraman 12 spelled C-H-A-N-D-E-R, last name J-A-Y-A-R-A-M-A-I am Co-Chair of ANC 6B's Alcohol Beverage 13 N. 14 Committee, and also was designated along with 15 Commissioner Ready to be a representative of ANC 16 6B on these ABRA cases. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 18 everyone. 19 All right. Are there any preliminary 20 matters in this case, Mr. Jackson? 21 MR. JACKSON: Yes. We are in the 22 process of reaching a settlement agreement. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: On behalf of 23 24 the ANC are there any preliminary matters that

need to be discussed?

Yes. The mediation has 1 MR. JACKSON: 2 not occurred for these cases and so I'm not sure 3 how we can do a status report when mediation has 4 not occurred. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. I was about to say 6 MR. JAYARAMAN: 7 that. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is 9 speaking? 10 MR. JAYARAMAN: That's what I was 11 about to say. I was like I didn't see a 12 mediation schedule. I know we had a schedule 13 change because we were suppose to have mediation 14 but there was a schedule change but we never got 15 a new medication time. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Ι 17 will have Ms. Fletcher reach out to the parties to schedule a mediation if the parties wish to 18 19 have a mediation. 20 All right. This case is then 21 scheduled for a protest hearing on September 14, 22 2022 at 1:30 p.m. As I stated before, we'll have 23 Ms. Fletcher reach out to the parties by 24 proposing additional dates to hold the mediation.

Any questions by either side?

Yes, Mr. Jayaraman.

MR. JAYARAMAN: My question is, just to clarify, Ms. Fletcher will set up a mediation and then there will be a scheduled status hearing?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. The next matter is the protest hearing. The protest hearing is September 14, 2022, 1:30. This is the status hearing.

MR. JAYARAMAN: That's right, sir. I mean, I assume the status hearing was to provide the Board with information on the outcome of mediation or any other negotiations that were occurring. It seems like we're trying to have a status hearing when the mediation has not occurred when the normal process would be the other way.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You do not have to attend a mediation. It's not mandatory. It's not mandatory in the sense that we can schedule mediation and the parties can elect not to attend the mediation and elect to go forward to a protest hearing.

The purpose of this hearing, which is mandatory for all protests, the parties have to

show up at the roll call. They have to show up at the roll call. They have to show up at the status.

The purpose of the status hearing is just to alert the Board to whether or not are there any procedural issues. Not substantive issues. If you were to get started to talk about the substance of what was held at the mediation, I would stop you there because the purpose of this hearing is just procedural.

One of the things that can be done once we schedule the mediation if the parties believe the mediation was productive, and if there were time, the parties can file a motion to ask for another status hearing and that would extend the timeline rather than us having the protest hearing on September 14th.

Once you have the mediation, and it was productive and you believe that you need more time to continue negotiating, then you can -- then the parties can file a joint motion with the Board asking that the protest hearing that is scheduled for September 14th, rather than that being a status hearing -- I'm sorry, a protest hearing, let's have another status hearing if you

really believe the parties are productive in coming towards settlement.

MR. JAYARAMAN: I personally believe it's in the best interest of the community for us to have the mediation and ANC 6B is fully committed to trying to work out any issues with the applicant between now and that time.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. We will schedule the mediation and once the mediation is held, if the parties believe that you need more time to come to settlement, then the parties can jointly ask the Board to convert the September 14th protest hearing into another status.

Since this is a renewal the timelines are more flexible in granting an extension because this is not an application for a new license. This is a renewal meaning that the establishment remains open while we have the negotiations.

The Board will be open to consider any motions filed by either party to convert the protest hearing that's scheduled for September 14th into a status hearing. Any questions by any other parties?

MR. JAYARAMAN: No.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are the parties fully aware of the process if we were to move forward with the protest hearing on the 14th?

Are the parties aware of the process that we will follow?

MR. JAYARAMAN: Yes.

MR. JACKSON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

Thank you. We will work -- the Agency will provide the parties with a date for the mediation. Once the mediation is held if the parties believe that they need some further time to negotiate a settlement agreement, the parties can file a motion and ask the Board to convert the protest hearing that's scheduled on September 14, 2022 at 1:30 into a further status hearing.

Okay? Good luck with your negotiation at the mediation. One way or the other we will see you on September 14th. If I don't see you on September 14th, I believe that the mediation was successful and that the parties --

MR. READY: It should be.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, thank you very much for that, Mr. Ready. The Board

1 supports settlement because, again, this is your 2 neighborhood. You live here so, therefore, I'm 3 not sure if any other Board members live within the confines of ANC 6B but I prefer when the 4 5 community makes decisions about what's in their 6 best interest rather than ask the Board to make a 7 decision. Okay? So have a productive mediation. Have a great summer and thank you very much for 8 9 being here. 10 MR. JAYARAMAN: Thank you. 11 MR. JACKSON: Thank you. 12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went

off the record at 10:49 a.m.)

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