DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + + ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD + + + + + MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: IN THE MATTER OF: Momentux Hospitality, LLC: t/a Rush 1923 9th Street NW #101 : Protest Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing (Status) License No. 125250 Case #23-PRO-00061 (Application for a New License) In the matter of the second second

> Wednesday October 4, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via Webex videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson BOBBY CATO, JR., Member EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff ZOE CORDELIA LU, Protestant

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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S				
2	10:39 a.m.				
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case				
4	on our calendar is Case No. 23-PRO-00061, Rush,				
5	License No. 125250.				
б	Good morning, Mr. Orellana.				
7	Can you please elevate the rights of				
8	8 the Licensee and the Protestant in this case?				
9	MR. ORELLANA: Ms. Zoe Cordelia Lu,				
10	your access has been elevated.				
11	That is all, Chairman Anderson.				
12	MS. LU: Good morning.				
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,				
14	ma'am.				
15	Let me apologize to you for the				
16	confusion that I brought this morning.				
17	Can you please spell and state your				
18	name for the record and your affiliation?				
19	MS. LU: Yes. Zoe Lu, Z-O-E, and then,				
20	the last name is Lu, L-U. And then, I'm leading				
21	the group of nine protestors, the representatives				
22	of nine.				
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The				
24	Licensee for this case, I don't see. Is there				
25	someone, is there anyone online who is				
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1 representing this establishment? 2 (No response.) MR. ORELLANA: I'll send a message. 3 (Pause.) 4 5 I'm not getting a response, Chairman. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 6 All 7 right. All right. This is an application for a 8 new license for this establishment, Rush. This matter was scheduled for a 9 protest hearing at 10:30 this morning. 10 It is 11 10:41. I called the case, and the only 12 representative of the Licensee or the Applicant 13 is not here today. The Protestant has been, is 14 represented. 15 Once a licensee applies for a license, 16 they are told at the roll call hearing that they 17 have to appear at a roll call hearing; that they 18 also have to appear at the protest status hearing 19 -- and they also have to appear at the protest 20 hearing. 21 As I stated before, this matter was 2.2 scheduled for 10:30. It's 10:42. The Applicant 23 is not here. So, I'm going to make a motion that 2.4 their application be dismissed. What this means, Ms. Lu, is that the 25

1 Board -- I'm making a motion, and if the Board 2 agrees to dismiss the application, once the order is issued, the Licensee will have 10 days to give 3 the Board reasonable notice why they failed to 4 5 appear this morning. If they fail to respond within 10 6 7 days, or if we do not believe that it's 8 reasonable cause why they failed to appear, then 9 their license application will be dismissed, and if they're still interested in opening this 10 11 establishment, then they have to reapply and it 12 has to be placarded again. 13 If that happens, and if your group 14 still decides that you want to protest this new 15 license, you can send a letter to Legal and ask 16 that your protest be grandfathered into the new 17 application. Okay? 18 So, since the Licensee is not -- I'm 19 sorry -- since the Applicant is not here, I, 20 therefore, make a motion that their application 21 be dismissed. Is there a second? 2.2 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second it. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. 2.4 25 We'll now have a roll call vote.

1	Mr. Short?			
2	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.			
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?			
4	MEMBER CATO: Cato. I agree.			
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?			
б	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.			
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?			
8	MEMBER GRANDIS: Grandis. I agree.			
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I agree.			
10	The matter passed 5-0-0.			
11	As I stated, the Board has voted to			
12	dismiss the application. An order will be			
13	written. The Applicant will have 10 days to			
14	respond to give us reasonable notice why they			
15	failed to appear today.			
16	And if they fail to respond, or if the			
17	Board determines that reasonable notice was not			
18	reasonable and sufficient cause has not been			
19	shown, the application will be dismissed, and			
20	then, they will have to start over by reapplying.			
21	And as I stated before, ma'am, if they			
22	reapply, and if the ANC still wishes to protest,			
23	all you have to do is send a letter to our Legal			
24	Office to state that you're asking that your			
25	original protest application be grandfathered			

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1 into the new application. 2 Any questions, ma'am? No. Understood. Thank you 3 MS. LU: for clarifying the process. 4 5 So, I guess, not to confuse things, 6 but I had responded to the Request for Mediation, 7 but it sounds like it's moot now because you've 8 already dismissed the application? 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It is. 10 I don't know what the Applicant is 11 going to do. 12 MS. LU: Uh-hum. Understood. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next step 14 is for the Applicant. You can continue to talk 15 to them, and if you -- the next move is for the 16 Applicant. They need to let us know why they 17 failed to appear this morning. Okay? 18 MS. LU: Understood. Perfect. Okay. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very 20 much. 21 MS. LU: Thank you, and have a great 2.2 morning. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thanks. Bye-bye. 2.4 (Whereupon, at 10:45 a.m., the hearing 25 was concluded.)

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