DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + +ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD + + + + +MEETING -----= IN THE MATTER OF: : : S&G, Inc., t/a Park Market : 3400 13th Street NW : Retailer CT - *ANC 5C : Protest Hearing License No. 94178 : Case #21-PRO-00064 : : (Application for License : Renewal -----= Thursday, October 21, 2021 The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via Webex videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding. **PRESENT:**

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

ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff INVESTIGATOR EARL JONES, DC ABRA JEFF JACKSON, Applicant Representative JERRY MALMO, Protestant Representative GEBRE KAHASSAI, Appllicant

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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	10:10 a.m
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
4	As chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control
5	Board fo the District of Columbia, and in
6	accordance with DC Code Section 2576 of the Open
7	Meetings Act, I'm welcoming you to the regular
8	scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage
9	Control Board.
10	This meeting is being conducted
11	pursuant to guidance made available by the
12	district of Columbia's Office of Open Government
13	regarding electronic meetings held by public
14	bodies during the public emergency. Pursuant to
15	this guidance, notice of today's meeting was
16	provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting on
17	ABRA's website and on the District's central
18	meeting calendar. The notice included the time,
19	date, agenda and call-in or log-in information
20	for public participation. This electronic
21	meeting is being hosted by a Webex account
22	provided by the District of Columbia government.
23	Please address any questions or complaints to the
24	OOG at opengovoffice@dc.gov.
25	My name is Donovan Anderson, and I'm

the chairman of the Board. I would like to 1 introduce the other members of the ABC Board who 2 3 are also participating electronically, pursuant 4 to Mayor's Order 2020-119. 5 Please respond when I call your name. Mr. Bobby Cato? 6 7 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato present. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi 9 Crockett? MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett 10 11 present. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni 13 Hansen? 14 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen present. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward Grandis? 16 17 Edward Grandis MEMBER GRANDIS: 18 present. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has 20 five members for the conduct of business today, 21 and that constitutes a quorum. 22 Before we get underway with today's 23 hearing calendar, I need to make a few 24 instructions very clear so that the conduct of 25 these hearings is understood by everyone. We

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have three cases on our calendar.

2 Once your case is called, I will take 3 a moment for our IT specialist to elevate the rights for each party to enable their camera and 4 microphone. Then and only then will you have the 5 ability to enable your equipment. 6 7 If your case is not being heard, you 8 will remain mute and your camera will be 9 disabled. At the conclusion of each case, the 10 parties will have the opportunity to leave. If a 11 party chooses to stay, all cameras and 12 microphones for the concluded case will be disabled. 13 14 Should you have any questions or 15 require technical assistance during the hearing, 16 please submit that using the question and answer 17 feature or email Simone at Andrews2@dc.gov. Our first order of business is a 18 19 protest hearing, Case #21-PRO-00046, Uncle Lee's 20 Seafood, License #85918. This hearing is 21 canceled due to submission of the settlement 22 agreement to the Board for the Board's review and 23 approval. 24 And the next case on the calendar, an 25 additional case on our calendar is Case

#21-PRO-00056, BJH Waterfront, LLC, trade name to 1 be determined, License #118143. This hearing is 2 canceled. The Board approved the settlement 3 4 agreement on October 20, 2021. And so the next case on our calendar 5 is #21-PRO-00064, Park Market, License #94178. 6 7 Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate 8 the rights of the parties in this case, please. 9 MS. ANDREWS: Stand by. Sure. 10 Investigator Jones, your rights have 11 been elevated. 12 Mr. Malmo, your rights have been 13 elevated. 14 Mr. Jackson, your rights have been 15 elevated. 16 And Mr. or Ms. Kahassai, your rights 17 have been elevated. 18 That's all, Mr. Chairman. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. 20 Mr. Jackson, Mr. Malmo. 21 MR. JACKSON: Yes. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a 23 camera, Mr. Jackson? 24 MR. JACKSON: Yes. I'm sorry. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If we're having

a protest hearing and it's going to be a minute, 1 2 so I would like to see folks if you have the 3 ability. Mr. Malmo? 4 5 MR. MALMO: Good morning, Mr. No, I do not have a camera. 6 Chairman. 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You do not have 8 a camera, sir? Okay, that's fine. 9 All right. Good morning, everyone. 10 I'm going to record this hearing this morning and 11 so I would like the parties to identify 12 themselves, and so I'll start with you, Mr. 13 Jackson. 14 MR. JACKSON: Yes. Jeff Jackson, 15 representing the Applicant, S&G, Inc, trading as 16 Park Market. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who is the 17 18 Applicant. 19 MR. KAHASSAI: Gebre Kahassai. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 21 Hold on a minute. Mr. Kahassai, can you please 22 spell your name for the record, please? 23 MR. KAHASSAI: First name is Gebre, 24 which is G-E-B-R-E, and last name 25 K-A-H-A-S-S-A-I.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 1 And again, 2 what's your relationship to the establishment, 3 sir? MR. KAHASSAI: I'm an owner. 4 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr. Malmo, can you state and spell 6 7 your name for the record, please? 8 MR. MALMO: Sure. My name is Jerry 9 with a J, J-E-R-R-Y, Malmo, M-A-L-M-O. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones. 10 11 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Lead Investigator 12 Earl Jones with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation 13 Administration. Good day to the Board. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 15 Mr. Jones. 16 All right. So we have this protest hearing this morning, and are there any 17 18 preliminary matters that either party wishes to 19 bring to the attention fo the Board? 20 MR. JACKSON: No, sir, not that I 21 have. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. 23 Mr. Malmo? 24 MR. MALMO: No, not at this time. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

This is the way the process will work this 1 morning. We will have opening statements, so the 2 3 licensee will have five minutes. Are you still there, Mr. Jackson? 4 5 MR. JACKSON: Yes. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The reason why, 6 7 you disappeared from my screen. 8 MR. JACKSON: I have it on. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm just saying 10 you weren't on it, and it appeared that you were 11 having some technical difficulties, so that's one 12 of the reasons why I asked. 13 All right. The way the process will 14 work is that we'll have a five-minute opening 15 statement by the Applicant. We will also have, 16 after the Applicant has had a five-minute opening 17 statement, the Protestant will also have a five-18 minute opening statement. 19 Then the Board will call its first 20 witness, the Board will call Mr. Jones as its 21 first witness. The Board will question Mr. 22 Jones, all members of the Board, if they so 23 desire, will question Mr. Jones on his report. 24 Once the Board has concluded its examination of 25 Mr. Jones, then you, Mr. Jackson, will have an

opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Jones. Once you, Mr. Jackson, are done asking questions of Mr. Jones, then you, Mr. Malmo, will have the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Jones.

5 Once that's done, then Mr. Jackson, you will have the opportunity to present your 6 7 You have one hour to present your case. case. 8 You have -- as I stated in the pre-hearing 9 conference, you can only call four witnesses 10 maximum so you have one hour to present your 11 case, so I'll ask you to spend more of your time 12 in doing direct examination rather than cross-13 examination because your time is running while 14 you're doing cross-examination, meaning that the 15 time doesn't start until the B side begins to 16 present its case, so therefore, during the cross-17 examination of the Board's witness, that's not a 18 portion of your time, but once you start to 19 present your case, that's when you have an hour. 20 So Mr. Jackson will present his witnesses.

21 Mr. Malmo, you'll have an opportunity 22 to cross-examine Mr. Jackson's witnesses. Once 23 you have cross-examined Mr. Jackson's witnesses, 24 then, Mr. Malmo, you then have an opportunity to 25 present your case, you have one hour also to

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present your case. You are only allowed to call 1 2 no more than four witnesses, and you call your 3 witnesses, Mr. Jackson will have the opportunity to cross-examine your witnesses. And once Mr. 4 5 Jackson has cross-examined your witnesses and the Board will have an ability to cross-examine that 6 7 witnesses. And once all the witnesses are done, 8 9 then the Applicant will have five minutes to close its case, the Protestant will have five 10 11 minutes to close its case, and then we'll just 12 wrap up this case for the day. 13 Are there any questions by either 14 party on the process that we will follow today? 15 MR. JACKSON: No. 16 MR. MALMO: Nothing, no. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on one 18 minute. Let me find my report so we can start. 19 So hold on one minute, please, let me get my 20 thoughts ready. Just give me one minute and let 21 me prepare myself with my documents. 22 (Pause.) 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I am ready, so 24 the Board will call its first witness, Mr. Earl 25 Jones.

Mr. Jones, can you please raise your
right hand, please? Do you swear or affirm to
tell the truth and nothing but the truth?
INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, sir.
DIRECT EXAMINATION
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you state
your name for the record, Mr. Jones?
INVESTIGATOR JONES: Investigator Earl
Jones.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And where are
you currently employed?
INVESTIGATOR JONES: With the
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how long
have you been employed with the Agency, sir?
INVESTIGATOR JONES: Going on 12
years, sir.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what do you
do in your responsibility at the Agency?
INVESTIGATOR JONES: I conduct
inspections and investigations of licensed ABC
establishments within the District of Columbia.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And are you
familiar with the Park Market?
INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how did you 1 become familiar with this establishment? 2 3 INVESTIGATOR JONES: I recently 4 conducted a protest investigation of the 5 establishment within the last month, sir. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did there come 6 7 a time that you wrote a case report regarding 8 this case, sir? 9 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, sir. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have the 11 ability to -- do you have a copy of the report 12 you can upload and share with the Board? 13 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, sir. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please 15 do that? 16 Ms. Andrews, can you please give Mr. Jones the ability to share his screen, please? 17 Ms. Andrews? 18 19 MS. ANDREWS: I'm here. One second, 20 please. Stand by. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please 22 give Mr. Jones the ability to share his screen, 23 please? 24 MS. ANDREWS: Sure. 25 Mr. Jones, you now can share your

screen.

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2	INVESTIGATOR JONES: Thank you.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why don't you
4	go to the front page of your report, sir?
5	INVESTIGATOR JONES: Okay.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The document
7	that's on the screen, is this a copy of the case
8	report that you drafted regarding this case?
9	INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, it is, sir.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
11	what are the hours of operation of this
12	establishment?
13	INVESTIGATOR JONES: One more time,
14	sir?
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What are the
16	hours of operation for this establishment?
17	INVESTIGATOR JONES: The hours of
18	operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And those are
20	the same hours for sales and consumption?
21	INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, sir.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And just tell
23	us what type of establishment is the Park Market?
24	What type of establishment is this?
25	INVESTIGATOR JONES: This is a Class

A retailer, which basically means they can sell 1 2 everything from beer, wine and spirits, sir. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, who's protesting? Did you have an opportunity to speak 4 to the Protestant in this case? 5 **INVESTIGATOR JONES:** Yes. So it 6 7 appeared that there were -- from the information 8 provided, it appeared that there were two 9 separate groups of groups of eight individuals 10 that were that were led by Mr. Malmo, as well as 11 Mr. Livingston, but it appears that they were 12 intertwined to some degree, because they were 13 using the same protest letter to ABRA. So I did 14 speak with Mr. Jerry Malmo, who is a designated 15 representative for a group of eight. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And based on 17 your conversation with Mr. Malmo, what 18 information were you able to gather regarding the 19 reason for this protest? 20 INVESTIGATOR JONES: So I didn't speak 21 with him verbally, it was through email, but he 22 did indicate that the issues that surround all 23 involved with regards to the license renewal 24 application for Park Market had to do with 25 violations of their settlement agreement, to

include the trash receptacle not being placed in 1 2 the rear of the establishment per what the 3 settlement agreement states, graffiti on the exterior front walls, and trash and litter not 4 5 being picked up regularly, as well as trash and litter also being in the front tree boxes. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So 8 one of the concerns, as you stated that Mr. Malmo 9 stated, was a violation of the settlement 10 agreement. Did you ever independently 11 investigate this alleged violation of the 12 settlement agreement? 13 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, I did. Ι 14 did visit the establishment and spoke to Mr. 15 Kahassai, who is the owner, and there was also 16 monitoring periods, about eight monitoring 17 periods for the establishment during all hours of the day to determine some of these issues that 18 19 were brought up.

Not at any point that I noticed that there was trash on the exterior of the establishment or in the tree boxes. There was no graffiti on the exterior walls of the establishment, although the information that was submitted by Mr. Malmo did, in fact, have

1 graffiti on the walls when he submitted it, but 2 however, when the establishment was monitored, it 3 was clearly painted over.

The only thing from the settlement 4 5 agreement, if you go by the letter of the law with the settlement agreement, there was a 6 7 dumpster that was in the front of the establishment to the side of the establishment. 8 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what did --10 if you recall, where did the settlement agreement 11 state that the dumpster should have been located? 12 INVESTIGATOR JONES: So there's a -in the settlement agreement on page 2 at the very 13 14 top on number 6, it indicates dealing with public 15 space and trash that the Applicant shall keep the 16 sidewalk up to and including the curb, tree boxes 17 and abutting alley clean and free of litter, bottles and other debris, in compliance with DC 18 19 Code and municipal regulations.

It also indicates that the Applicant agrees to obtain a dumpster to be placed in the rear of the building. And it says -- going further it indicates that the area around the dumpster should be kept clean at all times and the dumpster is placed such that it does not

encroach upon the abutting properties and so that 1 2 no garbage is placed on abutting properties. 3 Applicant shall maintain regular tree -- excuse me -- regular trash removal service. 4 So from that, I spoke with both the 5 owner as well as his representative, Mr. 6 7 Jackson, about this issue, and Mr. Jackson 8 advised me that due to the way that the building 9 is situated, there are residential properties 10 with new construction recently that adjoin on 11 both sides of Park Market, so therefore, there is 12 no rear to the establishment, so they've had to 13 keep the dumpster to the side of the building which is still in the front of the establishment. 14 15 So there's no way to put a dumpster in the rear 16 of the establishment per what the settlement 17 agreement is asking. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: One of the --19 let me ask, in your investigation what are the 20 nearby establishments within the footprint of 21 this establishment? 22 INVESTIGATOR JONES: So there are no 23 ABC establishments on any of the surrounding 24 block of Park Market, in the 3400 block of Park

Market, it's just all residential properties,

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however, you do have -- the closest you have Red Rocks, which is 1036 Park Road; you have Zeba Bar, which is on 14th Street 3423; you have Giant which is up the street from the establishment; Giant Food Store, which is 1345 Park Road, but however, there are no ABC establishments on that current block.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, you stated 9 earlier that you or the Agency had monitored the 10 establishment. How many times did the Agency 11 monitor the establishment, and what is it that 12 you were able to find as were there any ABRA 13 violations found? Tell me when the establishment 14 was monitored and what the investigator found.

15 INVESTIGATOR JONES: So the 16 establishment was monitored from September 24, 17 2020 through October 10, 2021, and again, they were monitored during all different hours. 18 19 During these times, which went from 9:25 in the 20 morning to after 10:50 at night, and so during 21 these times there were no ABRA violations that 22 were found, there was no loitering, no trash 23 issues or concerns, no graffiti that was on the 24 The only thing, as I mentioned walls. 25 previously, was the dumpster being in the

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frontage of the area.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

3 INVESTIGATOR JONES: The other thing I'd like to add, sir, was that after speaking 4 5 with Mr. Jackson, he did tell me that they did have -- the dumpster was in a certain place to 6 7 the side of the establishment, but when, I guess, 8 they had done the construction to the residence 9 that are attached to the building, you know, they 10 were getting complaints because the dumpster was 11 at that point directly under one of the 12 resident's windows, and so they had to move it to the other side, so it's kind of jockeying 13 14 positions where they can put that dumpster. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Ι 16 thought you said that the settlement agreement 17 said that the dumpster should have been at the 18 back of the building. 19 **INVESTIGATOR JONES:** Yes, sir. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So do you know 21 what that dumpster -- so why did the dumpster --22 why is it that the dumpster could not be in the back of the building, if you know? 23 24 INVESTIGATOR JONES: From what I'm 25 understanding, there is no rear to the building.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm confused,
2	I'm confused, and the reason I'm confused and
3	it's not from you go back to the settlement
4	agreement that talks about the dumpster, please.
5	INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, sir.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So where does
7	the settlement agreement state that the dumpster
8	should be located?
9	INVESTIGATOR JONES: I'm getting ready
10	to pull it up for you, sir. Right here at the
11	top. So if you go through I'll go through the
12	statement that says it. It's probably the third
13	or fourth sentence, it's in the middle of this
14	paragraph the top, number 6, under public space
15	and trash.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.
17	INVESTIGATOR JONES: So it indicates:
18	"Applicant agrees to obtain a dumpster to be
19	placed in the rear of the building." And that's
20	pretty much all it says.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When was the
22	settlement agreement signed?
23	INVESTIGATOR JONES: This looks like
24	this was signed on 2/10/2016.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I guess
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what I'm saying is that in speaking to either the 1 2 Protestant or the Applicant was it possible at 3 any point for this dumpster to be placed at the 4 rear of the building? 5 And maybe I don't know what rear is because I heard you say side, so is the side the 6 7 And I'm asking, I'm just saying based on rear?

your conversations did you ever ask them was 9 there ever an ability for the dumpster to be 10 placed at the rear of the building?

11 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Based on 12 conversations, my understanding is that for them 13 the rear is to the side of the building.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. I will 15 ask -- I quess once the Protestant or the 16 Licensee testifies, then we'll find some more 17 clarification --

18 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, sir. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- what is 20 considered the rear of the building if there is 21 no rear of the building. But that's for someone 22 later on.

23 All right. Were you able to find 24 any -- did you inquire whether or not any noise 25 complaints were filed against this establishment,

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and if there were, were there any ABRA violations found regarding this?

3 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Well, you know, 4 a couple of factors come out of that because --5 well, number one, I will say there were no noise complaints logged associated with 3400 13th 6 Street in which our Noise Task Force responded 7 8 from September of 2020 to October of 2021, and 9 also during that time, you know, with COVID being 10 a huge issue, there were times where our Noise 11 Task Force hadn't come into play during that time 12 as well, but from what I'm understanding, either 13 way we didn't have any calls during that period 14 of time, sir. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 16 fine. I'm not sure if I asked you. You had --17 did you have any conversation with either the 18 owner or his representative? 19 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes. The 20 information I just gave you with regards to the 21 trash and the dumpster came from --22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Came from the 23 owner. 24 **INVESTIGATOR JONES:** Yes. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

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1 Thank you. 2 Now, are there any exhibits attached 3 to your report? What I'd like to do is just introduce the exhibits that are attached to your 4 5 report, please. INVESTIGATOR JONES: Will do. 6 7 So here I have Exhibit 1, which is the 8 petition for the license renewal for Park Market. 9 That was done on 5/21/2021. Number 2 is the letter of opposition 10 11 or the protest letter from Mr. Malmo, as well as 12 Mr. Livingston, as well as representing the group 13 of eight or more, to ABRA. This also includes 14 the settlement agreement and pictures that they 15 supplied ABRA as far as violations that they had 16 seen or they had observed. 17 Exhibit 3 is a letter I sent for the 18 calls for service for the area. 19 Exhibit 4 is the email I sent to Mr. 20 Malmo requesting communication with reference to 21 their opposition. This is the email I also sent 22 to Mr. Livingston asking the exact same thing. 23 Exhibit 6 is an email I sent to Mr. 24 Kahassai with regards to needing to speak with 25 him, as well as trying to tour the space for an

interview with regards to this protest. 1 2 Exhibit 7 is the response that I got from Mr. Malmo for my report. 3 Exhibit 8 is a picture of the graffiti 4 that Mr. Malmo submitted. 5 (Whereas, the above-referred to 6 7 documents were marked as Exhibit Nos. 1 through 8 for identification.) 8 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. 10 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, sir. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is this -- what 12 are we looking at? INVESTIGATOR JONES: So this is the --13 14 if you're looking north on 13th Street you're 15 looking up towards the front of the 16 establishment, what you're looking at is the 17 corner of the establishment and the front is to 18 the right side of that area kind of sticking up 19 where you can see the graffiti on the side of it 20 and it has that sign in front. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. 22 INVESTIGATOR JONES: The front of the 23 establishment is right behind that area right 24 there. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what's the

graffiti? I see something that looks like a 1 2 wall, a mural. 3 INVESTIGATOR JONES: I'm sorry. That 4 is a mural, that is a mural that I believe the 5 owner may have done. The graffiti is on the part 6 that is sticking out from the building, so if you 7 can see kind of the scratch, the black where the 8 sign is, the red sign, the graffiti is to the 9 left of the red sign. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. 11 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Right here in 12 this area. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So 14 that's the graffiti. Thanks. 15 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, sir. Exhibit 9 is picture of the front of 16 17 the establishment that was sent to me by Mr. Malmo. 18 19 (Whereupon, the above-referred to document was marked as Exhibit No. 9 for 20 21 identification.) 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. 23 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Exhibit 10 is 24 another picture of the establishment. This 25 picture was sent -- yeah, this picture was sent

1	by Mr. Jackson. This is kind of indicating where
2	the dumpster is, and also if you see the wall
3	where it has the sorry about that, sir if
4	you see the wall here where the yellow and the
5	leaves are painted, that's where, from what I'm
6	understanding, and I could be corrected, but I
7	believe this is my understanding, what Mr.
8	Jackson told me, was that the dumpster used to be
9	here but it was under someone's window and so
10	they were asked to move it. So this is where the
11	side of the building was, which I would assume
12	could be the rear.
13	(Whereupon, the above-referred to
14	document was marked as Exhibit No. 10 for
15	identification.)
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
17	INVESTIGATOR JONES: So this is a
18	picture of the side of the building, again where
19	the dumpster used to be, and this is the building
20	where the two are attached. You've got a
21	residential space here as well as Park Market
22	right here.
23	And so this is where the dumpster
24	this picture was also sent to me, again by Mr.
25	Jackson this is where the dumpster had been

placed because it was asked to be moved by the 1 residents from the other side. So this is on the 2 right side to the building, on the right side of 3 the front door here, if that makes sense to you. 4 5 (Whereupon, the above-referred to documents were marked as Exhibit Nos. 11 and 12 6 for identification.) 7 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's fine. 9 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Number 13 is a 10 letter of support from one of the neighbors that 11 was sent to me by Mr. Jackson from Allen Neusbaum 12 and Terry Beasley from 3404 13th Street, which is 13 pretty much two doors down. 14 You have another letter of support 15 from another neighbor, Glen Shields from 3406 16 13th Street. 17 This is a third letter of support from Dr. Fritz from 3211 13th Street. 18 19 And this is the fourth letter from Mr. William Brown from 1215 Lamonte Street for 20 21 support for Park Market. 22 (Whereupon, the above-referred to 23 documents were marked as Exhibit Nos. 13 through 24 16 for identification.) 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

INVESTIGATOR JONES: Exhibit 17 is the 1 2 zoning for Park Market. 3 Exhibit 18 is the residential zoning 4 explanation for Park Market, so as you see, it's 5 all residential properties in this area. Exhibit 19, so this is all of the 6 7 establishments -- ABC establishments that are in a 1,200 radius of Park Market. 8 9 Exhibit 20 is the same thing, however, 10 this is for schools, recreation centers, public 11 libraries or daycares within a 400-foot radius of 12 Park Market, which there are none. 13 Exhibit 21 is just a Google shot of 14 the surrounding areas of Park Market. This is a 15 shot of 13th Street going northbound and Park Market is to the left, so there's just all 16 17 residential area. This is all residential 18 property. 19 This is going south and Park Market is 20 there to the right. 21 This is Park Road going up towards 22 14th Street, again, all residential property. 23 And the same thing going westbound, 24 all residential property. 25 Exhibit 25 is the inside of the

establishment.

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2 (Whereupon, the above-referred to
3 documents were marked as Exhibit Nos. 17 through
4 25 for identification.)

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you
6 describe what -- describe what we're looking at,
7 what's the inside.

8 INVESTIGATOR JONES: So when you 9 initially walk in, it's pretty much an open 10 concept space. It's a rectangular-shaped 11 establishment, it's not that large. When you 12 walk in you have various shelving in the middle 13 of the establishment that house, you know, little 14 small market items, chips, candies, those types 15 of things; you have sodas and drinks in coolers 16 to the right and to the left of the main space.

Directly in front of you to the right is the main counter, and behind that counter are spirits and certain things that, you know, should be kept behind the counter. There are shelving units that line the walls that also have wine and spirits that could be purchased and brought to the counter.

Outside of that, right behind that main wall right there is a bathroom area and the

1 basement area for storage. And that's pretty 2 much it. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. 4 INVESTIGATOR JONES: That's just another shot of the space inside when you walk 5 in. 6 7 This is going towards the rear when 8 you go past the main counter, just the restroom. 9 And then you have your downstairs 10 storage area, and that's it. 11 Exhibit 29 are the calls for service 12 for 3400 13th Street from September of 2020 to 13 October of 2021. And that's your last exhibit, 14 sir. 15 (Whereupon, the above-referred to documents were marked as Exhibit Nos. 26 through 16 17 29 were marked for identification.) 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Anything else, 19 any other comments you want to make, Mr. Jones? 20 INVESTIGATOR JONES: No, sir. I think 21 that pretty much wraps it up, sir. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. You 23 can close your screen, please. 24 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Yes, sir. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do any of the

1	Board members have questions of Mr. Jones?
2	(No response.)
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jackson?
4	MR. JACKSON: No, I don't. I believe
5	it was a pretty thorough report and complete.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Malmo?
7	MR. MALMO: Yes, thanks. I do have
8	one question for Investigator Jones.
9	On page 38 of the report in the
10	section that talks about the zoning, it's a
11	zoning map, and it shows that it's zoned District
12	R1 residential. In your investigation were
13	you able to identify any sort of zoning variance
14	that had been granted to the business to operate
15	a Class A liquor store in a residential area?
16	INVESTIGATOR JONES: I can't say that
17	I did, sir. I know that that establishment has
18	been there for some time, but no, I didn't look
19	into if that space was totally zoned out to be
20	there or not.
21	I know that Mr. Kahassai said he's
22	been there for over eight years, and so I
23	didn't you know, again, looking at this I
24	didn't go into if this establishment was supposed
25	to be here or not. He was granted an alcohol

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license, and so that was just my assumption that 1 2 that was -- he was clear to do that. 3 MR. MALMO: Okay. Thank you. That's 4 all. 5 MR. JACKSON: Chairman Anderson, may I speak on that? 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, Mr. 8 Jackson. When you present your case you can. 9 All right. I don't have any further 10 questions for you, Mr. Jones. Thank you very 11 much for your presentation today. Have a great 12 day. 13 INVESTIGATOR JONES: Thank you. Have 14 a good day. 15 (Whereupon, the witness was excused.) 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I just remember 17 I did not do something, although I told each side 18 that they had five minutes to do an opening, I 19 never allowed each side to do their opening. 20 So Mr. Jackson, I apologize. I need 21 you to do your opening, and then once you do your 22 opening, then I will have Mr. Malmo do his 23 opening, and then you can start presenting our 24 case, sir. I apologize for that. 25 MR. JACKSON: No problem, sir.

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OPENING	STATEMENT	-	APPLICANT
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MR. JACKSON: Well, good morning, everyone. Commissioner Donovan and members of the ABC Board, my name is Jeff Jackson, and I'm the representative for S&G, Inc. trading as Park Market.

7 I would like to thank the Board 8 members for scheduling this protest and also 9 apologize for not being able to reach a settlement agreement, but from the beginning that 10 11 this protest was filed and during the mediation, 12 after the mediation we felt that the issues or some of the concerns that the Protestant was 13 14 asking of the Applicant, we felt that they did 15 not have anything to do with the protest issues 16 of peace, order and quiet.

At that point we shut down our ability
or decision to try to reach a settlement
agreement because the things, like I said, he was
asking was unacceptable and unreasonable.

21 My client has been in this location 22 for approximately ten years, and at no time did 23 he have any ABRA violations. By evidence of the 24 investigative report, not at one time did the 25 investigator observe any violation of peace,

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1 order and quiet.

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3	concerned and I'd like to give some
4	clarification on the settlement agreement that
5	was spoke about. I was party to the first
6	settlement agreement, and the side of the
7	establishment at the time was considered the rear
8	of the establishment; there was never no rear to
9	the establishment.
10	A nd when the settlement agreement was
11	drafted, we decided that we would put the rear,
12	but it was really the side. So the photos that
13	was shown is actually the rear of the
14	establishment, which is to the side.
15	Also, I would like to state that
16	during the mediation certain things was asked of
17	my client that we felt that was unacceptable, and
18	one of the things that was mentioned
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jackson.
20	MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Please, I don't
22	want to hear about we can't discuss what
23	happened during the mediation for settlement.
24	MR. JACKSON: Okay.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you want to

generally state that we were not able to mediate, 1 but that is confidential. I normally do not 2 3 interrupt someone's opening or closing, but we should not be discussing what occurred at the 4 5 mediation, sir. MR. JACKSON: I understand, sir. 6 7 So that being said, we would Okay. 8 like to ask the Board members that the protest 9 that was provided or placed upon the establishment we believe is frivolous and we 10 11 would like to allow the Applicant to continue to 12 renew his license and conduct business as usual. 13 Thank you. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. 15 Mr. Malmo, you have five minutes to do 16 an opening, sir. 17 **OPENING STATEMENT - PROTESTANT** 18 MR. MALMO: Thanks. 19 So I think it's a pretty 20 straightforward issue, and it has to do with 21 whether or not the business takes the settlement 22 agreement seriously. As a member of the 23 community, they negotiated it in good faith, but 24 be that as it may, I think what the record will 25 show is that they're in violation of the

letter -- of the settlement agreement. 1 Whether 2 it's the spirit or the letter of the agreement, 3 they're not following the settlement agreement. 4 And it's our contention that the license 5 shouldn't be renewed while they're in violation of a settlement agreement. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's it? 8 MR. MALMO: That's it. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr. 10 Jackson, do you have a witness you wish to call? 11 MR. JACKSON: No, I don't, sir. All 12 of the witness statements was provided to 13 Investigator Jones, and they were made part of 14 the investigative report. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jackson, 16 the burden is on you to present your case, the 17 burden is on you, sir. I mean, I asked you do 18 you have a witness. You're not even calling the 19 I'm not telling you how to present your owner? 20 case. 21 MR. JACKSON: No, no, no. I'm going 22 to call the owner, but I didn't know that you was 23 asking me -- I couldn't hear you. Are you asking 24 me to conduct my presentation? 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. I said

now it's your case, you're going to present your 1 2 case, and I said, Do you have a witness you wish 3 to call? 4 MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who is the witness? 6 7 MR. JACKSON: The first witness I would like to call is the owner of the 8 9 establishment, Mr. Gebre Kahassai. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr. 11 Kahassai, can you please raise your right hand, 12 please. Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth 13 and nothing but the truth? 14 MR. KAHASSAI: Yes. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your witness, 16 sir. 17 I can't see him. MR. JACKSON: 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's your 19 witness, sir. I don't know, I can't see you, but 20 he's here so you can. 21 MR. JACKSON: Mr. Kahassai? 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Kahassai is 23 here. 24 DIRECT EXAMINATION 25 BY MR. JACKSON:

How long -- could you state your first 1 0 2 and last name, please, and spell it for me. 3 Α Yes. First name is Gebre, the last 4 name is Kahassai. 5 And how long have you been the owner 0 of the establishment? 6 7 I have since December 2013. Α 8 0 And during your time of ownership, 9 have you had anyone complain about your establishment as to loitering or selling alcohol 10 11 to intoxicated people or people that appear to be 12 intoxicated? 13 Α Not at all. 14 At any time during your ownership have Q 15 you had any complaints or anyone come into your establishment to file a complaint saying that you 16 17 were out of compliance with anything? Not at all. 18 Α 19 Q After every evening when you vacate 20 the establishment, do you ensure that your area 21 of responsibility is free and clear of litter? 22 Yes, I do. А 23 At the time do you recall which year Q 24 that you were approached by the neighbor to ask 25 you to move your trash dumpster to the front of

the establishment because of the disturbance when 1 2 it was to the side? 3 Α Yes, sir. That's why we just moved to 4 the other side. People come, they take a 5 picture, that's why they told me that I need to 6 do it. I said, Okay, I just move it. 7 Okay. Also, Mr. Kahassai, at any time Q 8 do you recall anyone coming inside your 9 establishment complaining? Not at all. 10 Α 11 Do you have a good rapport with the 0 12 neighbors in the community? Yes, I have with all of them. 13 Α 14 When it was brought to your attention Q 15 of the graffiti that was written on the wall of the establishment, how long did it take for you 16 17 to abate that situation? I don't understand. 18 Α 19 Q How long did it take you to remove the graffiti once you were made aware of the graffiti 20 21 that was on the side of the wall? 22 You mean the trash? Α 23 The graffiti that was on the Q No. 24 outside. 25 Α I did it within 24 hours, less than 24

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Q Okay. Is there anything else you want to add concerning your ownership and how long the store has been there?

5 The store has been there over 30 Α years, and the business has been running that 6 7 same, but actually we renovated, we changed a lot The store used to be a 8 of things in the store. 9 different way, and we remodel, we clean it up, and that's why it looks much better than it used 10 11 to be.

12 Q Okay. Also, did you ever have a rear13 to the building?

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Never.

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15 Q How many days of the weeks is trash 16 collected?

A Three days a week.

18 Q And how about the box out in front of 19 the establishment, the flower plant box, is that 20 on public space or is that on private property? 21 A That's a public space.

22 Q Public space. And do you ensure that 23 space is kept clear and free of litter?

A Since they were complaining, yes,
because I didn't know I was supposed to do that

on the city or government property, so since they 1 told me, we just do it almost every other day 2 3 every week. Before I didn't know that I was 4 supposed to do. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. I don't have any further questions, Chairman. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. 8 Mr. Malmo, your witness, please. 9 MR. MALMO: Thanks. 10 CROSS-EXAMINATION 11 BY MR. MALMO: 12 Do you own the building? Q 13 Α Is that for me the question? 14 I'm directing my questions to Q Yes. 15 you, Mr. Kahassai. 16 Α No, I don't. 17 Does your building have -- are you 0 18 able to access the back of your building from the 19 inside of your building? 20 No. There's no access. Α 21 There's no access? 0 22 You go in, sir, go into the Α No. 23 basement and then you come back to front, that's 24 it. Can you access the back of the 25 0

1 building from the basement? 2 Α No, not at all. 3 Q Can you access the front of the building from the basement? 4 5 Α No. I'm sorry. I didn't hear you. 6 0 7 Α No. So that access door in the front of 8 0 9 your building doesn't go down into your basement? The front door you can go the 10 Α 11 basement, you go into the store and then you go 12 into the basement, then you come back to the 13 front door. 14 But I mean, the steel -- that steel Q 15 access door in the front of your building doesn't 16 go to your basement? 17 You mean by the trash? Α 18 0 Yes. 19 Α That's been closed forever. I know it's closed, but if it's opened 20 0 21 does it access to your basement? 22 Of course if you want to open that and А 23 then you can go into from the trash container. 24 So you can access your basement from Q 25 the sidewalk in the front of your building?

1 Α Yes, you can access that. 2 And you can also access the basement 0 3 from the inside of your building? 4 Α From inside, yes. 5 So since you've been -- since you've 0 been -- but you don't own the building, but 6 7 you're a tenant. Is that right? 8 Yes. Α 9 So since you've been a tenant, have 0 10 you been aware that there was a back of the 11 building? 12 Α No, that's not a back. That's a front 13 door, to the trash it's just a front door, like 14 you go to the front door, and by the window there 15 is closed forever so never had a chance to open 16 it because is always --So I guess my question is why would 17 0 18 you enter into a settlement agreement and agree 19 to place the trash in the back of the building 20 when you have no access or way to get to the back of the building? 21 22 To my understanding, I might not read А it properly, or I really don't understand. 23 So 24 there is no back door, there is nothing you can 25 do, just maybe it was by the recycle or the trash

1 so that's where we had that, sir, on the side. 2 So when they told me to move it, then we moved it 3 to the other side. 4 To the front of the building. 0 Yeah, in front of the building. 5 Α Someone asked you to move it from the 6 0 7 back of the building to the front of the 8 building? 9 Α Yeah, from the side, which is the container, a couple of containers for the 10 11 recycle -- I mean, for the clothes donation, it 12 used to be the trash container next to it. 13 0 When you say the side of your 14 building, do you mean the north side of your 15 building or the south side of your building? The side. 16 Α 17 The south side of the building is 0 where the mural is, the north side of the 18 19 building has a property directly abutting and 20 attached to your building. 21 Α I'm talking about the mural, used to 22 be the trash container by the mural. 23 So when you say the side, you used to Q 24 place it to the south side of your building. 25 Α I don't know if you call it south or

1 north, I don't know, I really don't, I'm 2 confused. So that's just the front, nothing else that building, so it used to be by the mural, the 3 trash container like a few years ago, two, three 4 5 Then they asked to move to the other side vears. if you could do it, and I said, No problem. 6 Then 7 we moved it to the one we just right now. 8 So when you applied to change your Q 9 liquor license from a Class B Commercial to a Class A Retail liquor license, was there a 10 11 protest? 12 Actually I got support; nobody Α No. 13 complained about it against the license. 14 So the ANC-1A did not protest your Q 15 permit to apply to change your permit from a Class B to a Class A? 16 17 Never complain. Α 18 So then why -- how did you enter into 0 19 a settlement agreement? 20 Α Really the trash what I was thinking 21 it was just by the mural, that's where it used to 22 be before even I took over the establishment, 23 that's where we thought that's the side, I don't 24 know how they call it, but that's where the trash 25 used to be, and then we just signed the

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settlement agreement.

Q So Mr. Kahassai, you're aware that you have a settlement agreement that's in place?

A Yes.

5 Q And in the settlement agreement you've 6 agreed to do certain things?

A Yes, the agreement to, yeah. I make
sure take care of that business operating, all
the noise and stuff, underage and drunk, all
those things we make sure, and I've been doing
business over 25 years, and I never had any issue
with a license at different locations.

13 0 Well, in the settlement agreement 14 where it talked about the trash container, the 15 dumpster being placed in the rear of the 16 building, it also says that you'll keep the 17 sidewalk up to and including the curb, the tree 18 boxes, the curb, the abutting alley clean and 19 free of litter, bottles, et cetera. I mean, 20 that's -- is that the settlement agreement that 21 you signed?

A About the trash order, there is no trash at all in the location. Every morning I open, before I open I clean up, before I leave I make sure. About the tree you're talking about,

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1 that I didn't know we were supposed to do that 2 because the city did it and then I didn't know, I 3 never had before, and then they told me that, no, 4 you're supposed to do it. 5 And we cut it immediately, I did it 6 the next day, I didn't even stay longer. Since

the next day, I didn't even stay longer. Since that day we clean up everything, the sign off the front of the door we make sure we painted, we moved that sign used to be. The trash container used to be by the donation, which is the side, and we moved to the side because they told me to do --

Q I wasn't talking --

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Malmo, 15 please give him an opportunity -- let him finish 16 answering the question, sir. When he's done 17 answering the question, then you can ask him a 18 different question. Let him finish, please sir. 19 THE WITNESS: Want me to continue? 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, sir. 21 THE WITNESS: And then that trash 22 container, as I said twice, they want me to move 23 it because of the mural. The mural, the city, 24 people walk, they like, children stop, they take 25 a picture, so would you please move it so it

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I thought I was 2 And I said, Okay. 3 working with the people to anyone, so I just moved on the side and that side is nothing wrong, 4 5 but if you think that is a violation, I have to move back to where it used to be --6 7 BY MR. MALMO: 8 0 Thank you, Mr. Kahassai. 9 Α -- but here is no access to the back. 10 Q Okay. Mr. Kahassai, did you paint the 11 front of your building or did your landlord paint 12 the front of your building? 13 Α I painted. 14 You personally painted it? Q 15 Yeah, I just did it. Yeah, I spent my Α money and I did myself. 16 I got someone to do it 17 and I take care of it. 18 When did you do that? 0 19 Α Okay. Are you talking about -- we did 20 a few years ago and also since they complain about the -- again it's the license and then they 21 22 want me, and it was Jeff Jackson I was talking, 23 oh, the complaint was this. Oh, okay, I'm 24 supposed to do it? Yes. 25 When we moved all the sign, the

lottery, they put a DC Lottery sign, and then the 1 2 liquor and then the sign with the banner, I 3 removed that, and then I painted, which I painted 4 in September, I believe. 5 When in September? Q Honestly I don't have the date to tell 6 А 7 you, but since they complain or this is a 8 complaint because of the license to renew, 9 immediately I just -- I didn't even stay one day; 10 called my guy and then he removed it, he painted 11 it, and also, I cut the grass, make sure. 12 So you painted it after the protest Q was filed? 13 14 Α Yes. 15 How many days after the protest was 0 filed? 16 17 The next day we just -- Mr. Malmo --Α 18 I don't know, I can't say, pronounce his name --19 I see that he was taking a picture of the front 20 door of the license, then sent some kind letter, 21 I will be complaining about neighborhood, the 22 trash, the glass. 23 And my landlord, he told me the 24 grass -- they sent DC government to my landlord, 25 and they call me, you have to take care of this.

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1 They sent me the picture, and then I cut right 2 away immediately, and then I painted; I removed 3 the sign which I didn't even stay a day, next 4 day, just to action. 5 So the DC government they issued a 0 notice to clean the tree box? 6 7 The tree box, they sent it to the Α 8 landlord, not to me, because they have a 9 connection with them. So immediately when I got 10 that, oh, okay, and then I call my guy, and he 11 just cut the grass, and every week we take care 12 of it, and I didn't know we were supposed to do 13 it. 14 Okay. All right. Thanks. Q 15 One other question. So when you 16 applied to change your liquor license from a 17 Class B to a Class A back in 2016, did you apply to the DC zoning board for a zoning variance to 18 operate a Class A liquor license at that 19 location? 20 21 Did I apply for the application? Α Yes. 22 Did you apply for a zoning variance to 0 operate a Class A license at the location? 23 24 I don't understand that. I'd have to Α 25 ask him. Jeff Jackson was helping me with this

application.

2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you can't
3	answer the question, you can't answer the
4	question, simple as that. If you don't
5	understand the question, tell him you don't
6	understand the question, and let's move on.
7	MR. MALMO: I don't have any other
8	questions. Thank you very much.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Kahassai,
10	explain to me where was the dumpster supposed to
11	be placed?
12	THE WITNESS: Okay. The dumpster,
13	like before we took over the spot, it was next to
14	the mural, by the mural and also the donation
15	boxes there.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm asking
17	where was the dumpster was supposed to be place.
18	That's the question. Where was the dumpster
19	supposed to be placed, exactly where?
20	THE WITNESS: Okay. When you go to
21	the store, it used to be on the left-hand side,
22	the side of the building.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The side of the
24	building?
25	THE WITNESS: Yes.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where is the
2	back of your building?
3	THE WITNESS: There is no back of the
4	building.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So if there's
6	no back of your building, why did the settlement
7	said the back of your building, why didn't it say
8	the side of the building?
9	THE WITNESS: I don't understand about
10	the side; there's no back.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. This is
12	what I'm asking you. You signed a settlement
13	agreement. Your settlement agreement says
14	specifically the dumpster should be placed at the
15	back of the building. So if the building didn't
16	have a back, why did you sign settlement
17	agreement that says you should place the dumpster
18	in the back of the building?
19	THE WITNESS: I don't understand about
20	that, how it was complicated that.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You don't
22	understand what, sir? You signed something, you
23	signed something saying that I'm going to place
24	the dumpster let me ask the question, sir, did
25	you purchase the dumpster or was it there when

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you had the building? 1 2 THE WITNESS: Did I purchase? We 3 rented. 4 (Simultaneous talking.) 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did you purchase the dumpster or was the dumpster there 6 7 when you rented the building? 8 THE WITNESS: Yes. It was a trash 9 can, yeah. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When you rented 11 the building was there a dumpster that came 12 with -- I'm sorry. When you rented the building, was there a dumpster that came with the building? 13 14 THE WITNESS: Yeah. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where was the 16 dumpster -- when you rented the building, where 17 was the dumpster when you start to operate the building, your business? 18 19 THE WITNESS: On the side of the 20 building by the mural. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the dumpster 22 was by the mural? 23 It was there, yeah. THE WITNESS: 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's where it 25 was, it's always been there.

1 THE WITNESS: Yes. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So when did you 3 move the dumpster from the mural? 4 THE WITNESS: Okay. The mural, one 5 different mural used to be and then we -- the city also --6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. Listen, 8 listen, listen, listen, listen. You just said to me, sir -- okay -- the dumpster was placed by the 9 Is that correct? 10 mural. 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. I don't 13 care about any other mural. I'm asking about 14 that mural where the dumpster was placed by the 15 Is that right? So the dumpster was at mural. 16 the mural. Is that correct? 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why did you 19 move the dumpster from that mural? 20 THE WITNESS: The neighborhood just 21 asked me, and I said --22 (Simultaneous talking.) 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who asked you? 24 Who asked you? 25 THE WITNESS: The neighborhood, my

neighborhood said, Can you just put on the side? 1 2 And I said, I didn't know it was in violation. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, no. 4 Listen, listen, listen to the question I'm asking 5 you, sir. Let's start -- okay, listen to the question I'm asking you. How long have you been 6 7 at your location? 8 THE WITNESS: A little over eight 9 years. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Eight years. 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When you rented 13 the property eight years ago, where was the 14 dumpster? Was there a dumpster and where was it? 15 By the mural. THE WITNESS: 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: By the mural. 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There came a 19 time when you moved the dumpster. Is that 20 correct? You moved it from the mural. Is that 21 correct? 22 THE WITNESS: Yes. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why did you 24 move the dumpster from the mural? 25 THE WITNESS: As I said, the

neighborhood just asked me to move it, and I 1 2 said, Okay. That's the only reason. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The 4 neighborhood asked you to move the dumpster from 5 in front of the mural. Is that correct? THE WITNESS: Yes. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So when they 8 asked -- when did they ask you to move the 9 dumpster from the mural? 10 THE WITNESS: I would say roughly 11 about two years or three years in between. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So three years 13 ago the neighborhood asked you to move the 14 dumpster from the mural. Is that correct? 15 THE WITNESS: Yes. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where did you 17 move the dumpster to? 18 THE WITNESS: I moved to the spot 19 right now in front of -- by the building and by 20 the entrance on the right side in the corner. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the 22 neighborhood asked you to move it from in front 23 of the mural, and you moved it in front of the 24 building. Right? 25 THE WITNESS: Yes. On the side, yes.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Tell me exactly
2	where Mr. Jackson?
3	MR. JACKSON: Yes.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The pictures
5	that Mr I just want to ask you a question, I
6	want to see if I need to bring this up the
7	pictures that Mr that was in the
8	investigator's report, is that do you have an
9	exhibit, sir, that shows where the dumpster is in
10	your exhibits?
11	MR. JACKSON: The investigative
12	report, Exhibit 11. I'm sorry. Investigative
13	report, Exhibit 11.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm
15	just asking a question. Do you have access do
16	you have access to do you have because Mr.
17	Jones is no longer here, because I dismissed him.
18	Do you have access to those documents? Did you
19	disclose what documents did you disclose in
20	your exhibits?
21	MR. JACKSON: Yes.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.
23	What documents
24	MR. JACKSON: The documents I provided
25	was on Exhibit 11 that I provided to Investigator

Jones to show where the old dumpster used to be 1 and to show that was the area that was considered 2 3 in the settlement agreement as being the back. I originally was party to the original 4 5 settlement agreement that was written, and when we went into -- when we discussed it with the 6 7 ANC, we agreed -- the ANC and I agreed that being that he didn't have a rear that the side of the 8 9 establishment was considered the back of the 10 establishment, so that's the language that we 11 agreed upon. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, Mr. 13 Jackson. 14 MR. JACKSON: It's Exhibit 11. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Exhibit 11. 16 Okay. I was just asking for a document, not 17 necessarily testimony. 18 So Mr. Kahassai, so once you moved --19 so do you remember who told you to move the 20 dumpster initially? 21 THE WITNESS: On the side of our --22 exactly I can't say the address --23 (Simultaneous talking.) 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, listen to 25 what I'm asking. Listen to what I'm asking, sir.

Just listen clearly to what I'm asking and answer 1 2 the question. Okay? 3 Do you recall who asked you to 4 remove -- to move the dumpster from under the 5 mural and place it in another location? Do you remember who asked you to do that? 6 7 THE WITNESS: Right now I believe he 8 sold the building, he left. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry? 10 THE WITNESS: I don't know the name of 11 the person but used to be owning the building. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Which building? 13 THE WITNESS: What's the address? 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, you can't 15 ask anybody. I'm asking you. 16 THE WITNESS: No, I don't know the 17 address to tell you the address. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Listen, listen, 19 listen, listen to me, sir, listen to me. I'm not 20 trying to confuse you, and I'm not trying to play 21 any tricks on you. Okay? I'm just trying to 22 find out what's going on. 23 You said that when you moved -- the 24 trash can was placed -- the dumpster was placed 25 under the mural. Right? That's where it was.

1	THE WITNESS: Yes.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then who asked
3	you to move it from the mural? Who asked you to
4	do that?
5	THE WITNESS: The was a neighbor, but
6	I don't know the name of the person right now.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So the
8	folks hold on, hold on, hold on the folks
9	in the neighborhood asked you to move it from the
10	mural, and did they tell you where to place it?
11	THE WITNESS: Yeah. He told me the
12	one we put it right now, he said the mural is
13	kind of nice and beautiful, you put the trash, it
14	doesn't look so okay. Can we move over here? I
15	said okay. And then innocently I just moved over
16	there like two, three years ago, so I didn't know
17	it was a violation.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So you
19	moved the trash can from the mural because it was
20	blocking the beautiful mural in the neighborhood.
21	Is that correct?
22	THE WITNESS: Yes.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so when you
24	moved it, you moved it to the front of the
25	building? You moved it to the location. Right?

1	THE WITNESS: Yes.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So did anyone
3	ever come to you and say to you, oh, by the way,
4	your trash can can't be in front of the building;
5	you need to move it back to where the mural was?
6	THE WITNESS: Nobody say any word
7	since I moved there. Nobody.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Malmo is
9	saying that we're in this protest hearing, and
10	Mr. Malmo is saying that you violated the
11	settlement agreement because your trash can is in
12	front of the building, so how are you saying
13	nobody has said?
14	I'm just trying to find out from you,
15	sir, like did anyone come to you and say, oh, by
16	the way, you can't have your trash can in front
17	of the building; you need to move it back?
18	THE WITNESS: If he told there is a
19	problem why I did this, I could put it back, but
20	he didn't come and say anything, and I didn't
21	know that he was complaining about the trash
22	because of the front.
23	What I found after he submitted or
24	have information and that he was complaining, I
25	didn't know he was complaining about the trash,

he was complaining about the grass, complaining 1 2 about the front of the door, the building, the 3 sign, the banner, the DC Lottery, all those 4 things. 5 I didn't know the trash is complaint, so if I did, I could put it back. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So would you 8 have a problem moving the trash can from in front 9 of your building and move it back in front of the mural? 10 11 I could do it right now THE WITNESS: 12 in a minute. I don't have a problem. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But if you 14 move it back in front of the mural, is someone 15 going to complain to say you need to move the trash can from in front of the mural? 16 17 I wouldn't do it. THE WITNESS: 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. Listen, 19 listen. I'm saying if you move the trash can 20 from in front of the building and put it back -and put it in front of the mural, is someone 21 22 going to complain that you need to move the trash 23 can from the mural, because you said someone in 24 the neighborhood asked you to move it from in 25 front of the mural?

THE WITNESS: What I can do, the trash 1 2 container where it used to be by the mural I 3 could put it back, but if someone came and, oh, you were supposed to do this, then I don't know 4 5 what to do after. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Well, 6 7 whatever decision we make today, sir, we're going 8 to make a decision where the trash can is going 9 to be. The purpose of this -- one of the Okay? 10 protest issues is this trash can. Okav? 11 So the Board has to make a 12 determination where this trash -- what's going to 13 happen with this trash can. So I don't know what 14 we're going to do but we have to make a decision 15 today because you guys couldn't figure it out. 16 Well, let me ask you another question. 17 Where can this trash can be? Tell me, based on 18 where your building is, where can this trash can 19 be? It can be in front of your building or under 20 the mural. Is there anywhere else you can put 21 your trash can? 22 THE WITNESS: Not at all. You can't 23 do anywhere else, because there's not access --24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry? 25 THE WITNESS: No, you cannot do

anything anywhere else. You only have to do the 1 2 spot right now or have to bring it back to the 3 mural. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 5 Okay. Do any Board members have any 6 7 questions? 8 MEMBER GRANDIS: Mr. Chairman? 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Grandis. 10 11 MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you. 12 The question would be to Mr. Malmo. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, Mr. 14 Grandis. You can't ask any questions to Mr. 15 Malmo. At this time. 16 MEMBER GRANDIS: 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have to ask the owner. 18 That's the only person you can ask a 19 question to. 20 MEMBER GRANDIS: I'm just trying to 21 follow the script. So thank you. I'll wait till 22 we can ask questions of Mr. Malmo. Thank you. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 24 Thank you. 25 Any other questions by any of the

Board members? 1 2 (No response.) 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Malmo, do you have any follow-up questions for the owner 4 5 based on the questions that I asked? Mr. Malmo? MR. MALMO: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm 6 7 thinking right now. So based on what you asked? 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. 9 MR. MALMO: No. I don't think I have 10 any questions based on what you asked. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 12 I'm sorry. Mr. Kahassai -- if I 13 pronounce your name wrong, I apologize, sir --14 how many doors do you have, egress, how many 15 doors do you have to access or depart your 16 establishment? How many doors do you have? 17 THE WITNESS: One door, front door. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just the front 18 19 door? 20 THE WITNESS: Yes. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: There's no 22 other door? 23 There is on the side but THE WITNESS: 24 it's been -- we never tried, but there is a big 25 metal; it's been shut down for a lifetime there.

Like if you look at it that will take you to 1 2 basement, but that never happened the door, we 3 never use that door. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So where does 4 5 that door lead to? Even if you don't use, where does that lead to? 6 7 Okay. When you go to THE WITNESS: 8 the store on the right side by the trash 9 container next to it, it's right underground. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So where does 10 11 it lead? Although you don't use it, but if I 12 wanted to use that door, where does that door 13 take you to? If you were to use that door, where 14 would that door take you to? 15 THE WITNESS: It would take you to the 16 basement, and then you just come back. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you cannot 18 exit your building using that door? I know you 19 don't use it, I said you don't use it, but you're 20 saying to me that you cannot exit your building 21 using that door. Is that correct? 22 THE WITNESS: Yes. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The only door 24 that you can exit your building through is the 25 front door. This is what you're saying, right?

1 THE WITNESS: Yes, yes. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All right. Mr. Malmo, I'll give you 3 4 another opportunity. Do you have any questions 5 based on the questions I just asked? MR. MALMO: Yes, because I think he 6 7 contradicted himself from his previous testimony when I asked him --8 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Malmo, Mr. Malmo. 10 11 Okay, I'll ask him. MR. MALMO: 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ask the 13 question, sir. Don't make statements, sir. Ask 14 the question if you have a question to ask, sir. 15 MR. MALMO: Okay. 16 FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINATION 17 BY MR. MALMO: 18 If you were to open that door to the 0 19 basement that's on the sidewalk, could you go 20 down into your basement from the front of your 21 building? 22 Α Yes. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. 24 What was the question you asked, Mr. Malmo? I 25 apologize.

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1	MR. MALMO: I asked him if he were to
2	open that door that's in the front of his
3	building could you go into the basement, and he
4	said yes.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
6	Okay, fine. Do you have any other questions,
7	sir, based on the questions that I asked?
8	MR. MALMO: No.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No.
10	Mr. Jackson, do you have any follow-up
11	questions based on the questions that were asked?
12	MR. JACKSON: Yes.
13	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
14	BY MR. JACKSON:
15	Q Mr. Kahassai.
16	A Yes.
17	Q I just want to make it clear. How
18	many entrances or exits do you have to your
19	establishment?
20	A Okay. One, the main door we use right
21	now, which I've been using the last since I go
22	into the business. And the other side by the
23	trash container right now there is an access but
24	it's been abandoned like 30, 40 years. Since we
25	were there we never open, but even if you go to

basement you can look at it, you can go in and 1 2 out, so there's another also, but just to get in 3 and come out, that's it, not anywhere else. Okay. Just want to clarify. You do 4 0 5 not have a back or rear to your establishment? Not at all. 6 Α 7 I'm saying you do not have a rear of Q 8 your establishment? 9 Α No. 10 MR. JACKSON: Okay. Thank you. 11 That's all I have, Chairman. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir, 13 for your testimony. 14 (Whereupon, the witness was excused.) 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jackson, do 16 you have another witness? 17 MR. JACKSON: No, sir. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you rest? 19 MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Malmo, do 21 you have a witness you wish to call? Mr. Malmo? 22 MR. MALMO: Actually, after hearing the presentation from Mr. Jackson and Mr. 23 24 Kahassai, I would have gone back and asked the 25 investigator --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can't go 1 2 back and ask a question to the investigator. MR. MALMO: I know I can't. 3 Sorry. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's your case 5 Do you have a witness you wish to present, now. yourself or anyone else? 6 7 MR. MALMO: No, I don't. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No? 9 MR. MALMO: Well, I will present 10 myself. Okay. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you raise 12 your right hand, please. You're testifying, I 13 need to swear you in, and once you're done, Mr. 14 Jackson will cross-examine you, and the Board 15 will also cross-examine you. Okay? 16 MR. MALMO: Okay. Thanks. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you raise 18 your right hand, please. 19 THE WITNESS: Yes. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you swear or 21 affirm to tell the truth and nothing but the 22 truth? 23 I do. MR. MALMO: 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, sir. 25 DIRECT TESTIMONY

So as I presented with 1 THE WITNESS: 2 my -- as an attached exhibit the settlement 3 agreement that was entered into by the Park Market with the ANC-1A, and this settlement 4 5 agreement was also -- that I attached as an exhibit was issued as an order from the ABCB 6 7 Order No. 2016093. As a matter of the record I just want 8 9 to state, even though I think we've heard in 10 testimony that there wasn't a settlement 11 agreement with the ANC, there was actually a 12 settlement agreement with the ANC, and in the 13 settlement agreement that I attached as the 14 exhibit has Section 6 that deals with public 15 space and trash. I guess I didn't understand that the license holder has a different 16 17 definition of rear than I understand the rear of 18 the building. 19 I walk by that building many times, 20 oftentimes more than once a day. There is 21 actually a space between those three buildings as 22 it comes together there in the corner. Whether 23 or not they can access the building, I don't 24 know. 25 Mr. Kahassai has testified that there

is no way to get to the back of that space. 1 Ι 2 just don't understand why they would enter into a 3 settlement agreement that would place the 4 dumpster in the rear when he says that they have 5 no way to access the rear. I just don't 6 understand that. 7 That's all that I have. I think it's 8 pretty straightforward that they're operating in 9 violation of the settlement agreement, if not the 10 letter, the spirit. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that what 12 you have to say, sir? THE WITNESS: That's all I have to 13 14 say. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jackson? 16 MR. JACKSON: Yes. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your questions. 18 MR. JACKSON: Yes. 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION 20 BY MR. JACKSON: 21 Mr. Malmo, good morning. Q 22 Good morning. Α 23 Have you ever visited the Q establishment to enter inside the establishment 24 25 and communicate a dialogue with the owner?

No. I've never been inside the 1 Α establishment. 2 3 Q Okay. Have you spoke with any 4 community members or any residents of the area 5 concerning the establishment and concerning the trash as what you thought was a violation? 6 7 I've only spoken to the other Α Protestants about the nature of our protest that 8 9 has to do with the trash can being in the front of the building, not in the rear. 10 11 Okay. Have you ever been to an ANC 0 12 meeting? 13 А Yes, I have. 14 Okay. Did you ever mention this Q 15 settlement agreement during the ANC meeting and 16 ask them their definition or bring up your 17 concerns during the ANC meeting? 18 Α During the ANC meeting, prior to 19 filing this protest, I had asked the ANC if they would be willing to protest the license renewal 20 21 so that they could renegotiate the settlement 22 agreement, and the ANC-1A voted no, that they 23 were not willing to protest the settlement 24 agreement. 25 Q So you asked them to protest the

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establishment based upon the trash?

A The settlement agreement, that they were in violation of the settlement.

Q Right. So I'm asking you did you ask them to define what was considered the rear of the establishment, or did you bring up your concerns to the ANC?

8 Α So I brought up my concerns, the 9 concerns had to do with the trash can, also the graffiti and the tree box. So I had -- when I 10 11 had taken those pictures was prior to filing the 12 protest, and you could clearly see that the building had been tagged on the south side that 13 was shown in one of the exhibits. 14

You could see that the trash can was in the front, you could also see the tree box had weeds that were one to two fee high, there was trash in the tree box, and so in my opinion the Park Market was not following the terms that they had agreed to in the settlement agreement.

I know the ANCs that they will routinely require -- will protest liquor license applications to get the applicants to enter into settlement agreements for, I guess, the benefit of the community to make sure that the licensees

operate consistent with what the other businesses 1 2 are usually required to follow that have entered 3 into similar settlement agreements. And so my contention that I had made 4 5 to the ANC is that here's a business that's not following the terms of the settlement agreement, 6 7 you should take some sort of action, but they weren't willing to take action. 8 9 I spoke with the commissioner that represents the single member district. He said 10 11 he was going to walk down and talk to the --12 But you mentioned you brought to --Q 13 (Simultaneous talking.) 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jackson, 15 let him finish answering the question, sir. 16 MR. JACKSON: Okay. I'm sorry. My 17 mic went out. I'm sorry. Hold on. 18 THE WITNESS: So I spoke with the ANC 19 commissioner who represents the single member district where the business is located. 20 He said 21 that he wasn't willing to protest the license 22 renewal, but that he was going to walk down or he 23 was going to talk to the owner. 24 MR. JACKSON: I'm sorry. My speaker 25 went out.

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THE WITNESS: He was going to talk 1 2 to --3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, Mr. 4 Malmo. 5 It's your system, Mr. Jackson. Ι heard clearly what he's saying. 6 7 MR. JACKSON: Okay. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So it's 9 your system; it's not his. 10 Go ahead, Mr. Malmo. 11 THE WITNESS: Anyway, so I can't speak 12 for the ANC, only the fact that I did approach 13 the ANC, felt that because they weren't willing 14 to protest at least to get the enforcement of the 15 settlement agreement, that I would talk to my neighbors to see if we couldn't get the business 16 17 to at least follow the terms of the settlement 18 agreement. 19 BY MR. JACKSON: 20 0 And when it was brought to the 21 attention of the owner, did he abate all of the 22 concerns? 23 All of the concerns except the trash Α 24 For some reason the trash can has remained can. 25 in the front of the building this entire time.

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And I would also contend that abating the 1 2 graffiti took longer than 48 hours, but that's my 3 opinion. 0 Okay. So did you ever present a 4 5 dialoque between myself or the owner asking about the trash or talking about the trash? 6 7 Only during the mediation. Α 8 0 And what was explained about the trash 9 during that time? MR. JACKSON: But I don't think we can 10 11 speak about that. Is that correct, Chairman? 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That is 13 correct, sir. We can't discuss mediation. BY MR. JACKSON: 14 15 So being that we can't talk about 0 16 that, I'm saying did you enter into a dialogue 17 between myself personally or the owner of the establishment, or visit the establishment? 18 19 Α Here lies one of the -- I guess the 20 point I'm trying to make, it's up to the business 21 owner who entered into the settlement agreement 22 to approach the parties to renegotiate the 23 settlement agreement. It shouldn't be up to the 24 neighbors to get the business to change the 25 settlement agreement.

I think a good neighbor who has agreed 1 2 to follow the terms of the settlement agreement 3 would then open a dialogue with the ANC and renegotiate the settlement agreement, or 4 5 negotiate a new settlement agreement, but we weren't able to come to those terms. 6 7 MR. JACKSON: Well, a new settlement 8 agreement we believed wasn't necessary, because 9 there was no problem with the settlement 10 agreement that we had in place. So I don't have 11 no further questions for the Protestant, Mr. 12 Chairman. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Malmo? 14 THE WITNESS: Okay. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm asking you 16 a question, sir. 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where is it you 19 believe that this dumpster can be placed? 20 In my opinion, I don't THE WITNESS: 21 think he even needs a dumpster. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, that's 23 not the question I'm asking. Please answer the 24 question I asked you, sir. Where -- you've heard 25 what's been said, and I'm asking you a question,

and the Board needs to make a decision: Where is it do you believe that this dumpster can be placed, sir?

THE WITNESS: It could be placed in the basement or in the rear of the building.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The basement, 6 7 but I'm asking, based on what I'm told, sir, 8 there is no access from the basement to the 9 outside, and there's no rear of the -- well, 10 okay, let me ask you a question because you are a 11 In your view where is the rear of the neighbor. 12 building?

13 THE WITNESS: The rear of the building 14 is a triangle piece of property where the Park 15 Market building is one side of that triangle, 16 there's a condo building, a four-story condo 17 building to the west of the Park Market, and then 18 there's a two-story condo building north of the 19 Park Market.

Those properties come together. There's a triangle piece of property that according to the maps that were presented in the investigator's report, there's a triangle piece of property that belongs to the owner of the Park Market.

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1	They could place a dumpster in the
2	back. At some point I would contend I haven't
3	been there, I don't know the configuration of the
4	building, but I would guess that one point you
5	were able to access that triangle piece of
6	property from this building since it's part of
7	the legal plot.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Go
9	ahead.
10	THE WITNESS: And you can I mean,
11	you can't see it from the pictures, and had I
12	known that we were going to be arguing over
13	whether there's a rear or not, I would have
14	attached an exhibit to show that there is a
15	triangle piece of property in the back of the
16	Park Market.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Malmo, you
18	filed a protest, and one of the reasons why you
19	filed the protest is that you're saying they're
20	not complying with the settlement agreement to
21	place the trash can at the rear of the building
22	And then you're telling me if you
23	knew if you know that there's going to be an
24	argument about whether or not the rear of the
25	building you would have provided us an exhibit.

And I'm asking you is there a rear of 1 2 the building to place this trash can, and you're 3 unable to answer me because you're telling me you've never been there, you don't even know 4 5 what -- you're telling me -- I'm sorry, sir. I'm not trying to get argumentative with you, but I'm 6 7 asking you a question about the location of the 8 trash can. 9 I mean, we have -- because the parties 10 were unable to settle this matter, the Board has to make a decision. To the best of my knowledge, 11 12 none of the Board members live in this 13 neighborhood and they're not aware of this 14 neighborhood and so therefore, you have to 15 tell -- you have to bring this information, you have to inform the Board what's the information 16 17 so we can make the decision. 18 So I can't have you telling me that if 19 you knew that we were going to question the rear 20 of the building you would have presented 21 evidence, because now the Board is left with the 22 position that we're supposed to make a decision, 23 and you're not providing us sufficient 24 information for us to make a decision, sir. 25 THE WITNESS: But, sir, I didn't enter

into the agreement to agree to put the dumpster 1 2 in the rear of the building. 3 I mean, to me it's a clear violation 4 of the settlement agreement and the letter and 5 the spirit of the settlement agreement that the Park Market maintains a dumpster in the front of 6 7 the building. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, but the 9 question I asked you, sir, is that the rear of the building, I see from what I am told is that 10 11 there is no rear of the building. 12 Maybe whoever drafted the settlement 13 agreement shouldn't have placed the rear of the 14 building. I don't know, but I'm being told by 15 the licensee that there's no rear of the 16 building. That's what the licensee testified to, 17 sir. 18 You, however -- your testimony, you're 19 saying that there is a piece of land that you 20 believe is at the back of the building that you 21 have never seen, you don't know who owns it, and 22 you believe that that is the rear of the 23 building. 24 That's all I'm asking you, sir, for 25 you to tell me, because I've never been there,

I've never been there, so I need you to tell me, sir, that there is a rear of the building, this is the rear of the building, they have access to the rear, and he has violated the settlement agreement because he has not placed his trash can at the rear of the building.

7 And you're saying to me that I don't even know -- all I know is that there's a 8 9 settlement agreement saying that it needs to be placed at the rear of the building, it's not 10 11 placed at the rear of the building but there's no 12 rear -- the licensee, the applicant is telling me 13 that the rear of the building is the side, that's 14 what he said, the side. That's what I'm being 15 told is that the rear of the building is the 16 side.

17 Now, because you live in the 18 neighborhood, sir, if they were to move the trash 19 can in front of the mural, would that be -- would 20 you consider that the rear of the building? 21 THE WITNESS: No. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. All right. 23 Any other questions by any of the 24 Board members? Go ahead, Ms. Crockett. 25

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MEMBER CROCKETT: Good morning, Mr. 1 2 Malmo. How long have you lived in this 3 4 neighborhood, sir? 5 THE WITNESS: Pardon me? MEMBER CROCKETT: How long have you 6 7 lived in this neighborhood? Since 2011. 8 THE WITNESS: 9 MEMBER CROCKETT: And you today are 10 representing a group of five or more. Is that 11 correct? 12 THE WITNESS: That's correct. 13 MEMBER CROCKETT: Are any of the other 14 members of your group of five or more here today 15 to serve as witnesses? 16 THE WITNESS: No. 17 MEMBER CROCKETT: You are the only 18 representative of the group today that's 19 testifying? 20 THE WITNESS: Correct. 21 Okay. MEMBER CROCKETT: Thank you. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Any 23 other questions from any of the Board members? 24 MEMBER GRANDIS: Mr. Chairman? 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr.

Grandis.

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2	MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you.
3	Mr. Malmo, I want to thank you for
4	coming here today to share your concerns. So
5	you've lived, I guess, near this particular
6	licensee since 2011. Is that correct? Did I
7	hear that correctly?
8	THE WITNESS: Yes, that's correct.
9	MEMBER GRANDIS: And I think the
10	record shows that the current bond I'm
11	sorry settlement agreement is from 2013?
12	THE WITNESS: I think it's from 2016.
13	MEMBER GRANDIS: 2016. Thank you for
14	that correction.
14 15	that correction. Were you aware at the time that there
15	Were you aware at the time that there
15 16	Were you aware at the time that there was a renewal of a license at that time?
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15 16 17 18	Were you aware at the time that there was a renewal of a license at that time? THE WITNESS: In 2016? MEMBER GRANDIS: That's after 2011.
15 16 17 18 19	Were you aware at the time that there was a renewal of a license at that time? THE WITNESS: In 2016? MEMBER GRANDIS: That's after 2011. Yes.
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Were you aware at the time that there was a renewal of a license at that time? THE WITNESS: In 2016? MEMBER GRANDIS: That's after 2011. Yes. THE WITNESS: In 2016 it was an application to be changed from a Class B to a Class A license. When I moved into the neighborhood, it was a small neighborhood market

1	participate in that application process?			
2	THE WITNESS: No, I did not.			
3	MEMBER GRANDIS: And the ANC is the			
4	signatory of the agreement from 2016?			
5	THE WITNESS: That's correct.			
6	MEMBER GRANDIS: And you stated for			
7	the record that you went to an ANC meeting to			
8	speak to the ANC about this particular licensee?			
9	Yes, yes. When we say we go, we are			
10	virtual, yes. So yes. You did bring up this			
11	licensee at an ANC meeting regarding its renewal?			
12	THE WITNESS: Yes, I did.			
13	MEMBER GRANDIS: And just to make sure			
14	I understand, how did the ANC respond to your			
15	request?			
16	THE WITNESS: I wasn't able to stay			
17	for the whole meeting; I was only able to bring			
18	the issue up during my two minutes prior to the			
19	meeting starting. It was on the agenda for			
20	later, so I can't really speak to the discussion			
21	that went on, I wasn't there for that part of it.			
22	I just know that they did not take any action to			
23	protest the renewal of the Class A license.			
24	MEMBER GRANDIS: Once again, this is			
25	the ANC that is the signatory of this current			

Neal R. Gross and Co., Inc. Washington DC 1 2 settlement agreement. Correct?

THE WITNESS: That's right.

3 MEMBER GRANDIS: From your knowledge, 4 do you know when the new construction occurred 5 regarding -- as I understood in the record 6 correctly that there was new construction on each 7 side of this establishment?

8 THE WITNESS: So based on my 9 recollection, I really don't believe during 2016 10 on that there was any, quote-unquote, new 11 construction. The only construction I was aware 12 of is the building directly to the north of the 13 Park Market was gutted and converted to condos, 14 but the walls -- the outside walls never moved.

MEMBER GRANDIS: Which -- if I understand correctly looking at photographs, it's contiguous to the market.

18 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So if you went 19 back and looked at the investigator's Exhibit 23, 20 that gives you a good front look at the corner 21 and the buildings that are abutting the market. 22 MEMBER GRANDIS: And just so I can 23 have some clarification, you seem to stress a big 24 concern about where this dumpster is placed, and

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we can understand those kind of concerns, but in

relation to where it is placed, either under the 1 2 mural or on the other wall, how close do you live 3 to either of those locations? THE WITNESS: So Park Market is 4 5 located at the corner of Park Road and 13th If you were go west, the next block is 6 Street. 7 Holmead Place. My home is right there on the corner of Park Road and Holmead. 8 9 MEMBER GRANDIS: So just so I can have 10 better clarification of your concern, why is this 11 dumpster a concern to you? 12 THE WITNESS: I think as a matter of 13 principle. If the ANC is going to negotiate into 14 settlement agreements and the District of 15 Columbia, through the Alcohol Beverage Control 16 Board, is going to enforce and is charged with 17 enforcing terms of the settlement agreement, if 18 the Board chooses not to -- I mean, I just don't 19 understand how you could renew a license when the licensee is in violation of the settlement 20 21 agreement. 22 MEMBER GRANDIS: And you're suggesting 23 that the Board should deny renewal based solely 24 on the location of the dumpster? 25 THE WITNESS: Based on the violation

of the settlement agreement. I think it's been established that the licensee is not complying with the settlement agreement. I don't know what -- I mean, the Board could probably do a 4 5 couple of things, even a show-cause letter I think might be appropriate.

7 MEMBER GRANDIS: Isn't the record 8 clear that based on your own presentation and the 9 presentation by the inspector that there is no 10 accessible rear to this building?

11 THE WITNESS: When the licensee 12 applied to change the license from a Class B to a 13 Class A, to remove the protest, entered into a 14 settlement agreement. I mean, if they couldn't 15 meet the terms of the settlement agreement to get 16 the Class A license, why would they sign the 17 settlement agreement?

18 MEMBER GRANDIS: I appreciate your 19 perspective, sir, but also I think the record has 20 been made clear that the ANC that signed the 21 settlement agreement has not protested that this 22 establishment, this licensee, is in violation of 23 its settlement agreement.

24 So I can accept your concerns, but I 25 don't know if I can accept the concern that the

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ANC has not brought a protest and that therefore 1 2 they're concerned. 3 My last question is have you 4 approached DPW which actually handles waste 5 management? ABRA does not handle waste management. Have you approached DPW regarding 6 7 this situation? 8 THE WITNESS: No. 9 MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you. 10 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. 12 Grandis. 13 Any other questions by any other Board 14 members? 15 (No response.) 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me see if 17 I have another question. 18 Mr. Jackson, any follow-up questions 19 based on the questions that were asked by the Board? 20 21 No, sir. MR. JACKSON: 22 (Whereupon, the witness was excused.) 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Malmo, do 24 you rest, and do you have any other witnesses you 25 wish to bring forth?

1	MR. MALMO: No other witnesses.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
3	Each side will then have five minutes to do a
4	closing statement, and this is what I need from
5	both sides:
6	I need you to specifically inform the
7	Board what is it that you want us to do. So in
8	the sense that I need the licensee to
9	specifically tell the Board what it's requesting
10	of us, and I need the Protestant to specifically
11	tell the Board what it is asking the Board to do,
12	because remember, we have to make a decision and
13	the decision will be made on the renewal
14	application solely based on the presentation that
15	was made here today.
16	Go ahead, Mr. Jackson. You have five
17	minutes.
18	CLOSING STATEMENT - APPLICANT
19	MR. JACKSON: Yes. Thank you.
20	My closing arguments, I would like to
21	recommend that the Board allow Park Market to
22	renew their Class A license. Based upon the
23	testimony and the exhibits and the evidence that
24	was presented, there's no clear reason why the
25	Applicant should not be allowed to renew his

license.

2	The trash dumpster can be either
3	placed back on the side of the establishment or
4	on the front of the establishment, so the
5	Applicant is more than willing to move that trash
6	dumpster.
7	And that's my closing arguments. I
8	just wish that it never came upon us that we had
9	to take all this time based upon a trash
10	dumpster, but in closing, I think that we're
11	willing to move the trash dumpster wherever the
12	Board decides or whatever we can do just to be a
13	good neighbor.
14	And that's the original reason why the
14 15	And that's the original reason why the trash dumpster was moved in the first place,
15	trash dumpster was moved in the first place,
15 16	trash dumpster was moved in the first place, because he was trying to be a good neighbor.
15 16 17	trash dumpster was moved in the first place, because he was trying to be a good neighbor. Thank you.
15 16 17 18	trash dumpster was moved in the first place, because he was trying to be a good neighbor. Thank you. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're
15 16 17 18 19	trash dumpster was moved in the first place, because he was trying to be a good neighbor. Thank you. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're asking the Board to amend the settlement
15 16 17 18 19 20	trash dumpster was moved in the first place, because he was trying to be a good neighbor. Thank you. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're asking the Board to amend the settlement agreement because the settlement agreement says
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	trash dumpster was moved in the first place, because he was trying to be a good neighbor. Thank you. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're asking the Board to amend the settlement agreement because the settlement agreement says that the trash dumpster needs to be placed at the
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	<pre>trash dumpster was moved in the first place, because he was trying to be a good neighbor. Thank you. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're asking the Board to amend the settlement agreement because the settlement agreement says that the trash dumpster needs to be placed at the back of the building and you're saying that there</pre>

1	side of the building. So the language could be
2	changed from "the back" to "the side."
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Because you're
4	saying that there is no rear of the building to
5	place the dumpster?
6	MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Malmo.
8	CLOSING STATEMENT - PROTESTANT
9	MR. MALMO: Yeah, thanks.
10	But yeah, it's just a dumpster but
11	really the residents of the district and
12	businesses that are operating under the authority
13	of the Alcohol Beverage Regulation
14	Administration, the ABRA, we place a lot of faith
15	in settlement agreements, and I think if we
16	didn't they wouldn't have been codified in the
17	regulations, they wouldn't have been charged
18	ordered and been charged with enforcing those,
19	and violations of the settlement agreements
20	wouldn't be enforced through the issuance of I
21	know it's like a Class 2 violation, but be that
22	as it may, I think if you're going to look to the
23	integrity of settlement agreements, they
24	shouldn't be entered into lightly, all parties
25	should go into them with eyes open, do their due

Neal R. Gross and Co., Inc. Washington DC diligence, and not make agreements in the
 settlement agreements that they know they can't
 handle.

And so you may look at this as, okay, it's just a trash bin. I know that other businesses, apartments on the block keep their trash in the back, they walk it through the building for collection twice a week; there's many options.

But at the very least I think if the Board is going to take seriously settlement agreements that are negotiated, I believe, by the ANCs or any other entities in good faith, they should be followed.

15 I don't believe that until we filed 16 this protest that the Applicant was willing to 17 follow the terms of the settlement agreement. 18 The building had been tagged, been tagged for 19 over 48 hours, the tree box wasn't maintained, 20 there was trash around the dumpster, there was 21 trash in the tree box, and it was only until the 22 neighbors and I filed the protest that we were 23 even able to get anyone to look into the 24 situation.

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And at the very least -- and I do

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commend Mr. Kahassai that he did start taking seriously his obligations under the settlement agreement and removed the tagging, cleaned up the area around the building. And I will concede that it does look a lot better than it did prior to when we filed the protest.

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7 I would only ask the Board to take 8 seriously the settlement agreement that you have 9 put in place and your obligation to enforce the 10 settlement agreements when you see there's a 11 violation of a settlement agreement, or at the 12 very least ask the -- don't make a decision 13 today, hold this decision in abeyance and let's 14 let the Applicant, as the regulations allow, 15 reopen the settlement agreement, renegotiate the 16 settlement agreement so that the terms of the 17 settlement agreement are clear and they could be 18 met by the Applicant. 19 That's what I would ask.

20CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.21Malmo.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Does the Board -- do the parties wish to file proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, meaning that, Mr. Malmo, do you want to wait until the

transcript is available for you to read the 1 2 transcript so you can make some legal arguments 3 to say this is what was proven in the hearing, or do you want -- both parties -- or do you just 4 want the Board to make its decision based on the 5 presentation that was made today? 6 7 I don't think I need to MR. MALMO: 8 see the transcript to know that it's been proven 9 that the Applicant is in violation of the 10 settlement agreement. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's fine. 12 So the Board will issue -- thank you. 13 And, Mr. Jackson, the Protestant 14 didn't exercise. My assumption is that you're in 15 agreement to move forward with closing? 16 MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board will 18 issue a decision within 90 days, so let me close 19 the record. 20 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic 21 Beverage Control Board of the District of 22 Columbia, and in accordance with DC Official Code 23 Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act, I move 24 that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting for the 25 purpose of seeking legal advice from our counsel

on Case #21-PRO-00064 Park Market, pursuant to DC 1 2 Official Code Section 2574(b)(4) of the Open 3 Meetings Act, and deliberate upon Case #21-PRO-00064 Park Market for the reasons cited in DC 4 5 Official Code Section 2574(b)(13) of the Open Meetings Act. 6 7 Is there a second? 8 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett 9 seconds. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett 11 has seconded the motion. I will now take a roll 12 call vote on the motion that has been properly 13 seconded by Ms. Crockett. 14 Mr. Cato? Bobby Cato, I agree. 15 MEMBER CATO: 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett? 17 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I 18 agree. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? MEMBER HANSEN: 20 Jeni Hansen, I agree. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis? 22 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I 23 agree. 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. 25 Anderson, I agree. The matter passed five-zero.

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1	As it appears the motion has passed,
2	I hereby give notice that the ABC Board will I
3	apologize as it appears that the motion has
4	passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board
5	will recess this proceeding to hold a closed
6	meeting in the ABC Board conference room pursuant
7	to Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act.
8	Thank you very much. This matter is
9	adjourned.
10	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
11	went off the record at 12:16 p.m.)
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We are now at
13	the end of our agenda for the day, and so I'm
14	going to close the meeting.
15	As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
16	Beverage Control Board for the District of
17	Columbia, and in accordance with Title 3, Chapter
18	405 Office of Open Government, I move the ABC
19	Board hold a closed meeting on October 27, 2021
20	for the purpose of discussing and hearing reports
21	concerning ongoing or planned investigations of
22	alleged criminal or civil misconduct or
23	violations of law or regulations and seek legal
24	advice from our legal counsel on the Board's
25	investigative agenda, legal agenda, licensing

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agenda for October 27, 2021, as published in the 1 2 DC Register on October 22, 2021. 3 Is there a second? MEMBER CROCKETT: Second. 4 MEMBER GRANDIS: 5 Second. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett 6 7 and Mr. Grandis have seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call vote on the motion before us 8 9 now that it has been properly seconded. 10 Mr. Cato? 11 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett? 13 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I 14 agree. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? 16 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis? 18 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I 19 agree. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, 21 I agree. 22 As it appears that the motion has 23 passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board 24 will hold this aforementioned closed meeting 25 pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Notice will

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1	also be posted on the ABC Board hearings board,
2	placed on the electronic calendar and ABRA's
3	website, and published in the DC Register in as
4	timely manner as practical.
5	I'd like to thank the members of the
6	public who participated in this hearing today,
7	and I would also like to thank the members of the
8	Board who participated actively in this hearing
9	today.
10	We are now adjourned for the day, and
11	I now ask all Board members to return to
12	executive session for further development. Thank
13	you very much, and have a great day.
14	(Whereupon, at 12:19 p.m., the meeting
15	was adjourned.)
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