

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Quattro Restaurants, LLC :
t/a Quattro Osteria :
1840 6th Street NW : Protest
Retailer CR - ANC 6C : Hearing (Status)
License No. 118338 :
Case #22-PRO-00085 :
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(Application to Renew :
the License) :
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Wednesday
October 26, 2022

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
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff
SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant Counsel
ALEX LOPEZ, ANC 6E

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 10:51 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case on
4 our calendar is Case Number 22-PRO-00085, Quattro
5 Osteria, License Number 118338.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate
7 the rights of the parties in this case, please?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Sidon Yohannes, your
9 access has been elevated, Alex Lopez, your access
10 has been elevated. That is all chairman.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 (Pause.)

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes,
14 can you please introduce yourself for the record,
15 please?

16 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, good morning, Sidon
17 Yohannes, here on behalf of the licensee. That
18 is S-I-D-O-N, Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-S.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes, is
20 your client joining you this morning?

21 MS. YOHANNES: No, he is not.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lopez, can
23 you please identify yourself for the record,
24 please?

25 MR. LOPEZ: ANC Commissioner for 6E02

1 representing ANC 6C. My name is spelled, A-L-E-
2 X, L-O-P-E-Z.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
4 Are there any preliminary matters in this case?

5 MS. YOHANNES: None for us.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lopez.

7 MR. LOPEZ: No.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
9 hearing none, then this matter is scheduled for a
10 show cause - I'm sorry, a protest hearing on
11 November 30, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. Are the parties
12 familiar with the process, or would they want me
13 to go through the proceedings for protest hearing
14 if this matter goes to a protest hearing?

15 MS. YOHANNES: The licensee is
16 familiar.

17 MR. LOPEZ: Review of the process would
18 be helpful for me.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now that we have
20 scheduled this matter for a protest hearing,
21 there are a few things that I would like to
22 instruct you about because the Board practices
23 have changed. As you know, the Board's hearings
24 are conducted virtually so it is more important
25 than ever that protest hearings are focused and

1 addresses only those issues that are being
2 protested. Could everyone please mute their
3 phones, please?

4 Following this hearing you will
5 received an email from ABRA Legal that will
6 include a copy of the protest information form
7 PIP, and a copy of an exhibit form, as well as
8 specific instructions for the hearing. You are
9 required to complete and submit the PIP and
10 exhibit form at least seven days before the date
11 of the hearing. If we do not receive a copy of
12 your forms seven days before the hearing your
13 application or your protest may be subject to
14 dismissal. These documents need to be submitted
15 to ABRA Legal and to the opposing parties.
16 Please know that these documents greatly assist
17 the Board in narrative protest issues,
18 facilitating the process, and keeping the parties
19 on point during the hearing. Each side is
20 limited to no more than five witnesses, and you
21 will only have 60 minutes to present your case.
22 This includes all direct and cross examination.
23 The Board does not intend to hear testimony in
24 matters that are not relevant to those issues
25 that are being protested. Any questions?

1 MR. LOPEZ: No. No, sir.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. We
3 thank you greatly for your cooperation. If you
4 have any questions in the time leading up to the
5 hearing, please do not hesitate to contact ABRA
6 Legal and we will provide any type of information
7 that either side requires moving forward. The
8 Board supports settlement agreements if this
9 matter can be settled, if not, we will see you at
10 a protest hearing on November 30th at 1:30 p.m.
11 All right? Thank you very much. Have a great
12 day.

13 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

14 MR. LOPEZ: Thank you.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
16 went off the record at 10:56 a.m.)
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