# THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

| In the Matter of:            | ) |                            |                         |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Social Restaurant Group, LLC | ) |                            |                         |
| t/a Provision No. 14         | ) |                            |                         |
| Applicant for Renewal of a   | ) | Case No.:                  | 19-PRO-0042             |
| Retailer's Class CR License  | ) | License No.:<br>Order No.: | ABRA-096425<br>2019-489 |
| at premises                  | ) |                            |                         |
| 2100 14th Street, NW         | ) |                            |                         |
| Washington, D.C. 20009       | ) |                            |                         |
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Social Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a Provision No. 14 (Applicant)

Janet Harouch, on behalf of Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association (MHNA)

**BEFORE:** Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

Mike Silverstein, Member James Short, Member Bobby Cato, Member

Rema Wahabzadah, Member

# ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND WITHDRAWAL OF ANC MHNA'S PROTEST

The Application filed by Social Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a Provision No. 14 (Applicant), for renewal of its Retailer's Class CR License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on June 10, 2019.

The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) reflect that the Applicant and MHNA have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated June 3, 2019, that governs the operation of the Applicant's establishment.

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant and Janet Harouch, on behalf of MHNA, are signatories to the Agreement.

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This Agreement constitutes a withdrawal of the Protest filed by MHNA of this Application.

Accordingly, it is this 12th day of June, 2019, **ORDERED** that:

- 1. The Application filed by Social Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a Provision No. 14, for renewal of its Retailer's Class CR License, located at 2100 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., is **GRANTED**;
- 2. The Protest of MHNA in this matter is hereby WITHDRAWN;
- The above-referenced Settlement Agreement submitted by the parties to govern the operations of the Applicant's establishment is APPROVED and INCORPORATED as part of this Order, except for the following modifications:

Subsection 1(g) (Nature of the Establishment) – The language "great concern with MHNA" shall be replaced with the language "great concern to the community."

Subsection 5(c) (Trash/Garbage/Rodents) – The language "available upon request" shall be replaced with the language "available upon request to the Board."

Subsection 11(a) (Communications and Applicant) – The language "shall use" shall be replaced with the language "agrees to."

The parties have agreed to these modifications.

4. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant and MHNA.

District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

Mike Silverstein, Member-

Yames Short, Member

Bobby Cato, Member

Rema Wahabzadah, Member

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1), any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, DC 20009.

Also, pursuant to section 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. Official Code §2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001; (202/879-1010). However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to 23 DCMR §1719.1 (2008) stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. See D.C. App. Rule 15(b) (2004).

#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Concerning Renewal of License ABRA-096425 to Social Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a Provision 14 2100 14th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009

Made this 3rd day of June 2019, by and between Social Restaurant Group, LLC ("Applicant") and Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association ("MHNA").

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, Applicant has filed an application for renewal of Retailer's Class CR License (ABRA-096425) ("License") for a business establishment located at 2100 14th Street, N.W ("Establishment"); and the application is currently pending before the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board ("ABC Board"); and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Board's policy of encouraging parties to liquor licensing proceedings to settle their differences by reaching settlement agreements, by their signatures below, the parties hereto desire to enter into an amended settlement agreement whereby (1) Applicant will agree to adopt certain measures to address MHNA's concerns and to include this agreement as a formal condition of its application, and (2) MHNA will agree to the issuance of the license renewal provided that such an agreement is incorporated into the Board's order reissuing the license, which license is conditioned upon compliance with this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

### 1. NATURE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT.

- a. The Applicant will operate and manage a Class CR Establishment, as defined by the Board. Applicant shall comply with all conditions applicable to this license class.
  - b. The Establishment shall be a restaurant/bar.
- c. The Establishment shall have a maximum occupancy load of 250 persons, 210 persons inside the premises and up to 40 persons in the summer garden; or as stated in the approved certificate of occupancy for inside and outside areas. In the event of a difference between the above maximum occupancy load and certificate, the latter shall be controlling. Applicant shall post its Certificate of Occupancy in public view at all times.
- d. Applicant shall not have a designated dance floor and shall not market, advertise, or promote dancing. The Applicant shall not charge patrons a cover to gain entry to the Establishment.
- e. Live entertainment shall be limited to Thursdays and weekends only. All live entertainment shall be indoors only.
  - f. There shall be no outside bar in the summer garden.
- g. Any change in the nature of the business shall be considered to be a substantial change in operation of great concern to MHNA and requiring prior approval by the ABC Board.

#### 2. HOURS OF OPERATION AND SALES.

a. Establishment's permitted hours of operation shall be as follows:

Interior Hours:

i. Sunday: 10 AM-1 AM;

ii. Monday - Thursday: 10 AM-2 AM

iii. Friday & Saturday: 10 AM-3 AM

#### Exterior Hours:

i. Sunday - Thursday: 10 AM-11PM

ii. Friday - Saturday: 10AM-12AM

b. Applicant agrees that the selling, serving and consuming of alcohol and food shall cease (i) in the interior space, 30 minutes prior to the closing times listed above, and (ii) in the exterior space, 30 minutes one hour prior to the closing times listed above for the summer garden.

c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, on January 1 of each year Applicant may operate, including the selling and serving of alcohol and food until 3:00 AM.

### 3. NOISE.

a. Applicant acknowledges familiarity with and shall comply with all applicable noise-control regulations, including but not limited to, those in the DCMR Title 20 and Title 25.

b. Applicant agrees to comply with all applicable regulations and procedures associated with the Collection 14 being developed by Madison immediately next to the Establishment.

c. Applicant shall ensure no temporary or permanent speakers will be present or used on or in summer garden area. Applicant agrees to use best commercial efforts to restrict

patrons from using electronic devices such as speakers to play music. Applicant agrees not to have any live or recorded music or entertainment on or in the summer garden area.

- d. Applicant agrees to post signage notifying patrons that the business is located in a residential area with young children present and request patrons to be quiet and respectful.
- e. The downstairs doors and windows of the Establishment shall be kept closed after 10PM, except when persons are in the act of using the door for ingress or egress. All upstairs windows shall be kept closed at all times during operating hours.
- f. Applicant shall post a conspicuous sign at each exit advising of the necessity of departing the establishment quietly and advise its patrons that D.C. Official Code \$22-1321(d) which makes it unlawful for one to make an unreasonably loud noise between 10 PM and 7 AM that is likely to annoy or disturb one or more other persons in their residence.
  - g. Applicant shall receive deliveries only between 7 AM and 7 PM.
- h. Applicant agrees to implement additional measures to aid in the mitigation of noise from the Premises, including, but not limited to monitoring patrons, providing crowd control, and monitoring music and noise levels. Applicant shall take reasonable measures to ensure that patrons are not behaving in a loud or disorderly manner inside or outside of the Premises. The Applicant shall implement and maintain an approved ABRA security plan.

#### 4. SAFETY & SECURITY.

a. Applicant shall develop and submit to ABRA a detailed security plan that addresses issues surrounding queuing, security guards including off-duty officers, and security cameras.

Applicant shall maintain any queuing lines away from residential areas, preferably along V St.

towards 15th St. NW, so long as it is approved by ABRA or appropriate DC Authority. Applicant shall provide appropriate and qualified security resources in accordance with the ABRA approved security plan to ensure orderly conduct of patrons and noise control both inside and immediately outside the Establishment, particularly for patrons entering or leaving the Establishment.

- b. Applicant shall ensure that security cameras will provide as close to full coverage as is commercially and mechanically possible of the upstairs and downstairs interior, exterior entry/exit areas, and along the 14th St. front and V St. side of the Establishment. Applicant agrees to use all commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that the security camera system is in good working order at all times. In the event that a component of the security camera system breaks, Applicant will repair the system in a timely and commercially reasonable fashion.
- c. The Applicant shall post signs and employ reasonable commercial efforts to prohibit patrons from smoking near residences, including designating a smoking area.
- d. Applicant shall ensure that recordings and footage from said security cameras are stored for a minimum of 30 days following the date of the recording.
- e. Applicant shall provide security camera footage to ABRA or the Metropolitan Police

  Department (MPD) within 48 hours of receiving a request from these agencies.
- f. Applicant shall not offer bottomless alcoholic drinks, 2 for 1 alcoholic drinks, or any other alcoholic drink specials which might contribute to patrons being over served.

#### 5. TRASH/GARBAGE/RODENTS.

- a. Applicant will keep trash and oil barrels off public space and shall not store any items outside the trash room or on the loading dock; provided that immediate trash and recycling pick-up shall not apply.
- b. Applicant shall use its best commercial efforts to eliminate accessible food sources and attractions for rodents, vermin, and other pests, located inside and outside the Establishment, to include the summer garden area and within 21 feet of all entry/exit doors. Applicant shall contract with a licensed exterminator to inspect the Establishment at least monthly, or more frequently as needed, and shall maintain recommended pest control measures.
- c. Applicant will provide for the proper removal of grease and fatty oils from the establishment and shall not deposit grease or fatty oils in the dumpster nor dispose of them down the sink or any drain. Applicant shall install and maintain an approved grease trap or grease interceptor and contract for a reputable grease collection and cleaning service to remove spent oil. At a minimum, the grease trap or interceptor shall be cleaned and serviced every 90 days or more frequently, as needed. Written proof of grease collection and grease trap or interceptor cleaning and servicing shall be available upon request.
- d. e. All trash, recyclable materials, and grease stored outdoors at the Establishment shall be in containers that are impervious to vermin, leaks, and odors.
- f. Applicant will take reasonable efforts to ensure any damaged or leaking containers shall be repaired or replaced within 72 hours. Outdoor containers shall be kept closed at all times, and no waste or other materials shall be stored outdoors, except in such containers.

#### 6. PARKING.

- a. Applicant shall notify patrons, on the Establishment's website or other advertising, that there is limited parking in the vicinity and shall encourage the use of public transportation.
- b. Applicant shall not use a Valet parking service for patrons due to the overburdened vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the area
- 7. COMPLIANCE with REGULATIONS. Applicant shall comply with regulations of the Board, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Public Works (DPW), and other applicable DC agency regulations regarding conduct of its business and the ownership of the license.
- 8. <u>BINDING EFFECT</u>. This agreement shall be binding upon and enforceable against the successors of the Applicant during the term of the license to which this Agreement applies.

  Applicant agrees to specifically notify any prospective transferee of the existence of this Agreement and to provide them with a copy.
- 9. AGREEMENT AVAILABLE UPON DEMAND. A copy of this Agreement shall be kept at the Establishment and made available to law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration inspectors immediately upon request.
- 10. MODIFICATION OF VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT. This agreement can be modified only by mutual agreement of all parties or with the approval of the ABRA Board for acceptance and enforcement, or as required by District law.

#### 11. COMMUNICATIONS with APPLICANT.

- a. The Applicant shall provide to the MHNA both a phone number and an e-mail address for its management team. In addition, the Applicant shall use best efforts to have a management representative attend meetings with MHNA and neighboring residential buildings, upon invitation, in an effort to ensure an open dialog and a good working relationship necessary to resolve any concerns.
- b. Applicant shall respond to and address resident complaints in a timely and commercially reasonable manner. Applicant shall maintain an incident log which shall be available to ABRA upon request.

#### 12. NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE.

a. The Applicant shall be entitled to reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure in the event that Applicant is in breach of this Agreement. Unless the breach is of an emergency nature, a material breach, or is a repetition of a prior breach, reasonable notice and opportunity shall provide for a cure within ten days of the date of such notice. If Applicant fails to cure within the ten-day period (or, with respect to a breach which reasonably requires more than ten days to cure, fails to commence cure of such breach and diligently pursue such cure) such failure shall constitute a cause for MHNA to file a complaint with ABRA. Unless otherwise noted above, any notices required to be made under this Agreement shall be in writing and emailed, mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or hand delivered, to the

other parties to this Agreement. Notice shall be deemed given as of the time of receipt or refusal of receipt. Notwithstanding anything contrary herein, the parties reserve all legal rights that they have to enforce this Agreement, and nothing herein shall prevent MHNA or any residents from seeking enforcement of this Agreement and applicable regulations by District of Columbia ABRA and law enforcement officials and processes in the event of a violation.

b. Notices shall be provided by email, US Mail or hand-delivery as follows:

If to MHNA:

Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association

c/o Janet Harouch

2125 14th St., NW, #201

Washington, DC 20009

president@meridianhilldc.org

If to Applicant:

Social Restaurant Group, LLC

2100 14th St., NW

Washington, DC 20009

jadbouchebel@gmail.com

c. Failure to give notice shall not constitute waiver or acquiescence to the violation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, by signing of the representative of the Applicant and Protestant, Applicant hereby agrees to aforementioned covenants and Protestant agrees to the reissuance of the Class CR license to Applicant provided that this agreement is incorporated into the Board's order reissuing a Class CR license, the issuance of which is conditioned upon compliance with the Settlement Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first above written.

SOCIAL RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC

By:

MERIDIAN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Jonet Harrice

# THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

| In the Matter of:            | ) |                          |                         |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2100, LLC                    | ) |                          |                         |
| t/a Diego                    | ) |                          |                         |
| Application for Renewal of a | ) | Case No.                 | 13-PRO-00027            |
| Retailer's Class CR License  | ) | License No.<br>Order No. | ABRA-085469<br>2013-432 |
| at premises                  | ) |                          |                         |
| 2100 14th Street, N.W.       | ) |                          |                         |
| Washington, D.C. 20009       |   |                          |                         |

2100, LLC, t/a Diego (Applicant)

Christina Parascandola, President, Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association

**BEFORE:** Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson

Nick Alberti, Member Donald Brooks, Member Herman Jones, Member Mike Silverstein, Member

# ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND WITHDRAWAL OF PROTEST OF MERIDIAN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Application filed by 2100, LLC, t/a Diego, for renewal of its Retailer's Class CR License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on May 13, 2013 and a Protest Status Hearing on July 24, 2013, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-601 (2001).

The official records of the Board reflect that the Applicant and Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated August 5, 2013, that governs the operation of the Applicant's establishment.

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant and Christina Parascandola, on behalf of Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association, are signatories to the Agreement.

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This Agreement constitutes a withdrawal of the Protest filed by Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association.

Accordingly, it is this 2nd day of October, 2013, **ORDERED** that:

- The Application filed by 2100, LLC, t/a Diego, for renewal of its Retailer's Class CR License, located at 2100 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., is GRANTED;
- 2. The Protest of Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association in this matter is hereby WITHDRAWN;
- 3. The above-referenced Settlement Agreement submitted by the parties to govern the operations of the Applicant's establishment is **APPROVED** and **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order, except for the following modifications:

Section 3 (Extended hours) shall be removed.

Section 13 (Incorporation of Settlement Agreement into Applicant's alcohol license) – The following sentence shall be modified to read as follows: "Failure of the Applicant to correct violations of the conditions herein within thirty days of written notice of the violation shall be grounds to file a complaint with the Board pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-446(e)."

Section 14 (Conflict with Voluntary Agreement) shall be removed.

The parties have agreed to these modifications.

4. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant and Christina Parascandola, on behalf of Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association.

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District of Columbia

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson

Nick Alberti, Member

Donald Brooks, Member

Herman Jones, Member

Mike Silverstein, Member

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433, any Party adversely affected by this Order may file a Motion for Reconsideration within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 5 of August 2013 by and 1:56 between 2100 LLC (hereinafter the "Applicant"), and Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association, a neighborhood association duly incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia and whose mission is to represent the interests of residents and residential property owners within its boundaries (hereinafter the "Protestant"), witnesseth:

Whereas, the Applicant, 2100, LLC, trading as "Diego", has filed an application to renew alcohol license Number 085469, with the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (hereinafter the "Board"), for the operation of an establishment located at 2100 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC ("the Establishment");

Whereas, on December 1, 2010, the Board entered an Order on Voluntary Agreement and Withdrawal of Protest, incorporating the terms and conditions of a voluntary agreement between the Applicant and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B ("ANC 1B"), into the Applicant's license;

Whereas, the voluntary agreement with ANC 1B did not address several of Protestants' concerns related to peace, order and quiet;

Whereas, the Protestant has filed before the Board a protest opposing the renewal of Applicant's license;

Whereas, in recognition of the Board's policy of encouraging parties to a protested proceeding to settle their differences by reaching settlement agreements, the parties hereto enter into a settlement agreement whereby (1) Applicant will agree to adopt certain measures to address the Protestant's concerns and to include this Settlement Agreement as a formal condition of its application, and (2) Protestant will agree to the renewal of the license related to this application and to withdrawal of the Protest upon singing of this Settlement Agreement and provided that such agreement is incorporated into the Board's order renewing the license.

Now agree therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings memorialized herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Nature of the Business. The Applicant will manage and operate a restaurant with an emphasis on food.
- **2. Hours.** Applicant shall offer a full or partial dinner menu until one hour before closing. Applicant shall abide by the following hours of operation and last call for alcoholic beverage service at the Establishment.

### Indoor service

| Day       | Hours             |                  |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Sunday    | 10:00AM - 02:00AM | Last call 1:30AM |
| Monday    | 10:00AM - 02:00AM | Last call 1:30AM |
| Tuesday   | 10:00AM - 02:00AM | Last call 1:30AM |
| Wednesday | 10:00AM - 02:00AM | Last call 1:30AM |
| Thursday  | 10:00AM - 02:00AM | Last call 1:30AM |
| Friday    | 10:00AM - 03:00AM | Last call 2:30AM |
| Saturday  | 10:00AM - 03:00AM | Last call 2:30AM |

### **Outdoor service**

| Day       | Hours              |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Sunday    | 10:00AM - 011:00PM |
| Monday    | 10:00AM - 011:00PM |
| Tuesday   | 10:00AM - 011:00PM |
| Wednesday | 10:00AM - 011:00PM |
| Thursday  | 10:00AM - 011:00PM |
| Friday    | 10:00AM - 012:00AM |
| Saturday  | 10:00AM - 12:000AM |

It is understood that after last call patrons may consume alcoholic beverage served prior to and at last call.

- **3. Extended hours.** Applicant will not seek permission not to operate during Extended Hours under District of Columbia Code Section 25-723(c).
- **4. Sidewalk cafe.** There shall be no bar with alcoholic beverages in the sidewalk cafe. All patrons will be seated and will not stand in the sidewalk café (other than patrons waiting for tables). There will be no smoking in the sidewalk cafe. Applicant will post signs stating that smoking is not permitted in the sidewalk cafe. The sidewalk cafe will be closed each day of the week no later than ll:00PM on Sunday through Thursday and 12:00AM Friday and Saturday.
- **5. Entertainment.** No live performances will be permitted except if limited to one musical instrument. The Applicant shall not have a dance floor or advertize or promote dancing. Applicant shall not charge a cover.
- **6. Patrons.** The Applicant acknowledges that it is unlawful to serve alcoholic beverages to a patron who is intoxicated. The Applicant will make best efforts to avoid serving any patron alcoholic beverages if he or she appears to be intoxicated. Applicant's staff will monitor patrons' behavior to be on guard for intoxicated individuals.
- 7. Consideration of residents. Applicant will encourage employees and patrons leaving the Establishment after 10:00PM each night to keep conversations and noise down. Applicant will post signs to discourage patrons from disturbing the residents of 14th Street, V Street, and nearby streets and in the alley behind the Establishment. Applicant will make other efforts to encourage patrons to keep the noise down by other measures such as printing messages on checks.
- **8.** Loitering. Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to prevent or disperse loitering or any other source of noise or disturbance in the areas in front of the premises, on 14th Street and on V Street, during hours of operation and at closing.
- **9. Parking.** Applicant will not engage or operate a valet parking service on V Street.
- 10. Trash, garbage, recyclables, and rodents. Applicant shall store all trash, garbage, and recyclables in an enclosed holding area within the premises and only rodent-proof containers. Applicant shall ensure that container covers fit properly

and remain fully closed except when trash, garbage and recyclables are being added or removed.

- 11. Exterior and public space areas. Applicant will monitor areas in the front of the Establishment at V Street and at 14th Street daily to remove trash and debris.
- 12. Cooperation with residents and with Martha's Table. The Applicant agrees to work with the appropriate party, either Protestant, individual residents and the abutting childcare facility ("Martha's Table"), to resolve any problems attributable to the Establishment that affect peace, order and quiet. Applicant agrees that nearby residents and may contact the following representative if such problems arise:

Michael Askarinam askarinam@hotmail.com 240-338-6095

- 13. Incorporation of Settlement Agreement into Applicant's alcohol license. This Settlement Agreement shall be incorporated into the Applicant's license (#085469) and binds the Applicant to its terms under District of Columbia Code Section 25-446. The Applicant shall adhere to the conditions of this license for the Establishment. Failure of the Applicant to correct violations of the conditions herein within thirty days of written notice of the violation shall be grounds to request that the ABC Board bring a Show Cause action against the Applicant.
- 14. Conflict with voluntary agreement. If there exists any conflict between the Board's Order on Voluntary Agreement and Withdrawal of Protest dated December 1, 2010, the restriction more protective of the residents shall control.
- 15. Notices. Any notices required to be made under this agreement shall be in writing and mailed by Certified Mail, return receipt requested, to the Parties and to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 100B, Washington, DC 20009. Notice is deemed to be received upon mailing.

A. If to the Protestants:

President Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association P.O Box 73153 Washington, DC 20056

## B. If to the Applicant:

2100, LLC 2100 14th Street, NW Washington, DC 20009

The parties may change the notice address listed above by written notice to the others.

16. Withdrawal of protest. Protestant agrees to the renewal of the license and the withdrawal of protest upon execution of this Settlement Agreement and provided that this Settlement Agreement is incorporated into the Board's order renewing the license.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first written above:

FOR Applicant:

Michael Askarinam, Owner, Diego

FOR Protestant:

Christina Parascandola, President, Meridian Hill Neighborhood Association

# THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

2100, LLC, t/a La Fonda ("Applicant")

E. Gail Anderson Holness, Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1B ("Protestant")

**BEFORE:** Charles Brodsky, Chairperson

Mital M. Gandhi, Member Nick Alberti, Member Donald Brooks, Member Herman Jones, Member Calvin Nophlin, Member Mike Silverstein, Member

### ORDER ON VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT AND WITHDRAWAL OF PROTEST

The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) reflect that 2100, LLC, t/a La Fonda ("Applicant"), filed an Application for a new Retailer's Class CR License located at 2100 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington D.C. The Applicant and Chairperson E. Gail Anderson Holness, on behalf of ANC 1B, have entered into a Voluntary Agreement, dated November 4, 2010, setting forth the terms and conditions that govern the operation of the Applicant's establishment.

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant and Chairperson E. Gail Anderson Holness, on behalf of ANC 1B, are signatories to the Agreement. This Agreement constitutes a withdrawal of the Protest filed by ANC 1B of this Application.

2100, LLC t/a La Fonda Case No. 10-PRO-00135 License No. ABRA-085469 Page 2

Accordingly, it is this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2010, **ORDERED** that:

- 1. The Application filed by 2100, LLC, t/a La Fonda ("Applicant"), for a new Retailer's Class CR license located at 2100 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., is **GRANTED**;
- 2. The Protest of ANC 1B in this matter is hereby WITHDRAWN;
- 3. The above-referenced Voluntary Agreement submitted by the Parties to govern the operations of the Applicant's establishment are **APPROVED** and **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order; and
- 4. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant and ANC 1B.

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> District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Charles Brodsky, Chairperson

Mital M. Gandhi, Member

Nick Alberti, Member

Donald Brooks, Member

Herman Jones, Member

Calvin Nophlin, Member

Mike Silverstein, Member

Pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 (April 2004), any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 1250 U Street, N.W., Third Floor, Washington, DC 20009.



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B

Government of the District of Columbia 2000 14<sup>TH</sup> Street N.W., Suite 100B Washington, DC 20009 202-481-3462 202-870-4202

E. Gail Anderson Holness, Chairperson

Myla Moss, Peter Raia, Sedrick Muhammad, Deborah Thomas, Brianne Nadeau, Melissa McKnight, Juan Lopez, Rosemary Akinmboni, Thomas K. D. Smith, Eduardo Ferrer

November 9, 2010

Mr. Charles Brodsky Chairman Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 1250 U Street N.W., Third Floor Washington, DC 20009

> ABRA-085469 La Fonda, 2100 14<sup>th</sup> Street N.W.

Dear Chairman Brodsky:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 4, 2010 (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of eight of eleven members was present) ANC1B voted (7 yes, 1 no) to withdraw its protest of and instead support this application for a new Retail Class C Restaurant license. By the same vote, the Commission approved a voluntary agreement between the applicant and the Commission.

This applicant is located in Commissioner Deborah Thomas's single member district, and we have designated her to represent the Commission at hearings on this application.

Sincerely,

E. Gail Anderson Holness

Chairperson

Myla Moss Secretary

cc: Councilmember Jim Graham

Commissioner Deborah Thomas

Mr. Stephen J. O'Brien, Esq., Mallios & O'Brien Mr. Michael Askarinam, La Fonda Restaurant

U Street Neighborhood Association

MidCity Business Association

# Voluntary Agreement Concerning Issuance of License 2100, LLC

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 4th day of November, 2010, by and between 2100, LLC (Applicant) and ANC1B (Protestant):

Whereas Applicant has filed application ABRA-085469 with the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board) for a new class CR license for premises to be known as La Fonda, and to be located at 2100 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20009 (premises).

Whereas Protestant has filed before the ABC Board a protest opposing the granting of this application;

Whereas in recognition of the ABC Board's policy of encouraging parties to a protested proceeding to settle their differences by reaching voluntary agreements, by their signatures below, the parties hereto desire to enter into a voluntary agreement whereby (1) Applicant will agree to adopt certain measures to address the concerns of ANC1B, and to include this agreement as a formal condition of its application, and (2) the aforementioned parties supported the issuance of the new license and provided that such an agreement is incorporated into the ABC Board's order issuing the license.

Whereas Applicant has recently taken or intends to take certain measures designed to ameliorate the aforementioned parties' concerns;

In consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings memorialized herein, the Applicant and the aforementioned parties herby agree as follows:

A. NOISE. Applicant acknowledges familiarity with and will comply with noise-control provisions of the District of Columbia law and regulations, including preventing emissions of sound, capable of being heard or felt outside the premises, by any musical instrument or amplification device or other device or source of sound or noise, in accordance with DCMR 20. The Applicant agrees to restrict all events to those run by the restaurant and will not contract the restaurant for any special events to be operated by an outside contractor. No music will be permitted in the sidewalk cafe. The entrance door and windows of the premises will be kept closed at all times during business hours when music is being played or any sound amplification device is being employed in the premises, except when persons are in the act of using the door for ingress or to egress from the premises. Applicant agrees to implement sound suppression measures that will mitigate any noise from this establishment so that the music may not be heard or felt in surrounding resident's homes, businesses or childcare facilities.

B. SAFETY & SECURITY. Applicant agrees to provide a safety & security plan for inclusion in ABC Board and files of the aforementioned parties. Applicant agrees to notify the aforementioned parties in a timely fashion of any significant ABRA violations or any safety/security events requiring MPD involvement.

- C. FOOD AND ALCOHOL SERVICE. Applicant hours will be permitted no earlier than 10 am daily and no later than 2 am on Sundays Thursdays and 3am Friday's and Saturday's; provided (1) on days designated by the DC ABC Board as "Extended Hours for ABC Establishments" Applicant may serve alcohol and provide entertainment for one additional hour (that is, one hour later in the morning); (2) in the event the Council of the District of Columbia or the DC ABC Board grant licensees in general extended operating hours (such as Inauguration or World Cup) Applicant may avail itself of such extended hours; and (3) on January 1 of each year Applicant may serve alcoholic beverages and provide entertainment until 4am. Weeknight (Sunday-Thursday) outdoor service will be permitted no later than 12am. Friday's and Saturday's until lam. Smoking will not be permitted in outdoor space.
- D. TRASH/GARBAGE/RODENTS. Applicant shall maintain trash/garbage removal service as required by law or more if needed and see that the recycling, trash and dumpster area remains clean. Applicant shall maintain trash receptacles inside the establishment. Applicant will keep trash off public space. Applicant is strongly encouraged to use a trash compacter. Applicant will make every reasonable effort to eliminate accessible food sources for rodents and eliminate the rat population. Applicant will have professional extermination services or provide them as needed. Applicant shall request that its trash and recycling contractors pick trash and materials no earlier than 7:00 am and no later than 6:00 pm. No recyclable waste or trash will be dumped after 9:00 pm or before 7:00 am.
- E. CAPACITY. Applicant shall at all times adhere to its occupancy limit as specified in its Certificate of Occupancy Permit, which shall remain posted in public view at all times. Applicant should encourage the patrons of the residential neighborhood and the necessity of quiet departure. Applicant will take necessary steps to control the noise generated by the operation of any outdoor space to avoid disturbing nearby residents. Applicant will operate outdoor café only on V Street and will take into account clearance needed for emergency evacuation plan of Martha's Table.
- F. PARKING. Applicant will encourage transit use, and will direct patrons to use nearby public parking facilities rather than parking on residential streets.
- G. MODIFICATION OF VOLUNTRY AGREEMENT. This agreement can be modified only by the ABC Board or by mutual agreement of the parties with the approval of the ABC Board for acceptance and enforcement.
- H. BINDING EFFECT. This Voluntary Agreement shall be binding upon and enforceable against the successors and assigns of the Applicant during the term of the license to which this Voluntary Agreement applies.
- I. NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE. In the event that any of the parties is in breach of this Agreement, it shall be entitled to reasonable notice and opportunity to cure, as a condition precedent to seeking enforcement of the Agreement. Unless the breach is of an emergency nature or is a repetition of a prior breach, reasonable notice and opportunity shall provide for a cure within thirty days of the date of such notice. If Applicant or the licensee fails to cure within the thirty day period (or, with respect to a breach which reasonably requires more than thirty days to

cure, fails to commence cure of such breach and diligently pursues such cure) failure shall constitute a cause for seeking a Show Cause Order from the ABC Board pursuant to DC Official Code 25-447. Unless otherwise noted above, any notices required to be made under this Agreement shall be in writing and mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or hand delivered, to the other parties to this Agreement at the following addresses. Notice shall be deemed given as of the time of receipt or refusal of receipt.

2100, LLC

If to Applicant:

Attn: Michael D. Askarinam

2100 14th Street NW Washington, DC, 20009

If to Protestant:

ANCIB

Recyes Center

2000 14th Street N.W., Suite 100 B

Washington, D.C. 20009

Wherefore, by the signing of the representatives of Applicant and ANC1B, Applicant hereby agrees to aforementioned covenants and ANC1B agreed to support the issuance of the Class CR03 license to Applicant, and both parties request that this agreement is incorporated into the ABC Board's order issuing a Class CR03 license.

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