DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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Sun Rising, Inc., : t/a 7 Food Store :

1830 Benning Road NE, : Protest

Retailer B - ANC 5D : Hearing (Status)

License No. 93817 : Case #17-PRO-00080 :

(Application to Renew the: License) :

Wednesday
January 31, 2018

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson NICK ALBERTI, Member BOBBY CATO, JR., Member DONALD ISAAC, SR., Member MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SYDELLE MOORE, Protestant

KATHY HENDERSON, ANC 5D

BERNARD DIETZ, Applicant's Counsel

SUN KYUNG CHOI, Applicant

CHRISSIE CHANG, Interpreter*

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	9:44 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next matter
4	on our calendar is Case No. 17-PRO-00080, 7 Food
5	Restaurant, License No. 93817.
6	Would the parties, please, approach
7	for 7 Food Store? Can you introduce yourself for
8	the record, please?
9	MS. MOORE: Yes, my name is Sydelle
10	Moore, S, as in Sam, Y, as in yellow, D, as in
11	dog, E, as in elephant, L, as in llama, L, as in
12	llama, e as in elephant. Last name Moore, M-O-O-
13	R-E.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are
15	you, Ms. Moore?
16	MS. MOORE: I am representing the
17	Langston Civic Association.
18	MS. HENDERSON: Good morning.
19	Commissioner Kathy Henderson, ANC-5D05, on behalf
20	of 5D.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
22	Ms. Henderson.

1	MR. DIETZ: Good morning. I'm Bernard
2	C. Dietz representing the applicant, Sun Rising,
3	Inc.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
5	Mr. Dietz.
6	MS. CHOI: My name is Sun Kyung Choi.
7	S-U-N K-Y-U-N-G C-H-O-I, 7 Food Store owner.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr. Dietz,
9	I not that I have any concerns with your
10	representation, but is your client well-versed in
11	English, so she can understand the proceedings
12	today, sir?
13	MR. DIETZ: I have with me Ms.
14	Chrissie Chang
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who is Ms.
16	Chang?
17	MR. DIETZ: who is served as an
18	interpreter at the earlier matters.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So when
20	MR. DIETZ: And I ask permission for
21	her to sit at the table?
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then she needs

-- now, was she hired by the Agency or who was she hired by? Is the Agency paying for her or is she --

MR. DIETZ: No. She was hired by -- she is hired by the applicant.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then why
doesn't she come and introduce herself for the
record? And one of the reasons why I do that is
that we have, prior to my tenure here, had an
applicant who was represented by counsel and when
he went to the Court of Appeals, then the
applicant said that she did not understand the
proceeding, although she had counsel sitting at
the table.

So that's one of the reasons why and I am not making any aspersion that English is no one's first language, but I'm just trying to make sure that everyone is here, they understand and if they do not understand, then we will get a translator.

MR. DIETZ: Just as a matter of information, both Mr. Alberti and Mr. Silverstein

1	can attest that I have been coming here since
2	1968 and anything bad that happened has happened.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
4	that so as I said, so as I stated, Mr. Dietz,
5	this is not a reflection on you and your
6	representation.
7	MR. DIETZ: Right.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's just to
9	make sure that we do not have any hiccups as time
10	goes by. All right. So can you step up, miss,
11	and what's your name and can you tell can you
12	stand up and tell me your name, miss?
13	INTERPRETER CHANG: My name is
14	Chrissie Chang and I got hired by the licensee as
15	a translator for
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what
17	language is this, ma'am?
18	INTERPRETER CHANG: My the Korean
19	language and English.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's all
21	right. So can you raise your right hand, please?
22	Do you swear or affirm to faithfully

1	translate these proceedings from English to
2	Korean and from Korean to English?
3	INTERPRETER CHANG: Yes.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank
5	you. You may have a seat. All right. Are there
6	any preliminary matters in this case?
7	MR. DIETZ: If I might address the
8	Board?
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure, yes, go
10	ahead, sir.
11	MR. DIETZ: We have reached a
12	voluntary agreement with the ANC and the Board
13	has a copy of that agreement before it. There
14	have been some comments on it, which are
15	acceptable.
16	We are still negotiating with Langston
17	and there was an inquiry made regarding the
18	standing of Langston to maintain a protest and we
19	haven't heard whether or not that
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, this is
21	I'll get to you, Ms. Henderson. This is where we
22	are and I had to get my mind clarified this

There is a settlement agreement that 1 morning. 2 the Board adopted with modification. It is my understanding that the ANC, 3 4 and maybe they can more so clarify the 5 proceeding, are having some concerns with the modification that the Board has recommended that 6 7 the settlement agreement can only be accepted. 8 And so maybe Ms. Henderson can let me 9 know, because if both sides have not accepted the modifications that are mandated by the Board, I'm 10 coming to you, Ms. Henderson, then we still have 11 an active protest. So the ANC is still here. 12 13 So maybe, Ms. Henderson, you can go 14 ahead and tell me. 15 MS. HENDERSON: Yes. Thank you. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Explain where 17 we are, ma'am. 18 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you. Both 19 parties, the ANC and the applicant accept the agreement that has been drafted on behalf of the 20 21 The issue, the only issue that remains is

the removal of 6(b) and 6(c).

We feel that keeping those provisions in the settlement agreement maintains a very, very strong agreement. And we have asked for the Office of the Attorney General to render an opinion. And certainly I have already forwarded to the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and he finds the agreement, you know, he thinks it is an excellent agreement.

So we are just waiting for that one issue to be resolved and we look forward to entering into a binding agreement with the applicant and we can move forward.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, one thing
I'll say, Ms. Henderson, whether or not you have
spoken to any outside entity, whatever decision
that is made by an outside entity is not relevant
in these proceedings.

We have our jurisdiction in the sense that when a settlement agreement is signed and issued, that the Board reviews it to see whether or not it is enforceable.

And so if the Board determines that

we cannot enforce those proceedings, we will take those from the agreement. So even if the Office of the Attorney General comes and say -- and make recommendations to us, that's not binding on us.

So if that's what is going to be, then we are going to have a full Protest Hearing with the ANC, because we -- one of the reasons why we took out those two provisions out of the settlement agreement is because we cannot enforce them. And if we cannot enforce any -- if we cannot enforce terms in an agreement, we are not going to approve it.

So I'm hoping that the -- both parties will reconsider those terms and, at least, for us not to have a full hearing on -- when everyone is agreeing, is in agreement.

And one thing, I'm going to get back to you, and I'll say another thing to you, there are terms in a settlement agreement that when you sign a settlement agreement that you can get. If it goes to a full Protest Hearing, those terms will not -- the Board cannot order the licensee

to do that.

So you can get better terms in a settlement agreement than you will get from the Board. So if those two -- if the two terms that you are saying that we rejected, if you go to a hearing, you are not going to get those terms in a Board Order, because the Board cannot legally mandate that those terms be placed in any Board Order. So I just want to point that out to you.

MS. HENDERSON: Oh, and thank you. I understand your concerns.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.

MS. HENDERSON: We simply ask for the Board's temporary indulgence, so that we can reconsider this matter in light of the opinion rendered by the Office of the Attorney General.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

MS. HENDERSON: It may be a simple matter of rewording it, but we feel very confident that the applicant has done what we have asked them to do and is working very diligently with the community and with the police

1	to address our public safety concerns, but we
2	feel that an agreement is forthcoming.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, and I
4	hope so. I hope so and because I have always
5	stated that I prefer when the licensee and the
6	applicant agree to settlement agreements, because
7	this is your neighborhood.
8	MS. HENDERSON: We have found them to
9	be very amenable to
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.
11	MS. HENDERSON: the terms of the
12	agreement.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
14	MS. HENDERSON: So
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so you can
16	agree to how you want your neighborhood to work.
17	When the Board makes a decision, then we are
18	going to impose terms that you might not be happy
19	with. So I just want to
20	MS. HENDERSON: We got it.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Any
22	other preliminary matters?

MR. DIETZ: Only as far as the 1 2 Langston protest is concerned. We are still talking. Okay. And we are very close, but what 3 4 we are asking the Board to do is to keep this 5 matter on the calendar and schedule and hopefully we can wrap it up before that. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All 8 right. 9 MR. DIETZ: But right now, we are 10 close, but we are not there yet. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 12 Well, then this matter is scheduled for a Protest 13 Hearing on February 28th at 4:30. 14 All right. Now, I just want to inform 15 the parties that the purpose of a Protest Hearing 16 is to determine the appropriateness of the establishment in the section of the District 17 18 where the establishment is located. 19 I also want to inform both sides that 20 the protest, when we have a Protest Hearing, it 21 should only address and focuses on only the

issues that are addressed in the Protest Hearing,

that the Board to hear testimony on matters that are not relevant to this case. You should have received by electronic or regular mail a letter explaining the protest process, a copy of the Protest Information Form and a copy of the Exhibit Form. If you do not have these documents, please, contact Assistant General Counsel Ms. April Randall following this hearing.

It is imperative that you review the rules closely and follow them before and during the Protest Hearing. You are also required to complete and submit the Protest Information Form (PIF) and the Exhibit Form seven days before the date of the hearing. These two forms and accompanying documents need to be submitted to ABRA's Legal Division and to all opposing parties in this matter.

If we do not receive a copy of your PIF, your application or your protest, whichever side you are representing, may be subject to dismissal. Likewise, if we do not receive a copy of the Exhibit Form and the exhibits themselves,

your exhibits may be excluded from the record upon a finding that the opposing party has been prejudiced or no good cause for failure to submit has been shown.

Likewise witnesses other than a party may also be subject to exclusion if not identified in the PIF.

Accordingly, these forms are very important as they greatly assist the Board in narrowing the protest issues, facilitating the process and keeping the parties on point during the hearing. They likewise provide notice to the opposing parties enabling them to better prepare for the hearing.

We thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions today or at any time, please, do not hesitate to contact Ms. April Randall at (202) 442-4353.

And I'll let the folks again know that Ms. Randall is here to walk you through the process. Any questions that you have, we will work with you.

1	Thank you very much for being here and
2	good luck in your discussions.
3	MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And as I say
5	this to all parties, if I don't see you on
6	February 28th, I will not be upset, because that
7	says that the parties have agreed to terms that
8	they can live with.
9	Thank you very much for being here
10	today.
11	MR. DIETZ: Thank you.
12	MS. MOORE: Thank you.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
14	(Whereupon, the Protest (Status)
15	Hearing was concluded at 9:58 a.m.)
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