

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Lattice Partners, LLC :

t/a Copycat Co. :

1110 H Street NE : Show Cause

Retailer CT - ANC 6A : Hearing (Status)

License No. 96474 :

Case #17-CMP-00622 :

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(Allowed a Patron to :

leave the Establishment :

with an Alcoholic :

Beverage in an Open :

Container, Substantial :

Change without Board :

Approval) :

Wednesday  
 January 10, 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  
 DONALD ISAAC, SR., Member  
 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member  
 JAMES SHORT, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**AMY SCHMIDT, OAG**

**MATTHEW T. MINORA, Licensee's Counsel**

**YIN GONG, Licensee**

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

2 9:42 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We now move to  
4 our Show Cause Hearing (Status) Calendar.

5 The first case on our Show Cause  
6 Hearing (Status) Calendar is Copycat Co., License  
7 No. 96474.

8 Would the parties, please, approach  
9 and identify themselves for the record, please?

10 MS. SCHMIDT: Good morning. Amy  
11 Schmidt, Assistant Attorney General on behalf of  
12 the District of Columbia.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
14 Ms. Schmidt.

15 MR. GONG: Yin Gong from Copycat.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your last name,  
17 sir?

18 MR. GONG: Gong, G-O-N-G.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
20 Mr. Gong.

21 MR. MINORA: Matt Minora from the Law  
22 Firm of Mallios & O'Brien.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
2 Mr. Minora.

3 MR. MINORA: Good morning.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are there any  
5 preliminary matters in this case?

6 MS. SCHMIDT: Yes, there are. Yes,  
7 there is. We have an Offer in Compromise  
8 consisting of for Charge 1 a \$2,000 fine to be  
9 paid within 30 days or the license will be  
10 suspended indefinitely until the fine is paid.

11 And we are going to dismiss Charge 2.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Minora,  
13 it's my understanding that there is an Offer in  
14 Compromise. And the Offer in Compromise is that  
15 there is a fine of \$2,000 payable in 30 days.  
16 That Charge 2 will be dismissed. If the fine is  
17 not paid in 30 days, the license will be  
18 suspended until the fine has been paid.

19 Is this your client's understanding of  
20 the Offer in Compromise?

21 MR. MINORA: Yes, and we intend to pay  
22 the fine this morning.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's  
2 wonderful. Does your client -- is your client  
3 aware that by accepting an Offer in Compromise,  
4 that he is giving up his right to a hearing?

5 MR. MINORA: Correct.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And is your  
7 client also aware that he is giving up his right  
8 to appeal this matter?

9 MR. MINORA: That's correct.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Well  
11 hearing that, I then make a motion that the Offer  
12 in Compromise of a fine of \$2,000 payable in 30  
13 days, the Licensee said he will pay it today, but  
14 it's payable in 30 days. If the fine is not paid  
15 within 30 days, the license will be suspended and  
16 that Charge 2 will be dismissed. Is there a  
17 second?

18 MEMBER SHORT: Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
20 seconded the motion. Any questions by any Board  
21 Members?

22 Hearing none, all those in favor say

1 aye.

2 ALL: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All those  
4 opposed? The matter passes 5-0-0.

5 All right. Thank you.

6 MR. MINORA: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We will have  
8 you sign-off on some paperwork today, sir. Thank  
9 you.

10 So don't disappear, we are going to  
11 have you sign-off, yeah. Thank you.

12 (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)  
13 Hearing was concluded at 9:45 a.m.)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p> <p>a.m 3:2 6:13  <b>accepting</b> 5:3  <b>ALBERTI</b> 1:20  <b>Alcoholic</b> 1:2,10,16,16  <b>Allowed</b> 1:9  <b>Amy</b> 2:11 3:10  <b>ANC</b> 1:7  <b>Anderson</b> 1:18,20 3:3  3:13,16,19 4:1,4,12  5:1,6,10,19 6:3,7  <b>appeal</b> 5:8  <b>approach</b> 3:8  <b>Approval</b> 1:12  <b>Assistant</b> 3:11  <b>Attorney</b> 3:11  <b>aware</b> 5:3,7  <b>aye</b> 6:1,2</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>B</b></p> <p><b>behalf</b> 3:11  <b>Beverage</b> 1:2,11,16,16  <b>Board</b> 1:2,12,16 5:20  <b>Building</b> 1:17</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>C</b></p> <p><b>Calendar</b> 3:4,6  <b>case</b> 1:8 3:5 4:5  <b>Cause</b> 1:7 3:4,5 6:12  <b>Chairperson</b> 1:17,20  3:3,13,16,19 4:1,4,12  5:1,6,10,19 6:3,7  <b>Change</b> 1:12  <b>Charge</b> 4:8,11,16 5:16  <b>client</b> 5:2,2,7  <b>client's</b> 4:19  <b>Columbia</b> 1:1 3:12  <b>Compromise</b> 4:7,14,14  4:20 5:3,12  <b>concluded</b> 6:13  <b>consisting</b> 4:8  <b>Container</b> 1:11  <b>Control</b> 1:2,16,16  <b>Copycat</b> 1:6 3:6,15  <b>correct</b> 5:5,9  <b>Counsel</b> 2:12  <b>CT</b> 1:7</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>D</b></p> <p><b>D.C</b> 1:17  <b>days</b> 4:9,15,17 5:13,14  5:15  <b>disappear</b> 6:10  <b>dismiss</b> 4:11  <b>dismissed</b> 4:16 5:16  <b>District</b> 1:1 3:12  <b>DONALD</b> 1:21</p>	<p><b>Donovan</b> 1:18,20</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>E</b></p> <p><b>Establishment</b> 1:10</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>F</b></p> <p><b>favor</b> 5:22  <b>fine</b> 4:8,10,15,16,18,22  5:12,14  <b>Firm</b> 3:22  <b>first</b> 3:5</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>G</b></p> <p><b>G-O-N-G</b> 3:18  <b>General</b> 3:11  <b>giving</b> 5:4,7  <b>going</b> 4:11 6:10  <b>Gong</b> 2:13 3:15,15,18  3:18,20  <b>Good</b> 3:10,13,19 4:1,3</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>H</b></p> <p><b>H</b> 1:7  <b>hearing</b> 1:7,16 3:4,6 5:4  5:11,22 6:13</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>I</b></p> <p><b>identify</b> 3:9  <b>indefinitely</b> 4:10  <b>intend</b> 4:21  <b>ISAAC</b> 1:21</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>J</b></p> <p><b>JAMES</b> 1:22  <b>January</b> 1:14</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>K</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>L</b></p> <p><b>Lattice</b> 1:6  <b>Law</b> 3:21  <b>leave</b> 1:10  <b>license</b> 1:8 3:6 4:9,17  5:15  <b>Licensee</b> 2:13 5:13  <b>Licensee's</b> 2:12  <b>LLC</b> 1:6</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>M</b></p> <p><b>Mallios</b> 3:22  <b>Matt</b> 3:21  <b>matter</b> 1:5 5:8 6:4  <b>matters</b> 4:5  <b>MATTHEW</b> 2:12  <b>MEETING</b> 1:3  <b>Member</b> 1:20,21,21,22  5:18  <b>Members</b> 5:21</p>	<p><b>met</b> 1:16  <b>MIKE</b> 1:21  <b>Minora</b> 2:12 3:21,21 4:2  4:3,12,21 5:5,9 6:6  <b>morning</b> 3:10,13,19 4:1  4:3,22  <b>motion</b> 5:11,20  <b>move</b> 3:3</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>N</b></p> <p><b>N.W</b> 1:17  <b>name</b> 3:16  <b>NE</b> 1:7  <b>NICK</b> 1:20</p> <hr/> <p 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6:8,11</p>	<p><b>SILVERSTEIN</b> 1:21  <b>sir</b> 3:17 6:8  <b>SR</b> 1:21  <b>Status</b> 1:7 3:4,6 6:12  <b>Street</b> 1:7,17  <b>Substantial</b> 1:11  <b>Suite</b> 1:17  <b>suspended</b> 4:10,18  5:15</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>T</b></p> <p><b>T</b> 2:12  <b>t/a</b> 1:6  <b>Thank</b> 6:5,6,8,11  <b>today</b> 5:13 6:8</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>U</b></p> <p><b>understanding</b> 4:13,19</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>V</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>W</b></p> <p><b>W</b> 1:18,20  <b>Washington</b> 1:17  <b>Wednesday</b> 1:14  <b>wonderful</b> 5:2</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>X</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Y</b></p> <p><b>yeah</b> 6:11  <b>Yin</b> 2:13 3:15</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Z</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>0</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b></p> <p>1 4:8  <b>10</b> 1:14  <b>1110</b> 1:7  <b>14th</b> 1:17  <b>17-CMP-00622</b> 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Place: Washington, DC

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