

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Woodland Group, LLC
t/a Cortez
1905 9th Street, NW
License #ABRA-108275
Retailer CR - License
Renewal
Case #19-PRO-00043

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019

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The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room,
Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W.,
Washington, D.C., Ms. LaVerne Fletcher, Board
Agent, presiding.

ALSO PRESENT:

RYAN SEELBACH, Licensee

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

2 11:18 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties in
4 the matter of Cortez please come forward. The
5 parties in the matter of Cortez. This is case
6 number 19-PRO-00043. Woodland Group, LLC, 1905
7 9th Street, NW, license number ABRA-108275. This
8 is a Retailer Class CR License renewal.

9 The protest issues are adverse impact
10 on peace, order and quiet, residential parking,
11 and vehicular and pedestrian safety and real
12 property values.

13 My name is LaVerne Fletcher,
14 conducting the roll call hearing as the board's
15 agent. Introductions beginning with the
16 Applicant, please.

17 MR. SEELBACH: Hello.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Hi.

19 MR. SEELBACH: I'm Ryan Seelbach, the
20 Managing Member of Woodland Group, LLC; dba
21 Cortez.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Ryan, how do you spell

1 your first name?

2 MR. SEELBACH: R-Y-A-N.

3 MS. FLETCHER: And last name?

4 MR. SEELBACH: S, as in Sam, -E-E-L-B,
5 as in boy, -A-C-H.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

7 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC1B?

8 (No audible response.)

9 MS. FLETCHER: ANC1B is dismissed
10 because they are not present today. What that
11 means, Mr. Seelbach, is that they are going to
12 receive an order dismissing them as a protestant
13 because they weren't here today. They'll have
14 ten days upon receipt of that order to ask the
15 ABC Board to reinstate them as a protestant.

16 They'll have to explain why they
17 weren't here today. If the board accepts that
18 explanation and reinstates them as a protestant
19 then I'll contact you and set up the dates for
20 mediation, the status hearing and a protest
21 hearing. But, either, you will be kept informed.

22 MR. SEELBACH: Okay. Do I need to

1 sign in on this form, yes or no?

2 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

3 MR. SEELBACH: Yes. Okay, I'll do
4 that.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

6 MR. SEELBACH: Thank you so much.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

8 (Pause.)

9 MR. SEELBACH: Or, ma'am. I'm sorry,
10 if I should have called you ma'am -- my gosh.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, that's good. Ma'am
12 is good.

13 MR. SEELBACH: Thank you so much.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

15 The roll call hearing is concluded.

16 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
17 went off the record at 11:20 a.m.)

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