

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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 Estrada Ramos, Inc., :  
 t/a Elizabeth Bar :  
 and Grill :  
 5217 Georgia Ave NW : Protest  
 Retailer CR - ANC 4D : Hearing  
 License No. 112282 : (Status)  
 Case #19-PRO-00035 :  
 :  
 (Application to Renew :  
 the License) :

Wednesday,  
 September 11, 2019

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  
 BOBBY CATO, JR., Member  
 JAMES SHORT, Member  
 RAFI CROCKETT, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

TOMAS ESTRADA, APPLICANT

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

2 9:43 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Our  
4 next case is another Protest Hearing (Status),  
5 Case No. 19-PRO-00035, Elizabeth Bar and Grill,  
6 License No. 112282.

7 Is there anyone here from Elizabeth  
8 Bar and Grill?

9 All right. I will recall this case at  
10 10:00. If the parties are not here, the Board  
11 will vote to dismiss the renewal and the protest.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
13 went off the record at 9:44 a.m. and resumed at  
14 10:09 a.m.)

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm  
16 going to move back to our Protest Hearing  
17 (Status) Calendar and the first case I'm going to  
18 recall on the Protest Hearing (Status) Calendar  
19 is Case No. 19-PRO-00035, Elizabeth Bar and  
20 Grill.

21 Would the parties approach and,  
22 please, identify themselves for the record,

1 please? There is a sign-in sheet, too, sir, so  
2 please sign in your name and tell us who you are,  
3 please.

4 MR. ESTRADA: I'm Tomas Estrada. I'm  
5 the owner of Elizabeth Bar and Grill.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I didn't hear  
7 your last name, sir.

8 MR. ESTRADA: Tomas Estrada.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Estrada? Yes,  
10 please. And who are you? What's your  
11 relationship to the establishment?

12 MR. ESTRADA: Oh, I'm the owner.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank  
14 you. And who is the person next to you?

15 MR. ESTRADA: She work with me.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She signed.  
17 Now just ask her to introduce herself for the  
18 record, please, that's all.

19 MS. PAZ: My name is Kelly Paz and I  
20 work at Elizabeth Bar and Grill.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

22 Thank you. I see that the ANC who was protesting

1 the renewal is not here.

2 This matter was scheduled for a  
3 Protest Hearing (Status) at 9:30 this morning. I  
4 called the case. Neither the ANC or the  
5 protestant was -- I'm sorry, neither the  
6 protestant nor the owner was here at 9:30 when  
7 the case was first called.

8 As a courtesy to both parties, I do  
9 give them half an hour to show up to recall the  
10 case. The case was recalled. The owner is not  
11 here. The protestant -- the owner is here. The  
12 protestant, however, is not here.

13 I therefore make a motion to dismiss  
14 the ANC from the protest. Is there --

15 MEMBER SHORT: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
17 seconded the motion. All those in favor say aye.

18 ALL: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?  
20 The matter passes 4-0-0.

21 What this means, sir, is that we have  
22 dismissed the ANC from the protest and so

1       therefore the Agency -- what we will do is that  
2       we will provide -- we will send a letter to the  
3       ANC to -- for them to give us a reason why they  
4       were not here today.

5                   If they have not provided us a  
6       reasonable cause why they were not here today,  
7       with our -- for a hearing, we will dismiss their  
8       protest and your license will be renewed without  
9       conditions.

10                   So the Board will let you know in 10  
11       days whether or not you have to negotiate or  
12       whatever is going on with the ANC, why they  
13       weren't here today. If not, if they can't, if  
14       they don't provide us good cause why they were  
15       not here today, we will dismiss their protest and  
16       your license will be renewed without involvement  
17       of the ANC. Thank you for being here today.

18                   MR. ESTRADA: Okay. Thank you for  
19       your time.

20                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

21                   (Whereupon, the Protest (Status)

22       Hearing was concluded at 10:12 a.m.)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p> <p>a.m 2:2,13,14 5:22  above-entitled 2:12  Agency 5:1  Alcoholic 1:2,14,15  ANC 1:8 3:22 4:4,14,22  5:3,12,17  Anderson 1:16,18 2:3  2:15 3:6,9,13,16,21  4:16,19 5:20  <b>APPLICANT</b> 1:22  Application 1:10  approach 2:21  Ave 1:7  aye 4:17,18</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>B</b></p> <p>back 2:16  Bar 1:6 2:5,8,19 3:5,20  Beverage 1:2,14,15  Board 1:2,14 2:10 5:10  <b>BOBBY</b> 1:19  Building 1:15</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>C</b></p> <p>Calendar 2:17,18  called 4:4,7  case 1:9 2:4,5,9,17,19  4:4,7,10,10  <b>CATO</b> 1:19  cause 5:6,14  Chairperson 1:16,18  2:3,15 3:6,9,13,16,21  4:16,19 5:20  <b>COLUMBIA</b> 1:1  concluded 5:22  conditions 5:9  Control 1:2,14,15  courtesy 4:8  CR 1:8  <b>CROCKETT</b> 1:20</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>D</b></p> <p>D.C 1:16  days 5:11  dismiss 2:11 4:13 5:7  5:15  dismissed 4:22  <b>DISTRICT</b> 1:1  Donovan 1:16,18</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>E</b></p> <p>Elizabeth 1:6 2:5,7,19  3:5,20  establishment 3:11  Estrada 1:6,22 3:4,4,8,8  3:9,12,15 5:18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>F</b></p> <p>favor 4:17  first 2:17 4:7</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>G</b></p> <p>Georgia 1:7  give 4:9 5:3  going 2:16,17 5:12  good 5:14  Grill 1:7 2:5,8,20 3:5,20</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>H</b></p> <p>half 4:9  hear 3:6  hearing 1:8,15 2:4,16  2:18 4:3 5:7,22  hour 4:9</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>I</b></p> <p>identify 2:22  introduce 3:17  involvement 5:16</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>J</b></p> <p><b>JAMES</b> 1:19  <b>JR</b> 1:19</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>K</b></p> <p>Kelly 3:19  know 5:10</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>L</b></p> <p>letter 5:2  license 1:8,10 2:6 5:8  5:16</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>M</b></p> <p>matter 1:5 2:12 4:2,20  means 4:21  <b>MEETING</b> 1:3  Member 1:19,19,20  4:15  met 1:15  morning 4:3  motion 4:13,17  move 2:16</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>N</b></p> <p>N.W 1:15  name 3:2,7,19  negotiate 5:11  neither 4:4,5  NW 1:7</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>O</b></p> <p>Oh 3:12  Okay 3:13 5:18</p>	<p>opposed 4:19  owner 3:5,12 4:6,10,11</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P</b></p> <p><b>P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S</b>  2:1  parties 2:10,21 4:8  passes 4:20  Paz 3:19,19  person 3:14  please 2:22 3:1,2,3,10  3:18  <b>PRESENT</b> 1:17,21  presiding 1:16  protest 1:7 2:4,11,16,18  4:3,14,22 5:8,15,21  protestant 4:5,6,11,12  protesting 3:22  provide 5:2,14  provided 5:5</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>R</b></p> <p><b>RAFI</b> 1:20  Ramos 1:6  reason 5:3  reasonable 5:6  recall 2:9,18 4:9  recalled 4:10  record 2:13,22 3:18  Reeves 1:15  relationship 3:11  Renew 1:10  renewal 2:11 4:1  renewed 5:8,16  resumed 2:13  Retailer 1:8  right 2:3,9,15 3:21  Room 1:15</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>S</b></p> <p>scheduled 4:2  Second 4:15  seconded 4:17  see 3:22  send 5:2  September 1:13  sheet 3:1  Short 1:19 4:15,16  show 4:9  sign 3:2  sign-in 3:1  signed 3:16  sir 3:1,7 4:21  sorry 4:5  Status 1:8 2:4,17,18 4:3  5:21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>T</b></p> <p>t/a 1:6  tell 3:2  Thank 3:13,22 5:17,18  5:20  time 5:19  today 5:4,6,13,15,17  Tomas 1:22 3:4,8</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>U</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>V</b></p> <p>vote 2:11</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>W</b></p> <p>W 1:16,18  Washington 1:16  Wednesday 1:12  went 2:13  weren't 5:13  work 3:15,20</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>X</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Y</b></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>10 5:10  10:00 2:10  10:09 2:14  10:12 5:22  11 1:13  112282 1:8 2:6  14th 1:15  19-PRO-00035 1:9 2:5  2:19</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p> <p>2000 1:15  2009 1:16  2019 1:13</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p>4-0-0 4:20  400S 1:16  4D 1:8</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p>5217 1:7</p>
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