

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

In the Matter of:

Empire DC, LLC
t/a Empire Lounge

Application for Renewal of a
Retailer’s Class CT License

at premises
1909 9th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Case No.: 20-PRO-00015
License No.: ABRA-110702
Order No.: 2020-277

Empire DC, LLC, t/a Empire Lounge, Applicant

Lynn H. Johnson and Pierson Stoecklein, on behalf of Westminster Neighborhood Association (WNA), Protestant

Jonathan Lounsbury and Michael Merenstein, on behalf of A Group of Five or More Individuals, Protestant

T. Shantal Gupta, Protestant Member of the Group of Five or More Individuals

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
James Short, Member
Bobby Cato, Member
Rema Wahabzadah, Member
Rafi Aliya Crockett, Member
Jeni Hansen, Member
Edward S. Grandis, Member

**ORDER ON DISMISSAL OF T. SHANTAL GUPTA AS A PROTESTANT
MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF FIVE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS**

The Application filed by Empire DC, LLC, t/a Empire Lounge, for renewal of its Retailer’s Class CT License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on September 14, 2020.

On September 14, 2020, the Board dismissed T. Shantal Gupta as a protestant member of the Group of Five or More Individuals because she failed to sign the protest

letter. In accordance with 23 DCMR § 1602.3, all protests shall be signed by the protestants. For purposes of § 1602.3, the signature may be handwritten in wet ink or electronic, including a scanned copy of the original signature. Ms. Gupta failed to sign the protest either in wet ink or electronically, and therefore, shall be dismissed from the protestant group.

T. Shantal Gupta may file a Request for Reinstatement with the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order.

ORDER

The Board does hereby this 16th day of September, 2020, **DISMISS** T. Shantal Gupta as a protestant member of the Group of Five or More Individuals. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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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 14th 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).