## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Foggy Bottom Grocery, LLC: t/a FoBoGro : 2140 F Street NW :

Retailer B - ANC 2A : Show Cause License No. 82431 : Hearing Case #18-CC-00029 : (Status)

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(Sale to Minor Violation,: Failed to Post License in: a Conspicuous Place) :

Wednesday, October 17, 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, Member MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member JAMES SHORT, Member REMA WAHABZADAH, Member ALSO PRESENT:

EDWARD GRANDIS, Licensee's Counsel
CHRISSY GEPHARDT, DC OAG

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S			
2	9:56 a.m.			
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The			
4	next case on our calendar is Case No. 18-CC-			
5	00029, FoBoGro, License No. 82431, and also Case			
6	No. 18-CMP-00153, FoBoGro, License No. 82431.			
7	MS. GEPHARDT: I thought we would take			
8	them up separately, but go on.			
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I just called			
10	them, they will be separate.			
11	Now, although the reason why I			
12	called both cases at the same time is because			
13	it's the same establishment, but these are two			
14	separate cases.			
15	So the first case that we will deal			
16	with is Case No. 18-CC-00029.			
17	Good morning. Would the parties,			
18	please, approach and identify themselves for the			
19	record, please?			
20	MR. GRANDIS: Good morning. My name			
21	is Ed Grandis and I'm here on behalf of FoBoGro			
22	with the sellers.			

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
2	Mr. Grandis.
3	MR. BIANCO: Good morning, Mr.
4	Anderson, Members of the Board. My name is
5	Richard Bianco. I represent Cathy Martens, who
6	is present and to my left, the purchaser.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So you
8	are here for Case No. 18-CMP-00153?
9	MR. BIANCO: That's correct, sir.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. And Mr.
11	Grandis, you are here for Case No. 18-CC-00029.
12	So I
13	MR. GRANDIS: Yes.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So during this
15	case, I only need Mr. Grandis to speak, since the
16	other parties are not a party to this case. And
17	that's my apologies. I should have called them
18	separate, because I had forgotten that they are
19	two different attorneys. But so I know you are
20	here, but you are only the attorney who is
21	speaking for the establishment is Mr. Grandis.
22	Go ahead. Ms. Gephardt, introduce

1	yourself, please.			
2	MS. GEPHARDT: Oh, Chrissy Gephardt			
3	here on behalf of the Office of the Attorney			
4	General.			
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Are			
6	there any preliminary matters in Case No. 18-CC-			
7	00029?			
8	MS. GEPHARDT: Yes, there is a			
9	preliminary matter in this case. The parties			
10	have agreed on an Offer in Compromise they would			
11	like to share with the Board and that is a			
12	\$30,000 fine to be paid today.			
13	In addition to that, there would be a			
14	30-day consecutive day suspension, which would			
15	occur from the period of December 21, 2018 to			
16	January 20, 2019.			
17	The license should be placed and			
18	remain in safekeeping. Is it going to be put in			
19	safekeeping today?			
20	MR. GRANDIS: It's in.			
21	MS. GEPHARDT: It's in. Okay. So the			
22	license apparently is in safekeeping and the			

1 license shall remain in safekeeping until the 2 fine is paid, which the fine is paid today, and the license -- the transfer license shall not be 3 issued to the new owner until the fine is paid. 4 Charge 2, for the license not being 5 conspicuously posted, that is just a warning. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr. 8 Grandis, it's my understanding that there is an 9 Offer in Compromise and the Offer in Compromise is that there is a fine of \$30,000 payable today. 10 11 If the license -- if it's not payable today, the 12 license will be suspended until this has been 13 paid. 14 That there is a 30-day suspension and the 30-day suspension takes effect December 21 15 16 through January 20, 2019. That the transfer of the license will not occur until the fine has 17 18 been paid. And that for Charge 2, there is a 19 written warning. 20 Is this your understanding, sir, of 21 the Offer in Compromise? 22 MR. GRANDIS: Yes. Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is your client aware that by accepting an Offer in Compromise, that they are giving up their right to a hearing?

MR. GRANDIS: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And is your client aware that by accepting an Offer in Compromise, that they are giving up their right to appeal this matter?

MR. GRANDIS: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: With this said,

I make a motion that the Offer in Compromise of a

fine of \$30,000 payable today, if the fine is not

payable today, the license will be suspended

until the fine is paid; that there is a 30-day

suspension of the license. The suspension of the

license will occur from December 21 through

January 20, 2019; that the transfer of the

license will not occur until the license -- until

the fine is paid and that for Charge 2, there is

a written warning.

Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Second.

1	THE WITNESS: Second.			
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Both Mr. Short			
3	and Mr. Silverstein have seconded the motion.			
4	All those in favor say aye.			
5	ALL: Aye.			
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?			
7	The matter passes 6-0-0.			
8	The Board will issue a Board Order in			
9	this matter. Thank you very much.			
10	So you are dismissed, Mr. Grandis.			
11	Thank you very much.			
12	(Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)			
13	Hearing was concluded at 10:01 a.m.)			
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