

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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Hope Lounge, LLC, :  
t/a Medusa Lounge :  
(Formerly Peace Lounge) :  
2632 Georgia Avenue NW : Show Cause  
Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing (Status)  
License No. 106785 :  
Case #19-CC-00016 :  
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(Sale to Minor Violation, :  
No ABC Manager on Duty) :

Wednesday  
December 4, 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  
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member  
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

STEPHEN ORTIZ, DC OAG

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

2 9:35 a.m.

3 We now move to our show-cause hearing  
4 status calendar. The first case on this calendar  
5 is Case Number 19-CC-00016, Medusa Lounge,  
6 formerly Peace Lounge, License Number 106785.  
7 Would all parties please appear and identify  
8 yourself for the record, please.

9 Medusa Lounge, Peace Lounge, whose  
10 case is this? Is this your case, sir?

11 MR. ORTIZ: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do we have the  
13 -- is the licensee here? Why don't you introduce  
14 your name -- yourself, for the record.

15 MR. ORTIZ: Yes, Steve Ortiz, on  
16 behalf of the District of Columbia.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
18 Mr. Ortiz.

19 MR. ORTIZ: Good morning.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't see the  
21 licensee here. This matter is scheduled for a  
22 show-cause hearing on January 15, 2020 at 10  
23 o'clock. Mr. Ortiz, if at some point this  
24 morning, if the licensee shows up, please let me  
25 know.

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MR. ORTIZ: I will.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I would recall it. All right.

(Whereupon, the hearing in the above-entitled matter was concluded at 9:36 a.m.)

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|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------|
| <b>A</b>                              | introduce 2:13                          | <b>S</b>            | <b>6</b> |
| a.m 2:2 3:5                           | <b>J</b>                                | Sale 1:10           | <b>7</b> |
| ABC 1:10                              | JAMES 1:20                              | scheduled 2:21      | <b>8</b> |
| above- 3:4                            | January 2:22                            | SHORT 1:20          | <b>9</b> |
| Alcoholic 1:2,14,14                   | JR 1:19,20                              | Show 1:7            | 9:35 2:2 |
| ALIYA 1:19                            | <b>K</b>                                | show-cause 2:3,22   | 9:36 3:5 |
| ANC 1:8                               | <b>L</b>                                | shows 2:24          |          |
| Anderson 1:16,18 2:12<br>2:17,20 3:2  | License 1:8 2:6                         | sir 2:10            |          |
| appear 2:7                            | licensee 2:13,21,24                     | status 1:8 2:4      |          |
| Avenue 1:7                            | LLC 1:6                                 | STEPHEN 1:22        |          |
| <b>B</b>                              | Lounge 1:6,6,7 2:5,6,9<br>2:9           | Steve 2:15          |          |
| behalf 2:16                           | <b>M</b>                                | Street 1:15         |          |
| Beverage 1:2,14,14                    | Manager 1:10                            | Suite 1:15          |          |
| Board 1:2,14                          | matter 1:5 2:21 3:5                     | <b>T</b>            |          |
| BOBBY 1:19                            | Medusa 1:6 2:5,9                        | t/a 1:6             |          |
| Building 1:15                         | MEETING 1:3                             | <b>U</b>            |          |
| <b>C</b>                              | Member 1:19,19,20                       | <b>V</b>            |          |
| calendar 2:4,4                        | met 1:14                                | Violation 1:10      |          |
| case 1:9 2:4,5,10,10                  | Minor 1:10                              | <b>W</b>            |          |
| CATO 1:19                             | morning 2:17,19,24                      | W 1:16,18           |          |
| Cause 1:7                             | move 2:3                                | Washington 1:15     |          |
| Chairperson 1:15,18<br>2:12,17,20 3:2 | <b>N</b>                                | Wednesday 1:12      |          |
| Columbia 1:1 2:16                     | N.W 1:15                                | <b>X</b>            |          |
| concluded 3:5                         | name 2:14                               | <b>Y</b>            |          |
| Control 1:2,14,14                     | Number 2:5,6                            | <b>Z</b>            |          |
| CROCKETT 1:19                         | NW 1:7                                  | <b>0</b>            |          |
| CT 1:8                                | <b>O</b>                                | <b>1</b>            |          |
| <b>D</b>                              | o'clock 2:23                            | 10 2:22             |          |
| D.C 1:15                              | OAG 1:22                                | 106785 1:8 2:6      |          |
| DC 1:22                               | Ortiz 1:22 2:11,15,15,18<br>2:19,23 3:1 | 14th 1:15           |          |
| December 1:12                         | <b>P</b>                                | 15 2:22             |          |
| District 1:1 2:16                     | P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S<br>2:1            | 19-CC-00016 1:9 2:5 |          |
| Donovan 1:16,18                       | parties 2:7                             | 1B 1:8              |          |
| Duty 1:10                             | Peace 1:7 2:6,9                         | <b>2</b>            |          |
| <b>E</b>                              | please 2:7,8,24                         | 2000 1:15           |          |
| entitled 3:5                          | point 2:23                              | 2009 1:15           |          |
| <b>F</b>                              | PRESENT 1:17,21                         | 2019 1:12           |          |
| first 2:4                             | presiding 1:16                          | 2020 2:22           |          |
| formerly 1:7 2:6                      | <b>Q</b>                                | 2632 1:7            |          |
| <b>G</b>                              | <b>R</b>                                | <b>3</b>            |          |
| Georgia 1:7                           | RAFI 1:19                               | <b>4</b>            |          |
| <b>H</b>                              | recall 3:3                              | 4 1:12              |          |
| hearing 1:8,14 2:3,22<br>3:4          | record 2:8,14                           | 400S 1:15           |          |
| Hope 1:6                              | Reeves 1:15                             | <b>5</b>            |          |
| <b>I</b>                              | Retailer 1:8                            |                     |          |
| identify 2:7                          | Room 1:15                               |                     |          |

C E R T I F I C A T E

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In the matter of: Medusa Lounge

Before: DCABRA

Date: 12-04-19

Place: Washington, DC

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*Neal R Gross*

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Court Reporter

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