DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + + ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD + + + + + MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: : : 9th Street Lounge, LLC : t/a Mirror Lounge • 1920 9th Street NW : Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Protest Hearing License No. 111950 : (Status) Case # 20-PRO-00003 : : (Substantial Change -: Request for a Summer : Garden Endorsement with : 13 Seats) :

> Thursday November 5, 2020

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff LUIS ESPINOSA, Protestant BRAD GUDZINAS, Protestant MEGAN HOWARD, Protestant FRED MOOSALLY, Director, DC ABRA DANIEL ORLASKEY, ANC 1B EVAN SCHLOM, Protestant NICK SCINTA, Protestant SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant's Counsel

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	2:25 p.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4	on our calendar is Case No. 20-PRO-00003, Mirror
5	Lounge, License No. 111950. And Ms. Andrews, can
6	you please elevate the rights of the protestant?
7	(Pause.)
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have all the
9	rights been elevated for everyone who is a part
10	of this case?
11	MS. ANDREWS: One second, Mr. Chair.
12	Almost done.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
14	That's all, Mr. Chair.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
16	Thank you. Good afternoon, everyone. I would
17	like to I would like each party to introduce
18	themselves for the record. And when you
19	introduce yourself for the record, I would also
20	ask that you spell your name and please identify
21	your affiliation. So we will start with the
22	licensee.
23	MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes on
24	behalf of the licensee, and that is S-I-D-O-N Y-
25	O-H-A-N-N-E-S.
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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon, 1 2 Ms. Yohannes. Is the licensee on also? MS. YOHANNES: No, they're not on. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 4 5 Let's start with the Group of 11. I'll start 6 with the representative. Please identify 7 yourself and spell your name for the record, 8 please. 9 MR. SCHLOM: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. Evan Schlom, member of and 10 11 representative of the Group of 11. First name is 12 Evan, E-V as in Victor, A-N as in Nancy. Last 13 name is S as in Sam, C as in Charlie, H-L-O-M as 14 in Mary. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon, Mr. Schlom. Who else? Please introduce 16 17 themselves. 18 MR. ORLASKEY: Hi, this is Dan 19 Orlaskey. I am a signatory to the Group of 11, 20 and I am the ANC Commissioner for 1B02. My name 21 is spelled D-A-N-I-E-L O-R-L-A-S-K-E-Y. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who else do we 23 have? 24 MR. GUDZINAS: Brad Gudzinas. First 25 name, Brad, B-R-A-D. Last name, Gudzinas, G-U-D-

1 Z-I-N-A-S. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Who 3 else do we have? 4 MR. ESPINOSA: L-U-I-S --5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't hear you, sir. 6 Speak up. 7 MR. ESPINOSA: Can you hear me now? 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Up some more. 9 Turn it up some more, sir. 10 MR. ESPINOSA: Can you hear me well 11 enough? 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We can hardly 13 hear you, sir. 14 MR. ESPINOSA: How about now? 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We can hear you 16 now. 17 First name is MR. ESPINOSA: Okay. 18 Luis, L-U-I-S. Last name, Espinosa, E-S-P-I-N-O-19 S-A. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. IS 21 that everyone? 22 MS. HOWARD: No, good afternoon, Mr. 23 This is Megan Howard. I'm also a Chairman. 24 member of the group. And the spelling of my name 25 is M-E-G-A-N and the last name is H-O-W-A-R-D.

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 1 Now 2 who was not at the status hearing -- I'm sorry, 3 at the roll call hearing? MR. ORLASKEY: This is Dan Orlaskey. 4 5 I was not at the roll call hearing. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who else 6 7 was not at the roll call hearing? 8 MS. HOWARD: Megan Howard. I was also 9 not at the roll call hearing. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 10 And Mr. 11 Orlaskey, you're not with the ANC. You're with 12 the group. You're representing -- you're a part 13 of the group, not ANC? 14 MR. ORLASKEY: I'm not representing 15 I'm just part of the Group of 11. the ANC. 16 There is no ANC protest. There's just the Group 17 of 11. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Ι 19 just want to get some clarification. Ms. 20 Yohannes, the representation by --21 (Simultaneous speaking.) 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- Orlaskey --23 I'm sorry. Yes, Mr. Schlom? 24 MR. SCHLOM: Mr. Chairman, Mr. 25 Gudzinas was also not at the roll call. I'm not

He might be muted for some reason. 1 sure. So we 2 have three of the people on today were not at the 3 roll call hearing. 4 MR. GUDZINAS: Thank you. I wasn't 5 sure if I was or not. I couldn't remember when these things started. Thank you. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 8 MR. ESPINOSA: Excuse me. I think we 9 have a couple more protestors that are -- they 10 are telling me that they are on mute. Maybe they 11 have not been authorized to enter the meeting. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can they put 13 their names in the chat? And Ms. Andrews will 14 elevate their rights. 15 I'll type in their MR. ESPINOSA: 16 names. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Or they can 18 raise their hands. I believe they can raise 19 their hands in the chat, and Ms. Andrews will 20 elevate their rights. 21 Mr. Luis, please make MS. ANDREWS: 22 sure your messaging me, ABRA Webex, instead of 23 one person because I can't see your chat. 24 MR. ESPINOSA: Okay. 25 Is Mr. Nick Scinta, is MS. ANDREWS:

1 he a part of you guys? 2 MR. ESPINOSA: Yes. 3 MS. ANDREWS: Okay. He's the only person left. 4 5 MR. ESPINOSA: And is (audio interference)? 6 7 They're not on the line. MS. ANDREWS: 8 MR. ESPINOSA: Okay. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Scinta, if 10 you have a camera, please open your camera and please open your microphone. And can you please 11 12 identify yourself for the record, please, and 13 please spell your name? 14 MR. SCINTA: Hi. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. 16 MR. SCINTA: Thank you. My name is 17 Nick Scinta. That's spelled N-I-C-K S-C-I-N-T-A. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 19 Thank you. 20 MR. SCINTA: Thank you. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Ιt 22 was my understanding that at the status hearing, 23 they were missing two members. More than two 24 additional members are present here today at the 25 status hearing. So with that said and without

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objection because I've not heard any objection 1 2 from Ms. Yohannes, I then make a motion that the 3 ABC Board grant standing to the group. Is there 4 a second? 5 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has 6 7 second the motion. We'll now have a roll call 8 vote on the motion that's been properly second by 9 Mr. Short. Mr. Short? 10 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis? 12 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, I agree. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? 14 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett? 16 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I 17 agree. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. 19 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 5-0-0. So 20 full standing is granted to the protestant. All Thank you. Are there any preliminary 21 right. 22 matters by either side that needs to be 23 addressed? 24 Not by the licensee. MS. YOHANNES: 25 MR. SCHLOM: And none from Group of

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11, Mr. Chairman.

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2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 3 Thank you very much. Normally at this time, the 4 Board would issue some dates for the protest 5 hearing status. But we have get back to you and we will provide some dates for the protest 6 7 hearing status. I would advise both parties if they 8 9 are so inclined that they can meet. And if they 10 decide that they want to sign a settlement 11 agreement, they can do that. We're always open 12 to signed settlement agreement and bringing it to 13 the attention of the Board for approval. 14 If they want the Board to make a 15 decision, the Board will be open to make a 16 decision if that's so. All right. So now that 17 we've scheduled this matter for a protest 18 hearing, there a few things that I would like to 19 instruct you about so that the protest hearing is 20 focused and addresses only those issues that are 21 being protested. You either have already 22 received or will soon be receiving an email from 23 Imani Moreland that contains a copy of a protest 24 information form, PIF, and a copy of an exhibit 25 form.

1	Both parties are required to complete
2	and submit the protest information form and the
3	exhibit form at least seven days before the date
4	of the hearing. If we do not receive a copy of
5	your forms seven days before the hearing, your
6	application or your protest may be subject to
7	dismissal. These documents not only need to be
8	submitted to ABRA but to the opposing party as
9	well.
10	These documents greatly assist the
11	Board in narrowing the protest issues,
12	facilitating the process, and keeping the parties
13	on point during the hearing. Each side will have
14	90 minutes to present their case. This includes
15	all direct and cross examination of witnesses.
16	The Board does not intend to hear testimony on
17	matters that are not relevant to these issues
18	that are being protested nor will the Board
19	tolerate repetitive testimony. Are there any
20	questions by anyone?
21	MS. YOHANNES: No questions.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hearing no
23	questions, we thank you greatly for your
24	cooperation. If you have any questions at any
25	time leading up to the hearing, please do not

hesitate to contact Assistant General Counsel 1 2 April Randall at 202-442-4353. And once again, 3 it the parties ever meet and discuss settlement, the Board supports that. 4 5 I'm not saying this is what you need But the Board supports that. As I've 6 to do. 7 always said to all cases, if I don't see you in 8 the new year, I will not take it personally. 9 What that means is that the parties have worked this matter out. 10 11 If not, we will see you in the new 12 year when this matter is scheduled for a hearing. 13 Thank you all for your participation today and 14 have a great day. This matter is adjourned. 15 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you. 16 MR. SCHLOM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 18 You're welcome. Thank you. All right. We have 19 now come to the end of our calendar for the day. 20 And unless there are any other issues, I'm going 21 to close the record. 22 All right. As Chairperson of the 23 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Official Code 24 25 Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act, I move

that ABC Board hold a closed meeting on November 1 2 18th, 2020 for the purpose of seeking legal 3 advice from our counsel on the matters identified 4 on the Board's legal license and investigative 5 agenda for November 18, 2020 as will be published in the D.C. Register on November 6, 2020. 6 Is 7 there a second? 8 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has second the motion. We'll now have a roll call 10 11 vote on the motion before us now that has been 12 properly second by Mr. Short. Ms. Hansen? 13 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis? 15 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, I agree. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short? 17 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett? 19 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I 20 agree. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, 22 As it appears that the motion has I agree. 23 passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board 24 will hold this closed meeting pursuant to the 25 Open Meetings Act. Notice will also be posted on

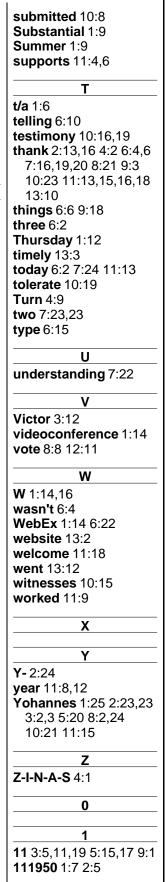
the ABC Board hearing room bulletin board, placed on an electronic calendar on ABRA's website, and published in the D.C. Register in as timely a manner as practical.

We are adjourned for the day, and I just want to advise the Board members that we are not returning to an executive meeting. So we are adjourned for the day. Have a great day, and I will see you on the 18th for our next meeting. Have a great day. Thank you. Bye-bye. (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 2:38 p.m.)

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