

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Ratnakrupa, LLC, :
t/a Peacock Liquors :
1625 New York Avenue, NE, : Protest
Retailer A - ANC 5D : Hearing (Status)
License No. 96105 :
Case #18-PRO-00043 :
 :
(Application to Renew the:
License) :

Wednesday
August 15, 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
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
DONALD ISAAC, SR., Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
JAMES SHORT, Member
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

RAJ BOMMAKANTI, Licensee

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

2 9:43 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Our next case
4 is Case number 18-PRO-00043, Peacock Liquors,
5 License number 96105. Is there anyone here for
6 Peacock Liquors? Come forward, please. And for
7 you, sir, state your name for the record.

8 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Raj Bommakanti.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are
10 you? You are the --

11 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Owner.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The owner?

13 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
15 This matter has been protested by ANC 5D.
16 Currently there is no one, there is an ANC
17 representative not here. What I will do, which
18 is what I normally do, I will recall this case at
19 10 o'clock.

20 If the ANC is not here I will make a
21 motion to dismiss this case. So, step back for a
22 minute. Yes, sir.

1 MR. BOMMAKANTI: May I say something

2 --

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is that,
4 sir?

5 MR. BOMMAKANTI: -- Your Honor?

6 During the roll call meeting on June 11th --

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But, wait,
8 wait.

9 MR. BOMMAKANTI: I tried six times to
10 be made --

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But listen,
12 sir. Listen, sir. Listen, sir.

13 MR. BOMMAKANTI: For the mediation
14 meeting --

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But --

16 MR. BOMMAKANTI: -- I waited for an
17 hour beyond --

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But listen.
19 Listen, listen, listen, listen. This will
20 probably go in your favor. Okay? Don't say
21 nothing. I will recall the case at 10 o'clock.
22 If they're not here I dismiss them. Your license

1 get renewed. Okay? So --

2 MR. BOMMAKANTI: I agree, Your Honor.
3 Can you give me 30 seconds, please?

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure, sir. You
5 know what? This is what I'm trying to say to
6 you, sir.

7 MR. BOMMAKANTI: But as a --

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sometimes you
9 don't have to say anything. It will work in your
10 favor. I understand. That's all I'm trying to
11 say to you. But if you want to say something, go
12 ahead, sir. Say whatever you want to say.

13 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Thirty seconds, Your
14 Honor.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead.

16 MR. BOMMAKANTI: During the mediation
17 meeting I waited for an hour. No one showed up.
18 I wrote to them six times. No response. And you
19 expect me to wait half an hour more? I'm more
20 than willing to wait.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, you're
22 going to wait.

1 MR. BOMMAKANTI: I just want to say --

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. What I'm

3 saying, sir. This is not just for you.

4 Routinely, these cases are called at 9:30 a.m.

5 And as a courtesy I call the case at 9:30 a.m.

6 If they're not here by 9:30 a.m. I will recall

7 the case again. And that's what I do for every,

8 as a professional courtesy to everyone. So, I'm

9 going through the schedule. Once I'm done I'm

10 going to recall the case. If they're not here

11 they're dismissed. And you don't have to worry

12 about them. And then you don't have to worry

13 about them again.

14 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. That's

16 all. I will recall the case in a couple of

17 minutes, sir. Okay, sir? All right. Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter

19 went off the record at 9:46 a.m. and resumed at

20 10:00 a.m.)

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's, since the

22 gentleman, Mr. Peacock, the gentleman has stated

1 that he waited, he's been waiting patiently for
2 these cases. So, let me, it's now 10 o'clock.

3 So, let me call, recall the protest
4 hearing Case number 18-PRO-00043, Peacock
5 Liquors, License number 96105. Will the parties
6 please approach and identify themselves for the
7 record, please?

8 MR. BOMMAKANTI: My name is Raj
9 Bommakanti. I'm the owner of the establishment.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
11 Mr. Boo --

12 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Please call me Raj.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I try to be
14 formal. But, Raj. But you have signed in on the
15 sign in sheet?

16 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that
18 correct?

19 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So we
21 can spell your name for the record. This matter
22 was scheduled for a show cause hearing status at

1 9:30 a.m. I did call a protest hearing status at
2 9:30 a.m. I called the case at 9:30 a.m.

3 There was no ANC representative at
4 9:30 a.m. I recalled the case at, it's now 10:02
5 a.m. I again recalled the case. The licensee is
6 now here. The ANC, who was protesting the, this
7 renewal, has not been here, has not shown up.

8 So therefore, I make a motion that we
9 dismiss the, that we dismiss the protest, so the
10 license can be renewed. Is there a second?

11 MEMBER SHORT: Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
13 second the motion. All those in favor say aye.

14 (Chorus of aye.)

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The matter
18 passed 5-0-0. What this means, sir, is that
19 we're going to issue an order dismissing their
20 protest. However, they're given ten days to
21 provide us reasonable notice why they did not
22 show up today for the hearing.

1 If that's not done their protest will
2 be dismissed, and you will be free to renew your
3 license without any restrictions. Thank you,
4 sir, for being here today.

5 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Thank you. May I
6 state --

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

8 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Irrespective of
9 today's proceedings, I wrote them five times to
10 meet with them privately. I asked to be invite
11 for their meetings. And there was no response.
12 So, I will wait for your ten days.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We'll let,
14 you'll get something in writing. They will. And
15 then the Board will, they will, they would have
16 to respond to tell us why they were not here
17 today.

18 And unless they can give, based on
19 your representation that was made today, unless
20 they can give something like an act of God to say
21 why they were not here today, then it's unlikely
22 that the Board will change its decision.

1 So, you will, so pending that, when we
2 come back from our break your license will, there
3 should be no issue. Okay? Thank you for being
4 here today, sir.

5 MR. BOMMAKANTI: Thank you.

6 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
7 went off the record at 10:03 a.m.)
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