DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Philotimo Hospitality, :
LLC :
t/a Philotimo :

1100 15th Street, NW : Roll Call Retailer CR : Hearing

License No. ABRA-112439 :
Case #19-PRO-00015 :
(New Application) :

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

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The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., Ms. LaVerne Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

ALSO PRESENT:

CAROLYN ANDERSON, Group of 10
ANA ESCOBAR, Group of 10
JULIE DYMOWSKI, Group of 10, Representative
MICHAEL FASANO, Group of 10
DESMOND FOYNES, Group of 10
TIMOTHY FRANTZEN, Capital Hilton
SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant's Attorney

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	10:13 a.m.
3	AGENT FLETCHER: Would the parties in
4	the matter of Philotimo, please, come forward?
5	The parties in the matter of Philotimo. This is
6	Case No. 19-PRO-00015, Philotimo Hospitality,
7	1100 15th Street, N.W., License No. ABRA-112439.
8	This is a Retailer Class CR new application.
9	The protest issues are adverse impact
10	on peace, order and quiet, residential parking,
11	and vehicular and pedestrian safety.
12	My name is LaVerne Fletcher conducting
13	the Roll Call Hearing as the Board's Agent.
14	Introductions beginning with the
15	applicant, please.
16	MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes on
17	behalf of the applicant.
18	AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Yohannes, will
19	you spell your name for the record, please?
20	MS. YOHANNES: Yes. S-I-D-O-N
21	Yohannes, Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-S.
22	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. And

1	present on behalf of the Group of 10?					
2	MS. DYMOWSKI: Good morning. Julie					
3	Dymowski on behalf of the group.					
4	AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Dymowski, can you					
5	spell your last name?					
6	MS. DYMOWSKI: Yes, D as in David, Y-M					
7	as in Mary, O-W-S-K-I.					
8	AGENT FLETCHER: It's J-U-L-I-E?					
9	MS. DYMOWSKI: Yes.					
10	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. Hi.					
11	MR. FRANTZEN: Hi. Timothy Frantzen,					
12	last name is spelled F-R-A-N-T-Z-E-N, on behalf					
13	of Capital Hilton.					
14	AGENT FLETCHER: Oh behalf of the					
15	Capital Hilton? On behalf of the Capital Hilton?					
16	MR. FRANTZEN: Capital Hilton,					
17	correct.					
18	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very much.					
19	Ms. Dymowski, are there any individuals present					
20	from your Group of 10 today?					
21	MS. DYMOWSKI: Yes, there are.					
22	AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. If they could					

1	just stand right beside you and state your name				
2	and spell it for the record in front of the				
3	microphone. Thank you.				
4	MR. FASANO: Michael Fasano.				
5	AGENT FLETCHER: Can you spell Fasano?				
6	MR. FASANO: F as in Frank, A-S-A-N-O.				
7	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you very much.				
8	MR. FOYNES: Good morning. Desmond				
9	Foynes, F-O-Y-N-E-S, at The Presidential.				
10	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. Good				
11	morning.				
12	MS. ANDERSON: Carolyn Anderson at The				
13	Presidential.				
14	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.				
15	Anderson. Oh, hi, you can just state your name				
16	and spell it for the record.				
17	MS. ESCOBAR: Ana Escobar.				
18	AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Escobar?				
19	MS. ESCOBAR: Yes.				
20	AGENT FLETCHER: Ann?				
21	MS. ESCOBAR: Ana, A-N-A.				
22	AGENT FLETCHER: Ana, A-N-A. Thank				

1	you.					
2	Mr. Frantzen, can you what's your					
3	first name again? Your first name again?					
4	MR. FRANTZEN: Timothy, T-I-M-O-T-H-Y.					
5	AGENT FLETCHER: Timothy?					
6	MR. FRANTZEN: Yes.					
7	AGENT FLETCHER: And spell the last					
8	name for me one more time.					
9	MR. FRANTZEN: It's Frank-Robert-Anna-					
10	Nancy-Tom-Zulu-Edward-Nancy.					
11	AGENT FLETCHER: I'm sorry, T-R-A?					
12	MR. FRANTZEN: No.					
13	AGENT FLETCHER: Just spell it for me.					
14	MR. FRANTZEN: F-R-A-N-T-Z-E-N,					
15	Frantzen.					
16	AGENT FLETCHER: Okay, Frantzen. Mr.					
17	Frantzen, the Capital Hilton Hotel I know that					
18	it's a commercial property owner that doesn't					
19	abut. Does the hotel have a liquor license?					
20	MR. FRANTZEN: We do.					
21	AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Yohannes, did					
22	you have any comment that you wanted to make?					

1	MS. YOHANNES: Yes, a couple of				
2	things. I don't see, and I'm sorry, Mr.				
3	Frantzen?				
4	MR. FRANTZEN: Frantzen.				
5	MS. YOHANNES: Mr. Frantzen is listed				
6	here as the representative, that's the first				
7	thing.				
8	Second of all, as a commercial				
9	property owner that is not abutting, I would				
10	request that they be dismissed, the Capital				
11	Hilton property.				
12	AGENT FLETCHER: The hotel is actually				
13	being represented by Ms. Dymowski.				
14	MS. YOHANNES: And Mr. Frantzen is				
15	whom? I just want identification of his				
16	position.				
17	MR. FRANTZEN: I'll be the one to make				
18	comments.				
19	MS. DYMOWSKI: I can clarify for the				
20	record.				
21	AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.				
22	MS. DYMOWSKI: The general manager,				

1	Brian Kelleher, had to be called out of town.					
2	AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum.					
3	MS. DYMOWSKI: I have with me the					
4	assistant general manager, who is authorized to					
5	represent the owner of the property today.					
6	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.					
7	MS. YOHANNES: Nevertheless, I still					
8	am going to request that they be dismissed.					
9	Additionally, Ana Escobar, I don't					
10	and I could be missing this, but I don't see her					
11	as a signatory on this petition.					
12	MS. DYMOWSKI: And that's correct. I					
13	just was double checking it. I did not see her					
14	either. So the last					
15	AGENT FLETCHER: One person.					
16	MS. DYMOWSKI: Yes, one person.					
17	AGENT FLETCHER: So what changes about					
18	that is the that so we have one less person					
19	present?					
20	MS. DYMOWSKI: Correct.					
21	AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.					
22	Ms. Escobar was a party in the other, the					

previous case.

MS. DYMOWSKI: That is correct. She was -- she signed another, but not this one.

AGENT FLETCHER: What I'm going to do,
I'm going to dismiss the Capital Hilton. Not
because you are commercial and not abutting, if
that were the only case, I would let the ABC
Board take a look at it and make a decision about
whether or not you could join a group of
residents as a property owner, that's something
they have to take a look at.

You got the Group of 10. Generally, that means 10 residents that are residential property owners, not commercial, generally, when it is a part of a group. So I'm going -- I'm not going to dismiss the protest filed by the Capital -- I'm not going to dismiss the Capital Hilton as a protestant for that reason, but because the Capital Hilton is the holder of a liquor license.

One liquor license establishment cannot protest the application of another. So that will be the reason for the dismissal.

1	But, Ms. Dymowski, you know that you
2	can petition the ABC Board to reinstate that.
3	That's just the decision today. But you can
4	petition the ABC Board, you know, for
5	reinstatement of the Capital Hilton as a
6	protestant. They may say yes, but it's because
7	of that you are a holder of a liquor license,
8	not because you are commercial and not abutting.
9	MS. DYMOWSKI: And will I have time to
LO	do that before the mediation or can they
L1	participate in the mediation?
L 2	AGENT FLETCHER: Well, you are
L3	representing the hotel.
L 4	Ms. DYMOWSKI: Correct.
L5	AGENT FLETCHER: So you will just
L6	represent the hotel.
L7	Ms. DYMOWSKI: Okay.
L8	MR. FASANO: Excuse me?
L9	AGENT FLETCHER: Yes?
20	MR. FASANO: They are an agent of the
21	property owner as well, so my understanding is
22	that it's not just the liquor license who is

protesting, but on behalf of the property owner, 1 2 they are protesting. And I would think that that would qualify them. 3 4 AGENT FLETCHER: And who was just 5 speaking? That's Mike Fasano. 6 MS. DYMOWSKI: 7 AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Fasano? 8 MS. DYMOWSKI: One of the protestants. 9 AGENT FLETCHER: So I understand what you are saying and when you petition -- if you 10 11 decide to petition the ABC Board for standing for 12 the hotel, that would be another point that you 13 would make, exactly what you just said. 14 From the record that I looked at before the hearing, the Capital Hilton holds a 15 16 liquor license. The hotel itself. 17 MS. DYMOWSKI: Okay. And they have 18 listed here on the protest document the property 19 owner, which is CHH Capital Hotel Partners, LLP. 20 Is that who holds the liquor license? 21 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes. Well, it's the 22 property owner.

1 MS. DYMOWSKI: Okay. 2 AGENT FLETCHER: It's the property And the liquor license was issued to the 3 owner. Capital Hilton Hotel at that address. And so if 4 5 there are any particulars, Ms. Dymowski, that you want to raise in your -- if you decide to 6 7 petition the Board to grant standing to the 8 hotel, you can raise all those issues. 9 But from what I was able to determine, the hotel has a liquor license, a Class CH Liquor 10 11 License, which is a liquor license for a hotel. 12 So we will proceed as we normally 13 would. And at the Status Hearing, you can or 14 before you can petition the Board to grant 15 standing to the Capital Hilton as a part of this 16 protest group and if they say yes, that's the final word. 17 18 MS. DYMOWSKI: Okay. 19 AGENT FLETCHER: And, Mr. Frantzen, is 20 there anything you wanted to add today? 21 MR. FRANTZEN:

AGENT FLETCHER:

We have covered

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everything pretty much? 1 Okay. 2 So what that means is four people from the protest group are present today. At the 3 4 Status Hearing, one more person from the group 5 that is not present would need to appear, because 6 the ABC Board likes to see five people in-person. And so four people in-person are here today. 7 8 Ms. Dymowski, if you were to petition 9 the Board to include the hotel as a protestant, then the hotel would be the fifth person that was 10 11 present today. So I have a record that you were 12 here today. You would be the fifth person if 13 they -- if you decide to petition the Board 14 before the Status Hearing. MS. YOHANNES: Ms. Fletcher, I think 15 16 that is three that are present. 17 MS. DYMOWSKI: Yes, I think you took 18 one off. 19 AGENT FLETCHER: I took Ms. Escobar off. 20 21 MS. DYMOWSKI: Okay. 22 AGENT FLETCHER: So that left --

1	that's right, Michael Fasano, Desmond Foynes and			
2	Carolyn Anderson, that's right.			
3	MS. DYMOWSKI: So we need two more?			
4	AGENT FLETCHER: That's right. You			
5	need two more.			
6	MS. DYMOWSKI: Okay.			
7	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. I counted			
8	you, Ms. Dymowski. Yeah, so you just need two			
9	more. Thank you very much.			
10	MS. DYMOWSKI: Uh-huh.			
11	AGENT FLETCHER: Any questions at all?			
12	I'll give you the date for the Status, Protest			
13	Hearings and then the next available date for			
14	mediation.			
15	The date of the Status Hearing is			
16	April the 10th. It's April the 10th at 9:30.			
17	The date for the Protest Hearing is			
18	May 15th. It's May 15th at 1:30, May 15th at			
19	1:30.			
20	I'll give you the next available day			
21	for mediation. It is Thursday, March 28 at 9:00,			
22	10:00, 11:00, 1:00 or 2:00.			

1	MS. DYMOWSKI: I don't necessarily				
2	have a preference. Maybe 11:00? 10:00 or 11:00?				
3	MS. YOHANNES: I can only do the				
4	afternoon.				
5	MS. DYMOWSKI: That's fine.				
6	MS. YOHANNES: Is 2:00 okay?				
7	MS. DYMOWSKI: That's fine.				
8	AGENT FLETCHER: Is that okay? 2:00				
9	on Thursday, March 28.				
10	Okay. Well, no questions from				
11	anybody? Thank you for coming.				
12	MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.				
13	AGENT FLETCHER: The Roll Call Hearing				
14	is concluded.				
15	MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.				
16	MS. DYMOWSKI: Thank you.				
17	AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.				
18	(Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was				
19	concluded at 10:26 a.m.)				
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