#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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# ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Provost, LLC, t/a Provost

2129 Rhode Island Ave NE: Protest

Retailer CR - ANC 5C : Hearing (Status)

License No. 108015 Case #17-PRO-00091 (Application for a New :

> Wednesday February 7, 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:

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DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson NICK ALBERTI, Member BOBBY CATO, Member DONALD ISAAC, JR., Member MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member JAMES SHORT, Member REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

### ALSO PRESENT:

SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant's Counsel
NINA GILCHRIST, Applicant
IRVIN GILCHRIST, Applicant
KEVIN MULLONE, Protestant

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

(9:35 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, everyone. I would like to welcome you to the regular scheduled meeting of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Please know that today's hearings will be conducted in accordance to the DC Official Code Section 2574 of the Open Meetings Act. Today is February 7th, 2018.

I would like to introduce members of the Board with us today. To my far right is Mr. Bobby Cato. To my immediate right is Mr. Nick Alberti. To my far left is Ms. Rema Wahabzadah. To her right is Mr. Mike Silverstein and to my immediate left is Mr. James Short.

My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm Chairman of the Board. We do have a quorum today.

I would like to mention two things before we first get started. First of all, if you have any electronic devices, pagers or such,

please make certain that they're turned off to 1 2 avoid any interruption of the proceeding. Secondly, there's a piece of paper at 3 4 each table. When you come forward as your case 5 is called, please take a seat at the table and please sign in. This is to ensure the correct 6 spelling of your name for the record. 7 8 Additionally, when you introduce yourself for the 9 record, please spell your name for the court 10 reporter. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I would note 12 that the approximate time is 9:38 a.m. and our first order of business today is a Protest 13 14 Hearing Status Case No. 17-PRO-00091, Provost, License No. 108015. Would the parties please 15 16 approach and identify themselves for the record, 17 please? 18 MS. YOHANNES: Good morning. Sidon 19 Yohannes on behalf of the Applicant. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 21 Ms. Yohannes. S-I-D-O-N, Y-O-H-A-N-N-22 MS. YOHANNES:

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2	MS. GILCHRIST: Nina Gilchrist, N-I-N-				
3	A, G-I-L-C-H-R-I-S-T.				
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are				
5	you, Ms. Gilchrist?				
6	MR. GILCHRIST: Irvin Gilchrist.				
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who are you,				
8	ma'am?				
9	MS. GILCHRIST: I'm Nina Gilchrist,				
10	owner				
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who are you?				
12	MS. GILCHRIST: owner, Applicant.				
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, that's				
14	fine. Yes, sir?				
15	MR. GILCHRIST: Irvin Gilchrist.				
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're also				
17	owner too?				
18	MR. GILCHRIST: G-I-L-C-H-R-I-S-T,				
19	owner, part owner.				
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank				
21	you. Can you please, if you haven't signed in				
22	yet, please sign in on the sign in sheet in front				

1 of you? 2 Yes, sir? My name is Kevin 3 MR. MULLONE: 4 Mullone, M-U-L-L-O-N-E, and I am here 5 representing the group of Five or More. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 6 Okay. Good 7 morning, Mr. Mullone. 8 Are there any preliminary matters that needs to be addressed? 9 10 MS. YOHANNES: No matters. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No? All right. 12 Then this matter is scheduled for a Protest 13 Hearing on March 7th, I'm sorry, March 7th at 14 4:30 p.m. Do I need to read the Protest 15 Proceedings or is everyone comfortable with the 16 process and how the process operates? MS. YOHANNES: I think we're fine. 17 18 MR. MULLONE: We're fine. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I'll just 20 say or just remind the folks that if you have any 21 questions about the Protest process, please call our Assistant General Counsel, Ms. April Randall. 22

1	Her phone number is (202) 442-4353. So any
2	concerns about the process, please make sure that
3	you contact Ms. Randall and she will walk you
4	through the process.
5	I hope, I wish you well in your
6	negotiations. If not, we will see you on March
7	7th at 4:30. Thank you for being here. Have a
8	good day.
9	MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thanks.
11	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
12	went off the record at 9:45 p.m.)
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