

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD**

In the Matter of:)
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M.J. Jennings Enterprise, LLC)
t/a Relva)
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Applicant for a New)
Medical Cannabis Retailer’s License)
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at premises)
311 H Street, N.W.,)
Washington, D.C. 20001)
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Case No.: 24-PRO-00030
License No.: ABRA-127296
Order No.: 2024-166

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
James Short, Member
Silas Grant, Jr., Member

ALSO PRESENT: M.J. Jennings Enterprise, LLC, t/a Relva, Applicant

Marcus Jennings, Designated Representative, on behalf of the Applicant

Dale Prince, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6E, Protestant

Abbas Fathi, Abutting Property Owner, Protestant

Satina Rocca, Designated Representative, on behalf of Sonata Condominium Association, Protestant

**ORDER DISMISSING ABBAS FATHI AND SONATA CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION PROTESTS**

The Application filed by M.J. Jennings Enterprise, LLC, t/a Relva (Applicant), for a New Medical Cannabis Retailer’s License, having been protested by Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6E, Abbas Fathi, Abutting Property Owner, and Santina Rocca, on behalf of Sonata Condominium Association, came before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) Agent for a Roll Call Hearing on April 8, 2024. The Board Agent dismissed the protest petitions filed by Abbas Fathi and Santina Rocca due to the protest parties lacking legal standing to challenge a medical cannabis application under Title 7.

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06a, only an affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) located within 600 feet of the proposed location of a medical cannabis establishment, has legal standing to protest a medical cannabis application before the Board. D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06a(h)(1)-(2), (i). Because the Abutting Property Owner and Sonata Condominium Association do not meet the legal classification of an affected ANC, they do not have the legal authority to bring a protest petition against the Applicant. Thus, the Board dismisses their protest petitions.

ORDER

Therefore, the Board does hereby, this 11th day of April 2024, **DISMISS** the protests filed by Abbas Fathi and Santina Rocca in Case No. 24-PRO-00030.

The Board **AFFIRMS** the standing conferred to ANC 6E by the Board's Agent and the remaining Parties are reminded that their Status Hearing is scheduled for April 24, 2024, at 10:30 AM, and their Protest Hearing is scheduled for May 22, 2024, at 1:30 PM.

Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

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Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1) (applicable to alcohol matters) or 22-C DCMR § 9720 (applicable to medical cannabis matters), any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, DC 20009.

Also, pursuant to section II of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. Official Code § 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 (202/879- 1010). However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. *See* D.C. App. Rule 15(b) (2004).