THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

In the Matter of:)		
Rito Loco, LLC t/a Rito Loco-El Techo))) C	ase No.:	25-CMP-00024
Holder of a Retailer's Class CR License	,	icense No.: rder No.:	ABRA-104119 2025-233
at premises 606 Florida Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20001)))		

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

Silas Grant, Jr., Member Teri Janine Quinn, Member Ryan Jones, Member David Meadows, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Rito Loco, LLC, t/a Rito Loco-El Techo, Respondent

Betsy McMullen, Assistant Attorney General

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE

The above-mentioned parties have petitioned the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) to approve an offer-in-compromise (OIC) to settle one or more violations of Title 25 of the D.C. Official Code (Title 25) and Title 23 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations (Title 23) in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-509(a).

ORDER

Therefore, on this 23rd day of April 2025, the Board **APPROVES** the OIC appended to this Order. The terms of the OIC are as follows:

- 1. The Respondent admits to violations of the statutes or regulations listed in the OIC attached to this Order.
- 2. The Respondent shall follow and abide by the terms and conditions of the attached OIC in accordance with D.C. Official Code §§ 2-509(a), 25-447(f), and 25-823(a)(6).
- 3. The Respondent waives all rights to notice or appearance before the Board.
- 4. The Respondent waives the right to a hearing, call witnesses, present evidence, and otherwise contest the charges as provided in Title 25 and Title 23.
- 5. The Respondent waives the right to judicial review or appeal of this Order. The Respondent further agrees not to collaterally attack the disposition imposed by this Order.
- 6. The parties agree that the attached OIC constitutes the entire agreement of the parties.

The Show Cause Hearing in this matter is cancelled. The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) shall deliver copies of this Order to the Government and the Respondent.

District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

eSigned via SeamlessDoos.com **Donovan Anderson**Key: ac430b96b945f0094b730093d1docd8

Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

Silas Grant, Jr., Member

Teri Janine Quinn

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David Meadows, Member

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, 899 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 4200 B (Alcohol Division), Suite 4200 A (Medical Cannabis Division), Washington, DC 20002.

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).

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD



IN THE MATTER OF:

RITA LOCO, LLC t/a RITA LOCO-EL TECHO

Case No. 25–CMP–00024 License No. 104119 Retailer Class CR

Respondent.

OFFER IN COMPROMISE FOR BOARD APPROVAL

The District of Columbia, jointly with the licensee (Respondent), submits this Offer in Compromise (OIC) to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board), as authorized by 23 DCMR § 1611.5, for approval by the Board.

The Parties understand that if the Board approves the OIC, this case (25–CMP–00024) will conclude. Respondent will be obligated to abide by the terms of the OIC shown below. If the Board does not approve the OIC, this matter will proceed to a Show Cause Hearing.

Respondent has been advised that there is no obligation to accept an OIC. Respondent has been advised, through service of the Notice of Show Cause Hearing, that at any Show Cause Hearing or other proceeding, Respondent may be represented by legal counsel, have subpoenas issued to require the production of witnesses and evidence, produce witnesses and evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and apply to the Board for a qualified interpreter.

The OIC terms are as follows.

Charge I: Failed to file quarterly statement (fifth secondary tier violation in four years).

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25–113(b)(2)(A)

Outcome: Warning (the quarterly statement was filed late).

Dated: April 15, 2025 Respectfully submitted,

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CONSENT OF RESPONDENT

By this Offer in Compromise, I agree to accept and perform its terms. I acknowledge the validity of the OIC and waive further litigation including the motion of reconsideration to which I would have a right under 23 DCMR § 1719.1. I also recognize that I am waiving any right to appeal an adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing. By this settlement, I waive all such rights. I sign this OIC without reservation, and I fully understand its

meaning and my rights.

Desi Saran

Rita Loco, LLC t/a Rita Loco-El Techo

4/18/2025

DATE

Respondent

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On April 15, 2025, I served the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval by email to:

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/s/ Betsy McMullen
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