

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

In the Matter of:)
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Sahara Market, LLC)
t/a Sahara Market)
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Application for a New)
Retailer’s Class CR License)
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at premises)
1901 Michigan Avenue, NE)
Washington, D.C. 20018)
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Case No.: 24-PRO-00076
License No.: ABRA-128674
Order No.: 2024-542

Sahara Market, LLC, t/a Sahara Market, Applicant

Prita Piekara, Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 5B, Protestant

Charlotte Blount Lewis, Designated Representative, on behalf of Queens Chapel Civic Association, Protestant

Dr. Brian S. Relford, Pastor, Union Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Protestant

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

**ORDER ON DISMISSAL OF UNION WESLEY AFRICAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH’S PROTEST**

The Application filed by Sahara Market, LLC, t/a Sahara Market (Applicant), for a New Retailer’s Class CR License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on July 29, 2024.

On July 29, 2024, the Board dismissed the Protest of Union Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church because Union Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church did not meet the standing requirements needed to file a protest. Specifically, D.C. Official Code § 25-601 sets forth those persons that may file a protest and churches are not listed among them. It has

long been recognized that persons who have standing to file a protest are: (1) An abutting property owner; (2) A group of no fewer than 5 residents or property owners, (3) A citizens' association, (4) An affected ANC; (5) the Mayor; (6) the designated custodian of federal property; or (7) The Metropolitan Police Department District Commander.

Union Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church may file a Motion for Reconsideration within ten (10) days from the date of this Order if it disagrees with the findings of the Board.

ORDER

The Board does hereby, this 31st day of July 2024, **DISMISS** the Protest of Union Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.

The Board advises the parties that the protests of ANC 5B and Queens Chapel Civic Association remain, and the Protest Status Hearing is set for August 7, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. and the Protest Hearing for September 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

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).