

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: :

Staples Beer & Wine :
Grocery, LLC, :
t/a Staples Beer & Wine :
Grocery :
1364 Florida Ave, N.E. :
License #ABRA-096294 :
Retailer A - License :
Renewal :
Case #18-PRO-00050 :

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

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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.

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

2 10:35 a.m.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Would the parties in
4 the matter of Staples Beer & Wine Grocery please
5 come forward. This is Case number 18-PRO-00050,
6 Staples Beer & Wine Grocery, LLC, 1365 Florida
7 Avenue NW, License number ABRA-096294. This is a
8 Retailer Class A license renewal.

9 The protest issues are adverse impact
10 on peace, order, and quiet, residential parking,
11 and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and real
12 property values. Mr. Lee, we received a email
13 from Yvonne Buggs.

14 MR. LEE: Yes.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: She's in your ANC?

16 MR. LEE: This is her, yes, this is
17 her neighborhood, yes.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

19 MR. LEE: And she's the Secretary
20 also.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes. Well, she was
22 the person you named as the contact person in

1 your protest letter. And so, what we did, we
2 actually sent her an email to let her know that
3 the applicant had requested to place the license
4 in safekeeping.

5 MR. LEE: Okay.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: So, I don't know if
7 you got that information or not.

8 MR. LEE: I should have.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: This just all
10 happened.

11 MR. LEE: Oh, okay.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: So, you may not know.

13 MR. LEE: Okay.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: So, the reason the
15 applicant is not here is because he requested to
16 place the license in safekeeping, which sort of
17 holds everything in abeyance. So, it doesn't
18 exist right now for all practical purposes. So,
19 it'd not protestable if it's in safekeeping.

20 And so, the Board approved the request
21 to place the license in safekeeping. So, there's
22 no need for a hearing. If they decide to take

1 the license out of safekeeping you will be
2 informed.

3 MR. LEE: Okay.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: And they would, the
5 application would have to be placarded, and we
6 would start all over again.

7 MR. LEE: As a new -- Well, if they --

8 AGENT FLETCHER: It would be as a
9 license renewal still.

10 MR. LEE: Okay.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: Because this was a
12 license renewal application. And they decided to
13 place it in safekeeping. And so, if they take it
14 out you're going to be informed. We'll start
15 this all over.

16 MR. LEE: Okay. So, and a whole new
17 protest date --

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes. Every --

19 MR. LEE: -- is on.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: That's exactly right.
21 So, this process, this protest is cancelled, this
22 one.

1 MR. LEE: Well, the store is closed.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: Is that why it's in
3 safekeeping?

4 MR. LEE: Well no, that's what, the
5 store should be closed. Or they can't sell
6 liquor at this time.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Well, that's exactly
8 right. But the liquor license is in safekeeping.

9 MR. LEE: Right.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: So, I don't know what
11 else they do. There's a liquor store. But they
12 can't sell alcoholic beverages.

13 MR. LEE: Okay.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: Because the liquor
15 license is in safekeeping.

16 MR. LEE: All right.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: And so, there's
18 nothing you need to do at all.

19 MR. LEE: Okay.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Just wait to hear
21 from us. If they apply to take it out of, if
22 the, when, if the status of the license changes

1 we'll let you know.

2 MR. LEE: All right.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Right now it's just,
4 they're not operating --

5 MR. LEE: Got it.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: -- with the liquor
7 license.

8 MR. LEE: So, all done.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

10 MR. LEE: Thank you.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

12 MR. LEE: Okay.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: Thanks for coming.

14 Okay. Take care.

15 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was
16 concluded at 10:38 a.m.)

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