

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

<b>In the Matter of:</b>	)	
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Trabra Incorporated	)	
t/a Union Liquors	)	
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Holder of a	)	Case No.: 17-CMP-00464
Retailer's Class A License	)	License No.: ABRA-079922
	)	Order No.: 2018-021
at premises	)	
1537 Good Hope Road, SE	)	
Washington, D.C. 20020	)	

**BEFORE:** Donovan Anderson, Chairperson  
Nick Alberti, Member  
Mike Silverstein, Member  
James Short, Member  
Donald Isaac, Sr., Member  
Bobby Cato, Member  
Rema Wahabzadah, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gabriele Tripodo, on behalf of Trabra Incorporated, t/a Union Liquors, Respondent

Andrew Kline, Counsel, on behalf of the Respondent

Amy Schmidt, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of the District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

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**ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE**

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This matter arises from a Notice of Status and Show Cause Hearing (Notice) issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) in the matter of Trabra Incorporated, t/a Union Liquors (Respondent), located at 1537 Good Hope Road, SE, Washington, D.C. 20020.

The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) served the Notice in Case No. 17-CMP-00464 on the Respondent on October 30, 2017 and November 2, 2017. *ABRA Show Cause File No. 17-CMP-00464*. The Notice charges the Respondent with three (3) violations, which if proven true, would justify the imposition of a fine, as well as the suspension or revocation of the Respondent's license.

Specifically, the Notice in Case No. 17-CMP-00464, charged the Respondent with the following violations:

- Charge I: [On Sunday, March 19, 2017], [y]ou failed to comply with D.C. Official Code § 25-303(a)(3) in that you held an interest in another license. . .
- Charge II: [On Sunday, March 19, 2017], you plead guilty to one count of attempted bribery in violation of 22 D.C. Official Code §§ 1803, 711, 712(a)(1) and (c) by offering a bribe to an ABRA Investigator to obtain a clean report for your establishment, in violation of D.C. Official Code § 25-823(a)(5). . .
- Charge III: [On Sunday, March 19, 2017], you willfully gave false testimony before the Board, which makes you guilty of perjury pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-442(d). . .

*ABRA Show Cause File No. 17-CMP-00464*. Notice of Status Hearing and Show Cause Hearing, 2-3 (October 25, 2017).

At the Show Cause Hearing held on January 24, 2018, the Respondent and the Government entered into an Offer-in-Compromise (OIC), which resolved the charges set forth above.

The terms of the OIC are as follows:

1. For Charge I – The Respondent shall pay a \$2,000 fine for the violation alleged in Charge I.
2. For Charge II – The Respondent shall pay a \$2,000 fine for the violation alleged in Charge II.
3. For Charge III – The Respondent shall pay a \$2,000 fine for the violation alleged in Charge III.
4. In sum, the Respondent shall pay a total fine in the amount of \$6,000 by no later than ten (10) days from the date of this Order. Failure to remit the amount in full within the time specified will result in the suspension of the license until the amount is paid.

In addition to the above listed fines,

5. An application to transfer the license to a new, unrelated owner shall be filed by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. The Board shall cancel the license if a transfer application is not filed within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.
6. The Board shall not approve or issue a transfer to a new owner until all outstanding fines are paid.
7. The Board may cancel the license if written proof of settlement on sale of the business is not submitted to the Board within ten (10) days of the approval of the transfer.
8. Gabriele Tripodo shall not be involved in any new business operating at this location. Mr. Tripodo shall not be permitted to apply for a new license at this location. Mr. Tripodo shall not apply for an ABC license for a period of five (5) years.

By agreeing to the terms of the OIC, the Respondent hereby waives its right to a Show Cause Hearing and appeal.

### **ORDER**

Accordingly, the Board having found the terms of the OIC to be fair, reasonable and adequate, does hereby, this 24th day of January, 2018, **APPROVE** the terms of the Offer in Compromise entered into by the Government and Trabra Incorporated, t/a Union Liquors, located at premises 1537 Good Hope Road, SE, Washington, D.C.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Board will impose the conditions set forth above which are binding on the Respondent.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Respondent shall abide by all laws and regulations of the District of Columbia, shall operate its establishment in a safe and competent manner, and shall refrain from engaging in the type of activity that led to this disciplinary action.

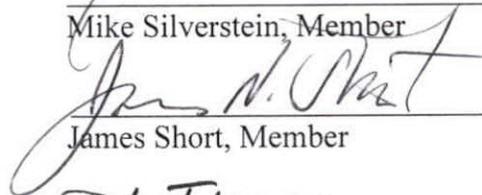
A copy of this Order shall be sent to the Respondent and to the Government.

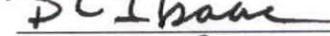
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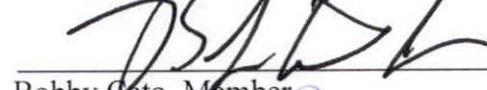
  
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Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1), any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, DC 20009.

Also, pursuant to section 11 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 (30) 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 pursuant to 23 DCMR §1719.1 (2008) 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).