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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
Chaplin Restaurant DC, LLC :
t/a Chaplin : CASE #15-PRO-00119
1501 9th St Northwest :
License #95700 :
Retailer CR
Substantial change :
Wednesday, January 27, 2016 :

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Whereupon, the above referenced matter
came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,
N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

1 CHAIRPERSON: DONOVAN ANDERSON, presiding

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3 OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

4 NICK ALBERTI, BOARD MEMBER

5 RUTHANNE MILLER, BOARD MEMBER

6 JAMES SHORT, BOARD MEMBER

7 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, BOARD MEMBER

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9 OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

10 JOYCE NJORGE

11 ALEXANDER PADRO

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

2 We are going to start the calendar. The
3 first case on our protest hearing status calendar
4 is case #15-PRO-00119, Chaplin, License #95700.
5 Would the parties please approach? Please in
6 dealing with yourself for the record, please.

7 MS. NJORGE: Joyce Njorge.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are you,
9 ma'am? And who are you?

10 MS. NJORGE: I'm representing Chaplin.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, you are?
12 You're representing -- tell me, are you an
13 attorney or the owner? That's what I'm trying to
14 find out.

15 MS. NJORGE: I'm an accountant. I am
16 representing Chaplin.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I know that you're
18 representing Chaplin. The question I asked you,
19 are you an owner, are you an attorney? I'm just

1 trying to find out your role in representing the
2 establishment.

3 MS. NJORGE: I'm the business consultant.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm new to the process
5 and so when the parties appear in front of me, I
6 don't know who they are and so when someone comes
7 I'm just -- and they say I'm representing -- just
8 for my own -- I just want to make sure that I
9 know who the persons are who are appearing before
10 me. So, you are the business consultant, and
11 does that mean that you're the business
12 consultant -- does

13 MS. NJORGE: I work --

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not try -- this is
15 not twenty questions, I'm just getting
16 clarification in the sense that are you
17 authorized by the owner to represent them? Do
18 you have anything to say that you are authorized,
19 because I'm new, so you might have appeared
20 before -- I don't know, just for me, I want to --

1 MS. NJORGE: I have the power of attorney and the
2 agent and the last time we were here we sent the
3 paper and gave it to Ms. Fletcher.

4 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay, she gave it to --

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, that's what, as
6 I said before, I'm new, I wasn't here before, so
7 just everyone might be familiar with you, I'm
8 not. So, just for my own education, I'm just
9 trying to get clarification. So, can you sign
10 your name on the sign in sheet before you,
11 please? Can you state your name for the record,
12 please, sir?

13 MR. PADRO: Absolutely, good morning, Mr.
14 Chairman, I'm Alexander M. Padro. I am Vice
15 Chair of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E, and
16 I apologize for being late. Some challenges in
17 getting around town today.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, that's fine.
19 And the -- it's my understanding that the

1 protestant was granted status during the Roll
2 Call Hearing?

3 MR. PADRO: That is correct.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine. All
5 right. The protest hearing is scheduled for
6 March 2nd at 4:30 p.m. Now, as you know, the
7 protest hearing, the purpose of the protest
8 hearing is to determine the appropriateness of
9 the establishment in the section of the district
10 where the establishment is located.

11 I just want to remind the parties that when
12 have the hearing, I need everyone to be clear
13 what the issues are. I know there might be side
14 issues, but the purpose of the hearing is for us
15 to determine the appropriateness of the
16 establishment in the section of the district.
17 And I just want to let you know that Court does
18 not intend to hear testimony on matters that are
19 not relevant to the case.

1 Also, you should receive, by electronic or
2 regular mail, a letter explaining the protest
3 process, a copy of the protest information form,
4 a copy of the exhibit form. If you do not have
5 these documents, please contact the assistant
6 General Counsel, Ms. Rains, and she will provide
7 you information -- I'm sorry, Ms. Randle -- and
8 she will provide you instructions in how to
9 provide the documents.

10 It is also imperative that you review the
11 rules closely and adhere to them before and
12 during the protest hearings. You are also
13 required to complete and submit the protest
14 information form and the exhibit form seven days
15 before the date of the hearing. These two forms
16 and accompanying documents need to be submitted
17 to ABRA's Legal Division and all opposing counsel
18 in this matter.

19 If we do not receive a copy of the protest
20 information form, either from the applicant or

1 the person protesting, whichever side, you might
2 be subject to dismissal.

3 Likewise exhibits should also be provided and
4 the witnesses should be identified. I do hope
5 that the parties are able to come to some type of
6 agreement. If you are not able to come to some
7 type of agreement we will see you here on March
8 2nd at 4:30. Okay? Thank you very much.

9 And I just want the record to reflect -- you can,
10 you're free -- I just want the record to reflect
11 that board member Mike Silverstein has now joined
12 us. So there are now five members that are here.

13 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Good morning.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

15 [Whereupon, the above-entitled matter concluded.]

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