

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:	:
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Sula, LLC	:
t/a Masa 14	:
1825 14th Street, N.W.	:
License #ABRA-081469	:
Retailer CR - License	:
Renewal	:
Case #13-PRO-00060	:
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MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013

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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. La Verne Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

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

(11:24 a.m.)

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3 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties  
4 in the matter of Masa 14 please come forward.  
5 Masa 14.

6 This is Case No. 13-PRO-00060.  
7 Sula, LLC, trading as Masa 14, 1825 14th  
8 Street, N.W., License No. ABRA-081469. This  
9 is a Retailer CR License Renewal.

10 The protest issues are adverse  
11 impact on peace, order and quiet, and  
12 residential parking and vehicular and  
13 pedestrian safety.

14 My name is La Verne Fletcher, and  
15 I'll be conducting the Roll Call Hearing as  
16 the Board's agent pursuant to D.C. Official  
17 Code 1601.2.

18 Introductions, beginning with the  
19 applicant.

20 MR. KLINE: Yes. Good morning.  
21 Andrew Kline on behalf of the applicant. Ms.  
22 Fletcher, there was also a letter that was

1 sent in by email, signed by Yvonne Arichinen.  
2 He is one of the principals authorizing me to  
3 be here today on behalf of the applicant.

4 MS. FLETCHER: I did receive that  
5 letter. Thank you, Mr. Kline.

6 MR. KLINE: Ms. Sterling was also  
7 sent a copy. It was probably sent over this  
8 morning, so she may not have seen it.

9 MS. STERLING: I have. Thank you.

10 MR. KLINE: Great.

11 MS. FLETCHER: And present on  
12 behalf of the Shaw DuPont Citizen's Alliance.

13 MS. STERLING: Joan Sterling,  
14 president of Shaw DuPont Citizen's Alliance.

15 MS. FLETCHER: And Ms. Sterling,  
16 would you spell your name for the court  
17 reporter, please.

18 MS. STERLING: Joan, J-o-a-n,  
19 Sterling, S-t-e-r-l-i-n-g.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Sterling, I  
21 reviewed your protest letter, and I see it --  
22 it indicates that you gave proper notice of

1 your meeting.

2 I just need to know if you -- if  
3 that means that you gave proper notice to the  
4 applicant at least seven days before your  
5 meeting.

6 MS. STERLING: It was posted on  
7 our website as part of our package, seven days  
8 prior. I'm not sure, because our ABRA chair  
9 wasn't here. So, I'm not sure if the letter  
10 was sent.

11 MS. FLETCHER: So you posted it on  
12 your website, but did you give the -- did you  
13 give the applicant seven days -- at least  
14 seven days notice?

15 MS. STERLING: I can't say that we  
16 have.

17 MR. KLINE: And we do not have any  
18 knowledge that that was done. The applicant  
19 indicates that they did not receive notice  
20 seven days before the hearing.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Sterling, I  
22 don't know if you are aware of the new Omnibus

1 Act that requires -- that requires that a  
2 citizen's association give an applicant at  
3 least seven days' notice of its meetings.

4 That's the new law. I don't even  
5 know if you're aware of that, but it is -- it  
6 is required now. So that, anytime you're  
7 going to file an application -- a protest  
8 against an application, the licensee has to be  
9 given at least a seven-day notice of the  
10 meeting that -- that you're going to have.

11 And so, for the -- for that reason  
12 -- for the reason that it does not appear that  
13 the Shaw DuPont Citizens' Alliance gave at  
14 least seven-day notice to the applicant.

15 For the purpose of the Roll Call,  
16 I'm going to have to dismiss the protest, but  
17 you, once you receive an order from the ABC  
18 Board dismissing the protest for that reason,  
19 you may seek standing as a protestant for  
20 whatever you reason you want to base it on.  
21 So, that's what you can do beyond today.

22 And -- okay. And Ms. Sterling,

1 you have a few more cases coming up, so you  
2 can just stay right there.

3 MR. KLINE: Thank you.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
5 Kline.

6 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing  
7 was concluded at 11:29 a.m.)

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