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In the Matter of: Sami Restaurance, LLC t/a Bistro 18 10-17-2012

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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Sami Restaurant, LLC :  
t/a Bistro 18 :  
2420 18th Street, NW :  
Retailer CR :  
License No. 86876 :  
ANC 1C :  
Case No. 12-CMP-00457 : Show Cause  
Substantial Change (Sidewalk : Hearing  
Cafe); No ABC Manager on Duty : (Status)  
Case No. 11-CMP-00331 :  
Substantial Change (Sidewalk :  
Cafe); No ABC Manager on Duty :  
Case No. 11-CMP-00324 :  
Failed to Obtain an :  
Entertainment Endorsement; :  
Operating After Board Approved :  
Hours :  
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October 17, 2012  
The Alcoholic Beverage Control

Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing  
Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C., Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson,  
presiding.

PRESENT  
RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson  
NICK ALBERTI, Member  
DONALD BROOKS, Member  
HERMAN JONES, Member  
CALVIN NOPHLIN, Member  
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

ALSO PRESENT  
AMY SCHMIDT, OAG

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2	<p>1 PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2 9:50 a.m.</p> <p>3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So the next show</p> <p>4 cause status hearing case is 11-CMP-00457, Bistro 18,</p> <p>5 located at 2420 18th Street, N.W., License No. 86876,</p> <p>6 in ANC 1C. And then we have another two cases by the</p> <p>7 same establishment, Case No. 11-CMP-00331 and Case No.</p> <p>8 11-CMP-00324.</p> <p>9 Okay. When you're ready, would you introduce</p> <p>10 yourself for the record, please?</p> <p>11 MR. GHULAIS: Yes, I'm ready.</p> <p>12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. What's your name?</p> <p>13 MR. GHULAIS: My name is Sami Ghulais. I'm</p> <p>14 the owner of Bistro 18.</p> <p>15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Did you receive</p> <p>16 notice of this show cause status hearing?</p> <p>17 MR. GHULAIS: Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you read it?</p> <p>19 MR. GHULAIS: I did.</p> <p>20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you understand it?</p> <p>21 MR. GHULAIS: Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And do you waive</p>	4
3	<p>1 2013 at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>2 And we're going to suggest that you meet with</p> <p>3 -- or discuss with our General Counsel Ms. Jenkins,</p> <p>4 perhaps consolidating these for one hearing date,</p> <p>5 either the 9th of the 16th.</p> <p>6 MS. SCHMIDT: Well, the reason I brought them</p> <p>7 up separately is because I was told the -- at the</p> <p>8 Board's request that they do not -- that you weren't --</p> <p>9 you did not prefer us to do global notices. So I'm</p> <p>10 just trying to --</p> <p>11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right. Okay. I --</p> <p>12 right. Regardless of the notices, our point is that you</p> <p>13 should have them all on one day -- hearing on one day</p> <p>14 so that --</p> <p>15 MS. SCHMIDT: And we'll talk to Ms. Jenkins.</p> <p>16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yeah, talk to Ms.</p> <p>17 Jenkins.</p> <p>18 MS. SCHMIDT: Even discuss and see if there's</p> <p>19 a date in December that we could do this. I know the</p> <p>20 calendar's full. He'd like it before the end of the</p> <p>21 year.</p> <p>22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Well, we'll make</p>	5
3	<p>1 the Board's reading of the notice into the record? Do</p> <p>2 -- the question is do you waive our reading that notice</p> <p>3 into the record?</p> <p>4 MR. GHULAIS: No, ma'am. Okay. I did</p> <p>5 everything.</p> <p>6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. You do? Okay.</p> <p>7 All right. Ms. Schmidt, are there any preliminary</p> <p>8 matters in this case?</p> <p>9 MS. SCHMIDT: No. And for the record Amy</p> <p>10 Schmidt on behalf of the District of Columbia and, no,</p> <p>11 there are no preliminary matters. We just ask that</p> <p>12 this be moved into show cause hearing date.</p> <p>13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I want to note</p> <p>14 that this -- there are three cases --</p> <p>15 MS. SCHMIDT: Yes.</p> <p>16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- you know, that we</p> <p>17 just called the same establishment. And there are two</p> <p>18 hearing dates, I think. The first case, 00457, is</p> <p>19 scheduled for January 9th, 2013, 11:00 a.m. for a show</p> <p>20 cause hearing. And then the other two cases, 11-CMP-</p> <p>21 00457 is scheduled for January 16th, 2013 at 11:00</p> <p>22 a.m., and 11-CMP-00324 is scheduled for January 16,</p>	<p>1 a note of that.</p> <p>2 MS. SCHMIDT: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yeah. And so what we're</p> <p>4 going to do is just leave it that you'll talk with Ms.</p> <p>5 Jenkins and consolidate them for one hearing date and</p> <p>6 she'll find that spot.</p> <p>7 MS. SCHMIDT: Thank you.</p> <p>8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.</p> <p>9 MR. GHULAIS: Thank you.</p> <p>10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much.</p> <p>11 (WHEREUPON, at 9:54 a.m., the hearing was</p> <p>12 concluded.)</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p>



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<p><u>0</u>  <b>00457</b> 3:18,21</p> <hr/> <p><u>1</u>  <b>11:00</b> 3:19,21 4:1  <b>11-CMP</b> 3:20  <b>11-CMP-00324</b>          1:10 2:8 3:22  <b>11-CMP-00331</b>          1:9 2:7  <b>11-CMP-00457</b>          2:4  <b>12-CMP-00457</b>          1:7  <b>14</b> 6:22  <b>14th</b> 1:16  <b>16</b> 3:22  <b>16th</b> 3:21 4:5  <b>17</b> 1:14  <b>18</b> 1:5 2:4,14  <b>18th</b> 1:5 2:5  <b>1C</b> 1:7 2:6</p> <hr/> <p><u>2</u>  <b>2000</b> 1:16  <b>2012</b> 1:14  <b>2013</b> 3:19,21 4:1  <b>2016</b> 6:22  <b>2420</b> 1:5 2:5</p> <hr/> <p><u>8</u>  <b>86876</b> 1:6 2:5</p> <hr/> <p><u>9</u>  <b>9:50</b> 2:2  <b>9:54</b> 5:11</p>	<p><b>9th</b> 3:19 4:5</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>A</u></p> <p><b>a.m</b> 2:2 3:19,22          4:1 5:11  <b>ABC</b> 1:8,10  <b>action</b> 6:10,14  <b>ALBERTI</b> 1:19  <b>Alcoholic</b>          1:1,14,15  <b>am</b> 6:8,11 7:3  <b>Amy</b> 1:22 3:9  <b>ANC</b> 1:7 2:6  <b>appearing</b> 6:5  <b>Approved</b> 1:12  <b>attorney</b> 6:12</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>B</u></p> <p><b>behalf</b> 3:10  <b>Beverage</b>          1:1,14,15  <b>Bistro</b> 1:5 2:4,14  <b>Board</b> 1:1,12,15  <b>Board's</b> 3:1 4:8  <b>BROOKS</b> 1:19  <b>brought</b> 4:6  <b>Building</b> 1:16</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>C</u></p> <p><b>Cafe</b> 1:8,10  <b>calendar's</b> 4:20  <b>CALVIN</b> 1:20  <b>case</b> 1:7,9,10 2:4,7          3:8,18  <b>cases</b> 2:6 3:14,20  <b>cause</b> 1:7 2:4,16</p>	<p>3:12,20  <b>CERTIFICATE</b>          6:1 7:1  <b>certify</b> 6:4 7:3  <b>Chairperson</b>          1:16,18          2:3,12,15,18,20,          22 3:6,13,16          4:11,16,22          5:3,8,10  <b>Change</b> 1:8,9  <b>Columbia</b> 1:1 3:10          6:20  <b>commission</b> 6:22  <b>complete</b> 7:8  <b>concluded</b> 5:12  <b>consolidate</b> 5:5  <b>consolidating</b> 4:4  <b>Control</b> 1:1,14,15  <b>correct</b> 7:7  <b>counsel</b> 4:3 6:9,12  <b>Court</b> 7:4,6  <b>CR</b> 1:6</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>D</u></p> <p><b>D.C</b> 1:16  <b>date</b> 3:12 4:4,19          5:5 7:14  <b>dates</b> 3:18  <b>day</b> 4:13  <b>December</b> 4:19  <b>direction</b> 6:7  <b>discuss</b> 4:3,18  <b>District</b> 1:1 3:10          6:20  <b>DONALD</b> 1:19</p>	<p><b>Duty</b> 1:8,10</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>E</u></p> <p><b>either</b> 4:5  <b>employed</b> 6:9,12  <b>employee</b> 6:11  <b>Endorsement</b> 1:11  <b>Entertainment</b>          1:11  <b>ERICK</b> 6:3,18  <b>establishment</b> 2:7          3:17  <b>everything</b> 3:5  <b>expires</b> 6:22</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>F</u></p> <p><b>Failed</b> 1:11  <b>financially</b> 6:13  <b>first</b> 3:18  <b>foregoing</b> 6:4,5  <b>foregoing/          attached</b> 7:7  <b>full</b> 4:20</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>G</u></p> <p><b>General</b> 4:3  <b>Ghulais</b>          2:11,13,17,19,21          3:4 5:9  <b>given</b> 6:8  <b>global</b> 4:9</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>H</u></p> <p><b>hearing</b> 1:8,15          2:4,16          3:12,18,20          4:4,13 5:5,11</p>
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