

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

A & P Liquors, LLC	
t/a Crown Liquors	Show Cause
1325 Connecticut Ave., NW	Hearing
Retailer A - ANC-2B	(Status)
License No. 88121	
Case #14-CMP-00464	

(Failed to Take Steps  
 Necessary to Ensure Property  
 is Free of Litter)

February 25, 2015

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
 met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing  
 Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W.,  
 Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson  
 Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:

NICK ALBERTI, Acting Chairman  
 DONALD BROOKS, Member  
 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member  
 HERMAN JONES, Member  
 HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member  
 JAMES SHORT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

FERNANDO RIVERO, OAG

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

2 11:12 a.m.

3 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: The next  
4 case I'm going to call is Case No. 14-CMP-00464.  
5 This is a Show Cause (Status) Hearing regarding A  
6 & P Liquors, LLC t/a Crown Liquors, License No.  
7 88121.

8 I see the parties have come forward.  
9 Introductions, please.

10 MR. RIVERO: Good morning, Board  
11 Members. Fernando Rivero for the District of  
12 Columbia standing in for Michael Stern.

13 MR. SHARMA: Hi, Anil Shalock Sharma  
14 for A & P Liquors.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Your name  
16 again? I'm sorry.

17 MR. SHARMA: S-H-A-R-M-A.

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Okay.

19 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Sharma.

20 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Mr. Sharma?

21 MR. SHARMA: Yes.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Okay.

1 Great. Mr. Sharma, this is a Show Cause (Status)  
2 Hearing.

3 Did you receive Notice of Show Cause?

4 MR. SHARMA: Yes, I did.

5 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Did you read  
6 it and do you understand it?

7 MR. SHARMA: Yes, sir.

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Okay.

9 Great. And I will forego reading that into the  
10 record, if there is no objection. Hearing no  
11 objection, we will continue.

12 Mr. Rivero, are there any preliminary  
13 matters?

14 MR. RIVERO: The parties have an Offer  
15 in Compromise to present to the Board, at this  
16 time.

17 The offer is a fine of \$650 payable in  
18 45 days with the understanding the license will  
19 be suspended if payment is not made within 45  
20 days and until payment in full.

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Okay. So  
22 the Offer in Compromise, as I hear it, is a fine

1 of \$650 to be paid in 45 days. And the license  
2 will be suspended if the fine is not paid within  
3 45 days and remain suspended until the fine is  
4 paid.

5 Mr. Sharma, you have heard the Offer  
6 in Compromise. Do you understand it?

7 MR. SHARMA: Yes, sir.

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Do you agree  
9 to it?

10 MR. SHARMA: Yes, sir.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: And do you  
12 waive your right to a hearing based on the Offer  
13 in Compromise?

14 MR. SHARMA: Yes, sir.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Thank you.  
16 So I move that we accept the Offer in Compromise  
17 for a fine of \$650 to be paid in 45 days with the  
18 possibility of suspension if it's not paid within  
19 45 days. Is there a second?

20 MEMBER BROOKS: Second.

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Okay.

22 Seconded by Mr. Brooks.

1 All those in favor say aye.

2 ALL: Aye.

3 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: All those  
4 opposed? The motion carries 6-0.

5 Thank you all for coming. That  
6 concludes this matter as well.

7 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Yes, Mr. Sharma?

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Just one  
9 moment, please.

10 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I would like to  
11 point out I live on the 1300 Block of 20th Street,  
12 two blocks away. There is a terrible rodent  
13 problem there. The Board and/or ABRA and DPW are  
14 trying to address this as best we can. We really  
15 need you folks to do, all of you, a better job,  
16 so that those of us who live, work, shop and play  
17 in that area can do so in a safe environment.

18 It is a serious problem. This is not  
19 a minor issue. This is not a minor infraction.  
20 Please take heed.

21 MR. SHARMA: May I say something, sir?

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Yes, sir.

1 But, Mr. Sharma, would you please sit so that we  
2 can pick you up on the mike?

3 MR. SHARMA: Okay.

4 ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Thank you.

5 MR. SHARMA: From last one and a half  
6 -- like you said, from last one and a half years,  
7 Connecticut Avenue is being redeveloped, making  
8 it more better. Roads are closed sometimes.  
9 That is probably the reason why. One day the  
10 truck rolls down and, you know, we don't leave  
11 the trash anyways because we are a liquor store.  
12 There is recycling cardboards and stuff like  
13 that.

14 But this -- it does happen because,  
15 none of our fault, we put the trash can, recycle  
16 bin outside every day and the truck doesn't show  
17 up or they break down and we get the citation.  
18 So but we try our best, sir.

19 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Thank you.

20 MR. SHARMA: And I assure you that we  
21 will try even more harder.

22 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Thank you.

1                   ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: We're just  
2 asking that you continue to monitor it.

3                   MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Let me just  
4 complete this very quickly. With all of the  
5 construction that has been going on, to which you  
6 referenced, that is the kind of thing that does  
7 disrupt the rodents or the rats and brings them  
8 out and that's why it's such a problem for all of  
9 us.

10                  MR. SHARMA: Yes, sir.

11                  MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Thank you. And  
12 thank you for helping out.

13                  MR. SHARMA: Thank you.

14                  ACTING CHAIRMAN ALBERTI: Thank you  
15 for coming, Mr. Sharma. Okay.

16                  (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)  
17 Hearing in the above-entitled matter was  
18 concluded at 11:17 a.m.)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p> <p><b>\$650</b> 3:17 4:1,17  <b>a.m</b> 2:2 7:18  <b>above-entitled</b> 7:17  <b>ABRA</b> 5:13  <b>accept</b> 4:16  <b>Acting</b> 1:17 2:3,15,18  2:20,22 3:5,8,21 4:8  4:11,15,21 5:3,8,22  6:4 7:1,14  <b>address</b> 5:14  <b>agree</b> 4:8  <b>ALBERTI</b> 1:17 2:3,15  2:18,20,22 3:5,8,21  4:8,11,15,21 5:3,8,22  6:4 7:1,14  <b>Alcoholic</b> 1:2,13,13  <b>ANC-2B</b> 1:7  <b>and/or</b> 5:13  <b>Anil</b> 2:13  <b>anyways</b> 6:11  <b>area</b> 5:17  <b>asking</b> 7:2  <b>assure</b> 6:20  <b>Ave</b> 1:7  <b>Avenue</b> 6:7  <b>aye</b> 5:1,2</p>	<p><b>come</b> 2:8  <b>coming</b> 5:5 7:15  <b>complete</b> 7:4  <b>Compromise</b> 3:15,22  4:6,13,16  <b>concluded</b> 7:18  <b>concludes</b> 5:6  <b>Connecticut</b> 1:7 6:7  <b>construction</b> 7:5  <b>continue</b> 3:11 7:2  <b>Control</b> 1:2,13,13  <b>Crown</b> 1:6 2:6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>I</b></p> <p><b>infraction</b> 5:19  <b>Introductions</b> 2:9  <b>issue</b> 5:19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>J</b></p> <p><b>JAMES</b> 1:19  <b>job</b> 5:15  <b>JONES</b> 1:18</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>K</b></p> <p><b>kind</b> 7:6  <b>know</b> 6:10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>L</b></p> <p><b>leave</b> 6:10  <b>license</b> 1:8 2:6 3:18 4:1  <b>liquor</b> 6:11  <b>Liquors</b> 1:6,6 2:6,6,14  <b>Litter</b> 1:10  <b>live</b> 5:11,16  <b>LLC</b> 1:6 2:6</p>	<p><b>Okay</b> 2:18,22 3:8,21  4:21 6:3 7:15  <b>opposed</b> 5:4  <b>outside</b> 6:16</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P</b></p> <p><b>P</b> 1:6 2:6,14  <b>P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S</b>  2:1  <b>paid</b> 4:1,2,4,17,18  <b>parties</b> 2:8 3:14  <b>payable</b> 3:17  <b>payment</b> 3:19,20  <b>pick</b> 6:2  <b>play</b> 5:16  <b>please</b> 2:9 5:9,20 6:1  <b>point</b> 5:11  <b>possibility</b> 4:18  <b>preliminary</b> 3:12  <b>present</b> 1:16,20 3:15  <b>presiding</b> 1:15  <b>probably</b> 6:9  <b>problem</b> 5:13,18 7:8  <b>Property</b> 1:10  <b>put</b> 6:15</p>
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