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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF: SLK6, LLC, t/a Uncorked
22 M Street, NE License #ABRA-108135
Retailer A - ANC 6C Roll Call
Case #21-PRO-00015 Hearing

(Transfer to New Location:
and Substantial Change - :
change of hours and :
tasting permit) :

Monday
April 26, 2021

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
met via Videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher,
Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

ARUN LUTHRA, Applicant
CHRISSIE CHANG, Applicant's Counsel
10:13 a.m.

MS. FLETCHER: Are the parties present in the matter of Uncorked?

This is Case Number 21-PRO-00015, SLK6, LLC, trading as Uncorked, 22 M Street NE, License Number ABRA 108135. This is a Retailer Class A, transfer to new location with substantial change, change of hours and tasting permit.

The protest -- Mr. Luthra, could you please mute your microphone?

MR. LUTHRA: It's muted.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

The protest issues are adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet, residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and real property values.

Who is present on behalf of the Applicant?

MR. LUTHRA: This is Arun Luthra, SLK6.

MS. FLETCHER: Would you please spell that for the record?

MR. LUTHRA: It's ARUN is the first
name. And LUTHRA is the last name.

    MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

Ms. Chang, Chrissie Chang?

    MS. CHANG: First name Chrissie, last name is Chang. I am present to support the, I mean, on behalf of Mr. Arun Luthra.

    MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. And could you spell your first name?

    MS. CHANG: Of course, CHRISSIE.

    MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very much.

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    MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on behalf on ANC6C?

    (No audible response.)

    MS. FLETCHER: Mr., is Daneale?

    MR. DANEALE: Yes.

    MS. FLETCHER: Which case are you here for?

    MR. DANEALE: Signature Lounge. I'm about to leave.

    MS. FLETCHER: Okay, you're here for Signature Lounge? Would you please state your
name again and spell it for the record?

MR. DANEALE: This is Derege Daneale, DEREGE, last name is Daneale, DANEALE.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very much.

MR. DANEALE: So I heard you said Tuesday, May 4th, 10:00 a.m. mediation?

MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. DANEALE: So you don't get the date for the status hearing, right?

MS. FLETCHER: Yes. You normally do. For some reason, I couldn't access it this morning. My computer was running very slow. But I'm going to send that information to you very shortly.

MR. DANEALE: Thank you so much.

MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

The time is approximately 10:15 a.m. There's no one present on behalf of ANC 6C. Therefore, the protest filed by ANC 6C is dismissed.

What that means is a Board order will be issued dismissing the protest filed by ANC 6C. ANC 6C will have ten days from the date of receipt of the order to seek reinstatement of the
protest.

The Applicant will be kept informed.

If ANC 6C seeks the reinstatement of the protest and it is reinstated, I will contact the parties, and we'll set up a date for mediation. And I'll give you the dates for a status and protest hearing.

MR. LUTHRA: Ms. Fletcher, I signed an agreement with ANC for this hearing for a settlement agreement.

MS. FLETCHER: So a settlement agreement has been signed between ANC 6C and the Applicant?

MR. LUTHRA: Yes, I believe --

MS. CHANG: Ms. Fletcher, let me correct it. You know, they sent a draft, and then the Applicant signed. And then, you know, that is the status. I'm not sure, we do not know whether it was fully signed or not. We have not been, you know, contacted after that. That is the status.

MS. FLETCHER: Has ANC 6C signed the agreement?

MS. CHANG: We do not know.

MS. FLETCHER: We didn't receive any
signed, anything, you know, any documents back from the ANC.

MS. FLETCHER: And, Mr. Luthra, you said that you signed an agreement?

MR. LUTHRA: Yes, ma'am, last week I signed and sent it to them.

MS. FLETCHER: So was that a draft or a final, do you know?

MR. LUTHRA: That was a final, they sent me a final agreement, and I signed and sent it to them.

MS. FLETCHER: And so they, ANC 6C also signed the agreement?

MR. LUTHRA: I'm not sure. I just signed my signature. They said they will sign and get it back to me and send a copy to you. So I'm not sure.

MS. FLETCHER: Oh, I see. Okay, thank you. Just a moment.

MR. LUTHRA: Maybe that's why they're not here.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes. Ideally, we know that ahead of time.

MR. LUTHRA: Thank you. I'm making some notes, just a moment, please.
MR. LUTHRA: Sure.

MS. FLETCHER: What I'm going to do, rather than to, based on what you're saying, Mr. Luthra, the ANC presented you with a settlement agreement which you signed. You sent it back to them, and you're waiting for their signature.

MR. LUTHRA: Yes, ma'am.

MS. FLETCHER: And you signed the one that they presented?

MR. LUTHRA: Yes, ma'am, last week.

MS. FLETCHER: So I'm going to assume that they're going to sign it. And maybe that is why they're not here today. So rather than to dismiss ANC 6C as a protestant, I'm going to grant them conditional standing instead. If the settlement agreement is signed, and it's submitted to the ABC Board, we'll go from there. But I will not dismiss the protest, assuming, based on what you said, Mr. Luthra, that they are not present because maybe they signed the agreement already. We don't know that yet.

Okay, any questions about that?

MR. LUTHRA: No, ma'am.

MS. FLETCHER: Any questions about that, Ms. Chang?
MS. CHANG: No.

MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you very much for attending. And we'll look for the settlement agreement. And once we receive it, it'll be placed on the Board's agenda for review.

MR. LUTHRA: Thank you.

MS. CHANG: Thank you.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very much. Have a nice day.

MR. LUTHRA: You too.

MS. CHANG: Bye, bye.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay, bye-bye.

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