

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

1215 CT., LLC  
t/a Rosebar  
1215 Connecticut Ave., NW  
Retailer CT - ANC-2B  
License No. 77883  
Case #14-PRO-00014

Protest  
Hearing  
(Status)

(Renewal Application -  
Re-Placard)

May 14, 2014

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:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson  
NICK ALBERTI, Member  
DONALD BROOKS, Member  
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member  
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member  
JAMES SHORT, Member

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(9:45 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. The next case on our morning agenda is Case No. 14-PRO-00014, Rosebar located at 1215 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., License No. 77883, in ANC-2B. Good morning.

MR. SHIRAFKAN: Good morning, Madam Chair. Good morning, Board Members of the Board.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I see a lot of people here, so why don't we start with introductions for the record.

MR. SHIRAFKAN: Makan Shirafkan on behalf of the applicant or licensee.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

MR. SHIRAFKAN: To my left --

MR. JEWAYNI: Yama Jewayni.

MR. KARIM: David Karim.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So, Mr. Karim, you are the owner? Is that right? you both are owners?

1 MR. KARIM: Both are owners.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I  
3 don't have the -- what's your name again?

4 MR. JEWAYNI: Yama Jewayni.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I  
6 didn't have you down in my notes. Okay. And  
7 over here?

8 MR. NELSON: Carl Nelson, C-A-R-L  
9 N-E-L-S-O-N, for the protestants.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: For the Group  
11 of 13?

12 MR. NELSON: I'm sorry?

13 MR. NELSON: Group of 13?

14 MR. NELSON: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

16 MS. NICHOLS: Abigail Nichols for  
17 the ANC-2B.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

19 MS. NICHOLS: I'm also a member of  
20 the protestant group, resident protestant  
21 group.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

1 MR. SCHWARZ: Jeffrey Schwarz, S-  
2 C-H-W-A-R-Z. I'm one of the protestors.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

4 MS. KALJOT: Lena Kaljot, K-A-L-J-  
5 O-T, one of the protestants.

6 MR. KING: Jim King, President of  
7 the Palladium, protestor.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

9 MR. NELSON: That concludes our  
10 five that --

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All  
12 right. All right. I have on my notes two or  
13 more must appear at the Status. Two of you  
14 weren't at the Roll Call?

15 MR. NELSON: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Who is that?

17 MS. NICHOLS: I thought it was  
18 just the two of us at Roll Call, so we brought  
19 three more.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Fine.  
21 All right. There is no issue there then, at  
22 this point, is there?

1 MR. SHIRAFKAN: No.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

3 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Absolutely not.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.

5 Are there any other preliminary issues?

6 MR. SHIRAFKAN: And actually, no  
7 issues, resolutions.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Good.

9 MR. SHIRAFKAN: We have come to an  
10 agreement.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

12 MR. SHIRAFKAN: And as of last  
13 night, we are waiting for one more signature  
14 and that person was found today physically  
15 located on 18th Street and he signed the  
16 paper.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

18 MR. SHIRAFKAN: So it has been  
19 handed over to counsel. I don't have a copy  
20 yet.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

22 MR. SHIRAFKAN: But it has been

1 handed. So at this time, it looks like we  
2 have an agreement that has been signed by all  
3 parties involved and we will just wait to hear  
4 back from the Board.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

6 MR. SHIRAFKAN: We have a  
7 settlement agreement basically that has been  
8 signed.

9 MS. NICHOLS: And I think I  
10 managed to give Ms. Jenkins all copies of the  
11 signature page and didn't keep one.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So you  
13 need to get a copy back. I'm sure she will be  
14 happy to provide that.

15 MS. NICHOLS: Because the other  
16 thing we offered was that since we are all  
17 here, we could just sign the same piece of  
18 paper rather than the separate signatures.

19 MR. SHIRAFKAN: If it makes -- if  
20 you would like for cleanliness.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Oh, yeah,  
22 that would be good.

1 MR. SHIRAFKAN: We could do that.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I  
3 think it is good always to have as neat of  
4 agreement as possible.

5 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Absolutely.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So that's  
7 fine.

8 MR. SHIRAFKAN: We just don't have  
9 any copies that we could get signed and hand  
10 it back.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, okay.  
12 All right. So I'm not going to go through any  
13 of the setting this for protest, because you  
14 all have indicated we have a signed agreement  
15 here. And then the Board will take that up on  
16 its agenda. Okay. That's great.

17 So I think that concludes this  
18 hearing.

19 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Thank you very  
20 much.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And feel free  
22 to work with our counsel.

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MR. SHIRAFKAN: Have a good day.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you  
very much.

MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Thank you all  
very much.

MR. NELSON: Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Protest (Status)  
Hearing in the above-entitled matter was  
concluded at 9:49 a.m.)

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