

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

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In the Matter of:)	
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La Plaza, Inc.)	
t/a La Plaza Mexican Restaurant)	
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Holder of a)	
Retailer's Class CR License)	License No. ABRA-060614
)	Order No. 2014-014
at premises)	
629 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E.)	
Washington, D.C. 20003)	
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La Plaza, Inc., t/a La Plaza Mexican Restaurant (Licensee)

Brian Flahaven, Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B

BEFORE: Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson
Nick Alberti, Member
Donald Brooks, Member
Mike Silverstein, Member
Herman Jones, Member

ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) reflect that La Plaza, Inc., t/a La Plaza Mexican Restaurant, (Licensee), and ANC 6B have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated May 14, 2013, that governs the operation of the Licensee's establishment.

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Licensee and Chairperson Brian Flahaven, on behalf of ANC 6B, are signatories to the Agreement.

Accordingly, it is this 8th day of January, 2014, **ORDERED** that:

1. The above-referenced Settlement Agreement submitted by the Parties to govern the operations of the Licensee's establishment is **APPROVED** and **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order, except for the following modifications:

Section 2 (Nature of the Business) – The first sentence shall be modified to read as follows: “The Applicant shall manage and operate at the address, a place that is regularly used for the sale and service of prepared food and alcoholic beverages.”

Section 6 (Noise, Odor, and Privacy) – The following word shall be removed: “seasonally.”

Section 8 (Rats and Vermin Control) – The following sentence shall be removed: “Applicant shall provide proof of its rat and vermin control contract upon the request.”

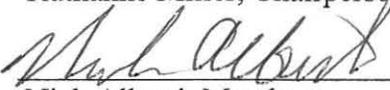
The parties have agreed to these modifications.

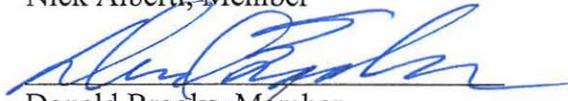
2. This Settlement Agreement replaces and supersedes previous Settlement Agreements between the parties; and
3. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Licensee and ANC 6B.

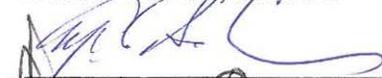
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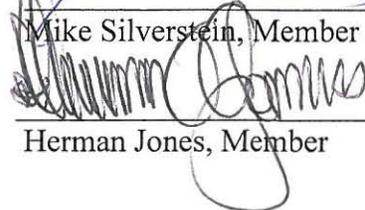
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Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433, any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, DC 20009.

Also, pursuant to section 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. Official Code 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433, stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. See D.C. App. Rule 15(b).

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made on this 14th day of May, 2013 by and between La Plaza Inc ("Applicant"), and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B, (Collectively, the "Parties").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Applicant's application for a license for premises, La Plaza Mexican Restaurant, 629 Pennsylvania Ave, SE, Washington, DC, 20003, is now pending before the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC); and,

WHEREAS, the premises is within the boundaries of the ANC, and,

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into an agreement governing certain understandings regarding the issue of a Retailers' Class "C" Restaurant Liquor License at the subject premises; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties are desirous of entering into a Voluntary Agreement pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-446 for the operation and maintenance of the Establishment in such a manner as to promote the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood. Both parties recognize the importance of business neighborhoods that are safe, clean, and "pedestrian friendly".

WHEREAS, this Settlement Agreement replaces and supercedes any previous Voluntary Agreement or Settlement Agreement between the Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. ***Recitals Incorporated.*** The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
2. ***Nature of the Business.*** The Applicant will manage and operate a CR license at the listed address. The license shall have limited indoor seating of 90 patrons and outside (sidewalk) seating of 20 patrons.
3. ***Hours of Operation and Sales.*** The Applicant's hours of operation shall be as follows:

Inside Services

Sunday through Thursday 10am to 2am

Friday through Saturday 10am to 3am

Sidewalk Services

Sunday through Saturday 10am to 12am midnight

Entertainment: Upon approval by ABRA, Applicant may provided non-amplified music such as a mariachi band for the inside of the premises. The hours for this entertainment are limited to 10am to 11pm Sunday through Saturday.

4. ***Floors Utilized and Occupancy.*** The Applicant will operate its establishment according to the occupancy indicated on the Certificate of Occupancy issued by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.
5. ***Sidewalk Café.*** Applicant will operate its sidewalk café in accordance with the Public Space Management Branch Certification. Applicant will direct that its employees inspect the sidewalk café on a regular basis to ensure its cleanliness.
6. ***Noise, Odor, and Privacy.*** No objectionable noises, sounds, odors, or other conditions will be created by the Applicant. Applicant will strictly comply with D.C. Official Code § 25-725 and to that end shall make architectural improvements to the property and take all necessary actions to ensure that music, noise and vibration from the Establishment are not audible outside the establishment at any time. Applicant agrees to keep its doors and windows closed when music is being played at the establishment. However, it is understood by the parties that Applicant may open its window panels seasonally, and that music may be played at such times at a level not audible beyond the street curbside. If necessary, Applicant will take reasonable steps to reduce noise emanating from the Establishment from the opening of the entry or exit doors. The applicant will take all reasonable steps necessary to mitigate noise emanating from mechanical equipment associated with the applicant's operations (e.g., air conditioning unit, grease fan) -- including installing sound-mitigating insulating material around the equipment, if necessary -- to comply with D.C. regulations, prevent an increase in existing sound level conditions of the site, and abate noises objectionable to the residential neighbors.
7. ***Public Space and Trash.***
 - a. Applicant shall keep their entire property and the sidewalk (up to and including the curb), tree box(es), curb, and alley clean and free of litter, bottles, and other debris in compliance with D.C. Code and Municipal Regulations. Applicant shall police these areas sufficiently to assure that refuse and other materials are promptly removed.

- b. Applicant shall ensure that the area around the dumpster is kept clean at all times and the dumpster is placed such that it does not encroach on the abutting property owners and that no garbage is placed on the abutting property. Applicant shall ensure that no trash is placed outside the establishment other than in a fully-closed dumpster. Applicant shall ensure that the lids on all dumpsters are fully closed at all times. Applicant shall not place trash in its dumpster in any manner that would prevent the full closure of the dumpster. Applicant shall ensure that all dumpsters used are properly maintained and replaced when damaged.
- c. Applicant shall ensure that all grease is placed in a secure well-maintained container inside the property where possible. Any grease leak shall be cleaned up promptly and all containers shall be properly maintained and replaced when damaged or leaking.
- d. Applicant will ensure timely trash disposal that is the least disruptive to the neighbors. To that end, no glass shall be recycled or otherwise disposed after 10 p.m. or before 7 a.m. Any glass material needing to be recycled or otherwise disposed between 10 p.m and 7 a.m. shall be stored inside the Applicant's establishment until 7 a.m.
- e. Commercial trash pick up in residential areas takes place between 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Applicant shall not allow for its trash to be picked up outside of those hours.
8. ***Rats and Vermin Control.*** The Applicant shall provide rat and vermin control for its property. Applicant shall provide proof of its rat and vermin control contract upon the request. Applicant shall maintain property and take landscaping steps, such as removing thick ground cover, trimming bushes, closing rat holes, and using pond stones where needed, to reduce habitat for rats and vermin. Applicant shall have the Establishment and the area around the Premises and its dumpsters properly cleaned at the end of each night to ensure that there are not garbage and odors present the following morning.
9. ***Security Cooperation in Stemming Illegal Drugs and Public Drinking.*** Applicant agrees that it shall take all necessary steps to minimize such problems, including, without limitation, designating a sufficient number of employees to assure adequate security and to control unruly patrons, whether inside or in the immediate outside area; monitoring for and prohibiting sales or use of illegal drugs within or about the Premises, maintaining contact and cooperating with MPD and other enforcement officials when known or suspected drug activities occur. Applicant shall to the full extent permissible by law discourage loitering in the vicinity of the Premises.
10. ***Compliance with ABRA Regulations.*** Applicant promises that it shall abide by all Alcoholic Beverage Regulations Administration (ABRA) regulations regarding the ownership of the license and all other provisions applicable to liquor licensees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed hereunto their signatures.

Applicant: Henry Mendoza, La Plaza Inc.
ABRA-060614
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Washington, DC 20003
Henry Mendoza, Managing Member



Date: 05-13-13

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