

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
Balkan Concepts, LLC, :
t/a Ambar : Protest
523 8th Street, SE : Hearing (Status)
License #ABRA-90240 :
Retailer Class CR :
ANC 6B :
Application to Renew the :
License :
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Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Whereupon, the abovereferenced matter
came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,
N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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CHAIRPERSON:

DONOVAN ANDERSON, Presiding

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ALSO PRESENT:

ZACHARY C. LYON, ESQ.

On behalf of Ambar

CHANDER JAYARAMAN,

On behalf of ANC 6B

P R O C E E D I N G S

[9:46 a.m.]

MR. DONOVAN W. ANDERSON: The next case on our calendar is, um, Case #16-PRO-00077, Ambar, License #90240. Will the parties please approach and identify themselves for the record, please?

MR. ZACHARY C. LYON: Good morning, um, Zachary C. Lyon, Z-a-c-h-a-r-y C. L-y-o-n. I'm with the Veritas Law Firm, that's V-e-r-i-t-a-s, and here on behalf of the applicant.

MR. DONOVAN W. ANDERSON: Good morning.

MR. CHANDER JAYARAMAN: I am, uh, Chander Jayaraman on behalf of ANC 6B. First name is spelled C-h-a-n-d-e-r, last name -- J-a-y-a-r-a-m-a-n.

MR. DONOVAN W. ANDERSON: All right. And, um, Mr. -- I'm sorry, your last name, again? The attorney.

MR. ZACHARY C. LYON: Lyon.

MR. DONOVAN W. ANDERSON: Mr. Lyon, there was no issue with, um, the ANC receiving standing

at the roll call hearing?

MR. ZACHARY C. LYON: No.

MR. DONOVAN W. ANDERSON: All right.

Thank you.

All right. This matter is scheduled for a -- Are there any preliminary matters in this case that you want to address?

MR. CHANDER JAYARAMAN: Um, not to my knowledge. I'm acting, in this case -- Uh, as the ABC Chair, I'm stepping in for the resident S&E (phonetic) commissioner; however, uh, we were not able to reach or create any sort of mutually acceptable agreement, um, after the mediation, so we -- we're here to attain our right to move forward.

MR. DONOVAN W. ANDERSON: Okay. All right.

MR. ZACHARY C. LYON: Yeah, I think we're -- we're still working on a settlement agreement, so.

MR. DONOVAN W. ANDERSON: All right. This matter, then, is scheduled for a protest hearing

on November 02nd, at 4:30 p.m. All right.

Now, there are a few things I would like to instruct the applicant and the protestant about the protest so that the protest hearing is focused and addresses only those issues that are being protested. The Board does not intend to hear testimony on matters that are not relevant to this case.

You should have received by electronic or regular mail a letter explaining the protest process, a copy of the protest information form, and a copy of the exhibit form. If you have not received these documents, please contact Assistant General Counsel Ms. April Randall following -- following this hearing. It is -- it is -- it is imperative that you review the rules closely and adhere to them before and during the protest hearing.

You are also required to complete and submit the protest information form -- PIF -- and the exhibit form 7 days before the date of the hearing. These two forms and accompanying

documents need to be submitted to ABRA's legal division and to all opposing parties in this matter.

If we do not receive a copy of your PIF, your application or your protest -- whichever side you are representing -- may be subject to dismissal. Likewise, if we do not receive a copy of the exhibit form and the exhibits themselves, your exhibits may be excluded from the record upon a finding that the opposing party has been prejudiced or no good cause for the failure to submit has been shown. Likewise, witnesses other than the party may also be subject to exclusion if not identified in PIF.

Accordingly, these forms are very important. They greatly assist the Board in narrowing the protest issues, facilitating the process, and keeping the parties on point during the hearing. They likewise provide notice to the opposing parties, enabling them to better prepare for the hearing.

We thank you greatly for your

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cooperation. If you have any questions today or at any time leading up to the hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Randall at 202-442-4353. Thank you. Do you have, um, any other questions?

MR. CHANDER JAYARAMAN: I do not.

MR. DONOVAN W. ANDERSON: Well, if this matter is not settled, we will see you for a protest hearing on November 02nd at 4:30. And, again, if you have any questions, please contact Ms. Randall, and she can walk you through the process, okay?

MR. ZACHARY C. LYON: Thank you.

MR. DONOVAN W. ANDERSON: All right.
Thank you very much.

MR. CHANDER JAYARAMAN: Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was concluded.)