

1 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION  
3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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6 IN THE MATTER OF :

7 BAKHTAR GROUP, LLC :Case #16-PRO-00046

8 t/a Malmaison :

9 3401 K Street Northwest :

10 License #ABRA-085367 :

11 Retailer Class CR :

12 License Renewal :

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14 Monday, June 13, 2016

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16 Whereupon, the above-referenced matter  
17 came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage  
18 Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,  
19 N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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1 CHAIRPERSON:

2 LAVERNE FLETCHER, Presiding

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4 ALSO PRESENT:

5 STEPHEN O'BRIEN

6 ZUBAIR POPAL

7 KAREN TAMANY CRUSE

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

2 ROLL CALL HEARING

3 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Would the parties  
4 in the matter of Malmaison please come forward?  
5 The parties in the matter of Malmaison. This is  
6 case #16-PRO-00046, Bakhtar Group, LLC, trading  
7 as Malmaison, 3401 K Street Northwest, license  
8 ABRA 085367. This is a retailer class CR license  
9 renewal. The protest issues are adverse impact  
10 on peace, order and quiet. Present on behalf of  
11 the applicant?

12 MR. O'BRIEN: Stephen O'Brien for the  
13 applicant. I'm accompanied by Zubair Popal who  
14 is a managing member of the applicant.

15 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
16 O'Brien. Would you spell your name for the  
17 record, please?

18 MR. POPAL: Z-U-B-A-I-R, P-O-P-A-L.

19 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Thank you very much.  
20 Present on behalf of ANC 2E?

21 MS. CRUSE: Karen Tamany Cruse.

22 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Ms. Cruse, would you

1 spell your name for the record, please?

2 MS. CRUSE: Karen, K-A-R-E-N, Tammany T-A-M-  
3 M-A-N-Y, Cruse, C-R-U-S-E.

4 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Thank you. ANC 2E  
5 and the Citizens' Association of Georgetown have  
6 standing as protestants. We need to set a date  
7 for mediation, a status hearing and a protest  
8 hearing. I'll give you the date for the status  
9 and protest hearing first. The status hearing is  
10 set for September 7th at 9:30 a.m. The protest  
11 hearing is set for October 17 -- I'm sorry,  
12 October 19, October 19 at 1:30 p.m. I'll give  
13 you the next available date for mediation.  
14 Thursday, July 21 at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 or 1:00  
15 in the afternoon.

16 MR. O'BRIEN: 1:00 in the afternoon would be  
17 good on that day for me.

18 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Is that good for you,  
19 Ms. Cruse?

20 MS. CRUSE: The ANC people usually need it  
21 to be earlier. What did we say? 1:00 did you  
22 say?

1 MR. O'BRIEN: 1:00.

2 MS. CRUSE: 1:00. Since we hope to have it  
3 finished before then, let's say yes.

4 MR. O'BRIEN: I'm sorry, what was the date  
5 again?

6 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Thursday, July 21.

7 MR. O'BRIEN: At 1:00 p.m.

8 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: It could be 9:00,  
9 10:00 or 11:00 or 1:00.

10 MR. O'BRIEN: What did Ms. Cruse just agree  
11 to?

12 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: 1:00.

13 MS. CRUSE: Yeah I guess so.

14 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay, you're going to  
15 be good with 1:00? Okay.

16 MR. O'BRIEN: Okay, can we hold for one  
17 second?

18 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yes.

19 MR. O'BRIEN: I just found out Mr. Popal is  
20 going to be out of the country. Mr. Popal will  
21 be out of the country and not returning until  
22 after August 4.

1 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: After August 4?

2 MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah.

3 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay, one second. We  
4 could do August 5, or if that's too soon, that's  
5 Friday, we could move to the following week.

6 MR. O'BRIEN: Let's go to the following week.

7 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: The following week --  
8 for the following week Tuesday, August 9 is  
9 available for 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 or 1:00.

10 MR. O'BRIEN: Let's make it 11:00?

11 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: 11:00?

12 MR. O'BRIEN: Yes, because Mr. Popal has  
13 another case way down on the calendar and what  
14 we're going to try to do is get both these  
15 mediations the same day, so August 9 at 11:00  
16 a.m. is that?

17 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yes.

18 MR. O'BRIEN: Ms. Cruse?

19 MS. CRUSE: Mm hmm.

20 MR. O'BRIEN: Okay August 9, 11:00 a.m.

21 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Mr. O'Brien, what's  
22 the other case later on?

1 MR. O'BRIEN: It is on the third page, at  
2 least what I have, is The Popal Group trading as  
3 Lapis.

4 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Okay, I'll just make a  
5 note when I get to it to put it on the one -- put  
6 them both on the same day.

7 MR. O'BRIEN: Assuming that's acceptable to  
8 the protestants, also, thanks.

9 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Yes. Okay, thank you for  
10 coming, the Roll Call Hearing is concluded.

11 MS. CRUSE: Thank you very much.

12 CHAIRPERSON FLETCHER: Thank you.

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14 [Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
15 concluded.]