

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

**In the Matter of:**

Cham Restaurant Group, LLC  
t/a New Town Kitchen and Lounge

Application for Renewal of a  
Retailer's Class CT License

at premises  
1336 U Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20009

Case No. 14-PRO-00010  
License No. ABRA-093095  
Order No. 2014-223

Cham Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a New Town Kitchen and Lounge (Applicant)

James Turner, Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1B (Protestant)

Joan Sterling, President, Shaw Dupont Citizens Alliance (SDCA) (Protestant)

William Isasi, on behalf of A Group of Five or More Individuals (Protestant)

**BEFORE:** Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson  
Nick Alberti, Member  
Donald Brooks, Member  
Herman Jones, Member  
Mike Silverstein, Member  
Hector Rodriguez, Member  
James Short, Member

**ORDER DENYING APPLICANT'S REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT**

The Application filed by Cham Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a New Town Kitchen and Lounge, for renewal of his Retailer's Class CT License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on March 24, 2014, and a Protest Status Hearing on May 1, 2014, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-601 (2001).

On May 1, 2014, the Board dismissed the Application, because the Applicant failed to appear at the Protest Status Hearing. *See* Board Order No. 2014-179.

On May 5, 2013, Howsoon Cham, on behalf of the Applicant, submitted a Request for Reinstatement indicating that he did not receive the notice of the Protest Status Hearing

scheduled for May 1, 2014, due to a new email address which differed from the email address used for his Application for a new license.

SDCA and William Isasi, on behalf of A Group of Five or More Individuals, opposed the Applicant's Request for Reinstatement.

On March 24, 2014, the Board's agent, LaVerne Fletcher, announced at the Roll Call Hearing that the Protest Status Hearing was scheduled for May 1, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. *See Transcript, 3/24/14 at 8.* The Applicant was present during the Roll Call Hearing.

Based upon the above, the Board finds that even if the Applicant did not receive electronic notice of the hearing, he was properly notified of the Protest Status Hearing at the Roll Call Hearing. The Board does not find good cause to reinstate the Application because the Applicant did not demonstrate an effort to attend the Protest Status Hearing. Further, the Applicant's explanation does not constitute good cause under 23 DCMR § 1602.3.

### **ORDER**

The Board does hereby, this 15th day of May, 2014, **DENY** the reinstatement of the Application filed by Cham Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a New Town Kitchen and Lounge, for renewal of its Retailer's Class CT License. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant, ANC 1B, SDCA, and William Isasi, on behalf of the Group of Five or More Individuals.

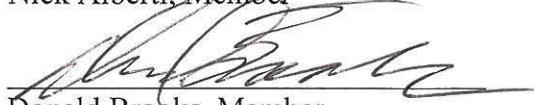
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Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson

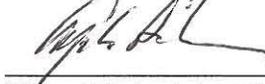


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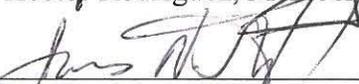
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Pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 (April 2004), any Party adversely affected by this Order may file a Motion for Reconsideration within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 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).