## THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of:	)		
Parc Deux Restaurant Partners, LLC	)		
Applicant for a New	)	Case No.	11-PRO-00092
Retailer's Class CR License	)	License No.	ABRA-088243
	)	Order No.	2012-011
at premises	)		
1601 14th Street, N.W.	)		
Washington, D.C. 20009	)		

Parc Deux Restaurant Partners, LLC (Applicant)

Vernon A. Shannon, Pastor, on behalf of John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

BEFORE: Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson

Nick Alberti, Member Donald Brooks, Member Herman Jones, Member Calvin Nophlin, Member Mike Silverstein, Member Jeannette Mobley, Member

## ORDER ON DISMISSAL OF JOHN WESLEY AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH'S PROTEST

The Application filed by Parc Deux Restaurant Partners, LLC for a new Retailer's Class CR License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on January 3, 2011, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-601 (2001).

John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church's protest letter indicates that its property, located at 1615 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C, abuts the Applicant's establishment. However, according to the District of Columbia Geographic Information System (GIS), John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church does not abut the Applicant's property. Yet, a neighbor of the church provided a photograph showing that the properties do abut. In addition, the applicant's attorney visited the site and agrees that the properties appear to abut.

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Even if the properties do abut, this does not change the basis of the dismissal, because the protest letter failed to state a claim under the appropriateness requirements set out in the 23 DCMR § 400.

On January 3, 2011, pursuant to Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (23 DCMR) § 1602.3 (2004), the Board dismissed the Protest of John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church for following reasons:

- 1. According to GIS, its property does not abut the Applicant's establishment under D.C. Official Code § 25-601(1);
- 2. Failed to state a claim under the appropriateness requirements set out in the 23 DCMR § 400; and
- 3. Failed to meet the standing requirements under D.C. Official Code § 25-601, because churches do not have standing.

John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church may file a Request for Reinstatement with the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order.

## ORDER

The Board does hereby, this 11th day of January, 2012, **DISMISS** the Protest of John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant and John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

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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.