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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Pal the Mediterranean :
Spot, LLC t/a Pal the : Protest
Mediterranean Spot : Hearing
1501 U Street, NW :
Retailer CR - ANC-1B :
License No. 92484 :
Case #13-PRO-00101 :
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(New Application) :
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October 16, 2013

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Ruthanne Miller,

presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson
NICK ALBERTI, Member

DONALD BROOKS, Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

ILLEANA CORRALES, ABRA Investigator

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- closer to
2 you when you are sitting.

3 MR. VAN METER: I'm a resident at
4 2000 15th Street, N.W., Apartment 1. The
5 apartments are not a building. It's a
6 rowhouse. I want to give you an idea of what
7 the building looks like as a rowhouse and it
8 has three apartments. Apartment 1, 2 and 3.

9 Okay. As you come out --

10 MR. HIBEY: Excuse me. Can I just
11 interrupt?

12 MR. VAN METER: Yes. Go ahead, go
13 ahead.

14 MR. HIBEY: And ask, I passed up
15 some pictures.

16 MR. VAN METER: Oh, you did?

17 MR. HIBEY: And while he is
18 talking, I can bring them up and direct your
19 attention to them. These are pictures and
20 they depict the Mediterranean Spot and the
21 buildings.

22 MR. VAN METER: Okay, okay, okay.

1 MR. HIBEY: So if I could direct
2 your attention to Exhibit 1B and then maybe
3 you can continue as you were.

4 MR. VAN METER: Yes, okay. What
5 are we on?

6 MR. HIBEY: There is a stack of
7 pictures right next to you.

8 MR. VAN METER: Thank you.

9 MR. HIBEY: And if you turn to 1D
10 or 1B.

11 MR. VAN METER: 1B.

12 MR. HIBEY: 1B, I think.

13 MR. VAN METER: 1B looks good,
14 yes.

15 MR. HIBEY: All right. Go ahead.

16 MR. VAN METER: Okay. As you come
17 out my apartment door on 15th Street, you walk
18 around the corner on the sidewalk and my
19 building has a basement which is rented out
20 commercially and that's what happened. They
21 rented out the basement and did a lot of
22 rebuilding.

1 At first, it was called The Love
2 Cafe.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Um-hum.

4 MR. VAN METER: They went out of
5 business. The commercial establishment was
6 vacant for two or three months and the mom-n-
7 pop people moved in. They spent quite a bit
8 of money to refurbish the place.

9 They started off, like you say, as
10 a mom-n-pop store. And now they are trying to
11 go further and cater to the other people in
12 the neighborhood, which is the alcohol --
13 well, I don't mean to be nasty, but the
14 alcoholic people, okay?

15 So they want a little bit of the
16 money of the alcohol --

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Can we just
18 try to focus on the impacts?

19 MR. HIBEY: Yes. So in Picture 1D
20 --

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes.

22 MR. HIBEY: -- are you looking at

1 it?

2 MR. VAN METER: Yes, 1D, yes. 1B,
3 1B.

4 MR. HIBEY: Okay. 1D.

5 MR. VAN METER: Like dog, D.

6 MR. HIBEY: Okay. Are you there?

7 MR. VAN METER: Okay. D, yes.

8 MR. HIBEY: Okay. There is your
9 apartment.

10 MR. VAN METER: Okay.

11 MR. HIBEY: Depicted in that
12 picture.

13 MR. VAN METER: 1D is showing the
14 first windows which would be my bedroom
15 windows, that's my apartment overlooking the
16 sidewalk cafe.

17 MR. HIBEY: And directly over the
18 awning?

19 MR. VAN METER: Yes, directly over
20 the awning, yes.

21 MR. HIBEY: Okay. And so okay you
22 live right above?