



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E

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February 25, 2017

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration
2000 14th Street, N.W., S400
Washington, DC 20009


Re: PROTEST LETTER
License Number: ABRA-105293
Petitioner: Ambo, LLC
Trade Name: Ambo Market
Protest Petition Deadline: March 20, 2017
Roll Call Hearing Date: April 3, 2017
Protest Hearing Date: May 24, 2017

Dear ABRA:


By this letter, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 5E hereby protests the issuance of a Class B license to Ambo, LLC, trading as Ambo Market, at 301 P Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001, citing the following appropriateness standards:

1. The issuance of a liquor license to the petitioner would negatively impact the value of real property in the vicinity of the Petitioner's store.
2. The petitioner's store already has a negative impact on the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood by permitting the accumulation of litter and condoning loitering in front of the store. The issuance of a liquor license can do nothing but exacerbate that impact.
3. The petitioner's store is located on a block and along a corridor where parking is very difficult to find and where vehicular traffic is already so heavy that it places pedestrian safety at risk. The issuance of a liquor license will attract more vehicles and make parking, traffic and pedestrian safety problems worse.

At a duly noticed meeting of ANC5E, on Tuesday, February, 21, 2017, where all ten commissioners were in attendance, the commission voted unanimously, as evidenced by the attached letter of February 21, 2017, to protest Ambo, LLC's petition for a Class B liquor license. For purposes appearance and participation in the upcoming Roll Call and Protest Hearings, ANC5E hereby designates any and all of its officers, including Chair Bradley Thomas, Vice Chair Diane Barnes, Treasurer Hannah Henry, Recording Secretary Horatio Sierra, and Corresponding Secretary Katherine McClelland, as its authorized representatives.



Bradley A. Thomas, Chair



Katherine McClelland, Corresponding Secretary



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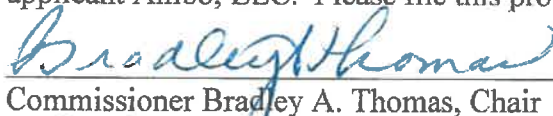
Re: Ambo, LLC
 License Number: ABRA-105293
 Trade Name: Ambo Market


Dear ABRA:

At today's public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 5E, the issue of whether or not to protest the issuance of a Retailer's Class "B" 25% license to applicant Ambo, LLC, doing business as Ambo Market, at 301 P Street, N.W., was raised and the following facts were determined:

1. The applicant's store, Ambo Market, is located in Single Member District (SMD) 5E05.
2. Ambo Market is also located within the boundaries of the Bates Area Civic Association (BACA).
3. Numerous residents of SMD 5E05 have complained that Ambo Market has **disturbed the peace and quiet of the neighborhood** by not doing enough to limit loitering, discourage criminal activity, keep its environs free of litter, and comply fully with applicable District of Columbia laws and regulations, and that the addition of sales of beer and wine would likely exacerbate those problems as well as create an attractive nuisance for school children who pass by and visit the store on a daily basis going to and from school.
4. At a duly noticed and well attended meeting of BACA, on February 6, 2017, at which many of the attendees were also residents of SMD 5E05 and at which many stated, for the record, the concerns expressed in paragraph 3, above, a vote was taken on the question of whether to request that ANC5E file a formal protest against the issuance of a Retailer's Class "B" 25% license to the applicant Ambo, LLC. Without opposition, the BACA members in attendance voted to request such a protest in the expressed hope that after a protest is filed, the parties will enter into meaningful discussions aimed at reaching a settlement agreement which fully addresses residents' concerns.

Based on these findings, ANC5E, on this date, February 21, 2017, with 10 of 10 elected Commissioners present, 6 representing a quorum, **voted 10 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstentions**, to protest the issuance of a Retailer's Class "B" 25% license to the applicant Ambo, LLC. Please file this protest with the official record of this case.


 Commissioner Bradley A. Thomas, Chair


 Commissioner Horatio Sierra, Recording Secretary

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NEXT MEETINGS:

- COW – Saturday, Mar 4, 2017 (11 am)
- Summit Apartments PUBLIC – Tuesday, Mar 21, 2017 (7 pm)
- Friendship Armstrong Public Charter School