

May 10, 2016

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)  
2000 14th Street, N.W.  
Suite South 400  
Washington, D.C. 20009

To Whom It May Concern:

During a regularly scheduled meeting held on May 24, 2016, which notice of the meeting was given to the voting body and the applicant at least 7 days prior, the LeDroit Park Civic Association ("Association") voted to file a protest against the Columbia Lodge #85 of I.B.P.O.E.'s ("Lodge") application to renew their CX license. The Association maintains standing to file a protest as outlined in DC Code Title 25, § 25-601(3). The Association wishes to protest on grounds of peace, order, and quite.

For many years, the Association, ANC Commissioner ("ANC"), and immediate neighbors have made numerous attempts to work with the Lodge to address community concerns and violations to the current Settlement Agreement. In September 2014, these groups worked together to formally submit a Notice of Cure, which was sent to appropriate parties on December 1, 2014 (see Attachment A).

Following several meetings between the ANC, the Association, representatives of the community, and the management of the Lodge, it was agreed that a series of concrete milestones would gauge progress towards compliance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Unfortunately, the Lodge failed to address many of the specific milestones designed to resolve the root causes of non-compliance identified in the Notice of Cure, therefore leaving community concerns unresolved. In February 2015, the ANC and the Association formal requested a Show Cause Hearing with ABRA (see Attachment B).

Since that time, the ANC and the Association have met with the Office of the Attorney General's Civil Enforcement Section, worked to educate the community on how to submit legitimate complaints through ABRA's Hotline, requested an investigation by ABRA's Noise Task Force, received 11 petitions from direct neighbors requesting ABRA revoke the Lodge's license (see Attachment C), and more.

The Association would like to designate Anita Norman, Vice President and Public Safety Chair, as the organization's representative in all hearings.

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