

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

In the Matter of:

El Tropical

t/a La Frontera Cantina

Application for a Retailer's Class

CR License – substantial change

at premises

1633 17th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Case No. 11097-04/055P

2004-32

Vince Micone, Chairman on behalf of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B,
Protestant

Felix Ayala, Owner on behalf of El Tropical

Dimitri P. Mallios, Attorney on behalf of Applicant

BEFORE: Charles A. Burger, Chairperson
Vera Abbott, Member
Judy A. Moy, Member
Audrey E. Thompson, Member
Peter B. Feather, Member

**ORDER ON WITHDRAWN PROTEST
AND VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT**

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Accordingly, it is this 14th day of April 2004, **ORDERED**
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3. The above-referenced agreement between the parties is **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order; and
4. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Protestant and the Applicant.

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VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 17th day of MARCH 2004, by and between El Tropical, Trading as La Frontera Cantina (hereinafter the "Applicant"), and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B, (hereinafter the "Protestant"), witnesses:

Whereas, the Applicant has filed a substantial change application (#11097-04/055P) with the DC Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (hereinafter the "Board") for the purpose of an expansion to include a sidewalk café for premises known as La Frontera Cantina located at 1633 17th Street NW, in Washington, DC.

Whereas, the Protestant has filed before the ABC Board a protest opposing the granting of this substantial change application.

Whereas, in recognition of the Board's policy of encouraging parties to a protested proceeding to settle their differences by reaching voluntary agreements, the Parties hereto desire to enter into a voluntary agreement whereby (1) Applicant will agree to adopt certain measures to address the Protestant's concerns and to include this agreement as a formal condition of its application, and (2) Protestant will agree to the issuance of the substantial change related to this license and withdrawal of the Protest *provided* that such agreement is incorporated into the Board's order renewing the license, which order is thereby conditioned upon compliance with such agreement.

Whereas, the Applicant has recently taken or intends to take certain measures designed to ameliorate Protestant's concerns.

Now, agree therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings memorialized herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Hours. The hours of operation for the sidewalk café shall be:

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All patrons shall be cleared from the sidewalk café within fifteen (15) minutes after closing.

2. Noise/Music/Dancing. Applicant acknowledges familiarity with and will comply with noise-control provisions of District of Columbia law and regulations, including preventing emissions of sound, capable of being heard outside the premises, by any musical instrument or amplification device or other device or source of sound or noise, in accordance with DCMR 905. No outdoor music, live or taped, shall be heard or played in the outdoor café.
3. Trash/garbage/rodents. Applicant shall maintain regular trash garbage removal service, regularly remove trash from the trash area, and see that the trash area remains clean. Applicant shall deposit trash and garbage only in rodent-proof dumpsters, and shall see that dumpster covers fit properly and remain fully closed except when trash or garbage is being added or removed. All garbage from the sidewalk café will be stored inside the restaurant, or in appropriate containers in the rear of the building. No trash storage shall be allowed in the area of the sidewalk café.

4. Exterior and public space and sidewalk café usage provisions.

(a) Applicant shall assist in the maintenance of the alleyway and the space in front of the establishment to at least 18 inches outward from the curb as needed to keep them free of trash and to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk and comply with all applicable D.C. laws and regulations in these respects. Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to prevent or disperse loitering or any other source of noise or disturbance in the areas in front or to the rear of the premises during business hours and at closing, and to cause patrons to leave those areas at closing. Applicant shall clean and sweep the sidewalk café and adjoining sidewalk and curbside area nightly after closing.

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(d) The sidewalk café shall have no more than forty-two (42) seats. A station may be used for water service, silverware, and napkins.

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5. Consideration. Applicant will encourage employees and patrons to be considerate of neighboring residents at all times. Applicant will encourage those leaving the establishment to keep conversations and noise down after 11 pm.

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7. Regulations. In addition to the foregoing, Applicant will operate in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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By:

Felix Ayala

Owner, El Tropical t/a La Frontera
Cantina

Date:

3/17/04

PROTESTANT:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

By:

Darren A. Bowie

Chair, ANC 2B

Date:

March 19, 2004

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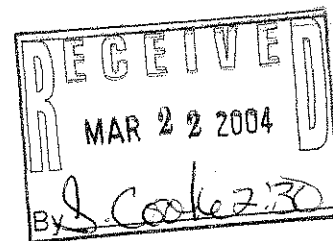
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March 22, 2004

District of Columbia
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941 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

Attention: Laura Byrd

Dear Ms. Byrd:

Enclosed herewith is a Voluntary Agreement in connection with the matter of El Tropical, t/a La Frontera Cantina, which is scheduled for a status conference on March 24th at 9:30 A.M. This matter has been resolved pursuant to the enclosed Voluntary Agreement.

Would you therefore please remove it from the calendar. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely yours,


Dimitri P. Mallios

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Enclosure

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