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**By E-Mail and First Class Mail (CHollingsworth@hyattsville.org)**

The Honorable Candace Hollingsworth, Mayor  
City of Hyattsville  
4310 Gallatin Street  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20781

Re: Proposed amendments to the Application for transfer of location  
For Lee's Liquors and Restaurant, LLC t/a Lee's Restaurant to Liquor Hut, LLC  
MH File No: 11526-0001

Dear Mayor Hollingsworth:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with Messrs. Sharma and Mr. Bharat (hereinafter "Licensees") and me regarding the above referenced application for transfer of location. As you know, the Licensees are proposing to open an upscale craft beer, fine wine and liquor store to be located at 5350 Queens Chapel Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. During our meeting, you noted several areas of concern that are addressed at length herein.

- **Business Trade Name:** In conjunction with the proposed plan to open an *upscale* craft beer, fine wine and liquor store, the Licensees understand how the previously proposed tradename, "Liquor Hut" may contradict with the business plan as proposed as well as the development of Ward 5 as planned by the County. After discussions and consideration, the Licensees propose to amend the trade name to "Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits."
- **Hours of Operation:** The current hours of operation for Lee's Restaurant are 7:00 am to 2:00 am. The proposed hours for Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits are currently 7:00 am to 12:00 am/midnight. Once relocated, the store will be closed Sundays (until Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits can obtain a Special Sunday Off-Sale Permit). The Licensees believes the proposed hours were necessary for Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits to be competitive with surrounding establishments. However, based upon the comments from the City of Hyattsville, the Licensees propose new hours of operation from 8:00 am to 12:00 am, Monday through Saturday. Since one of City of Hyattsville's concerns was the traffic of commuters in the morning, we believe that opening at 8 am will reduce any impact on morning commuters accessing the Metro.
- **Crime Prevention/Security:** Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits will cooperate with and assist the Hyattsville Police Department in all efforts to monitor for loitering and prevent criminal activity in the area. In the design and construction of the new store, Licensees will work with Hyattsville Police regarding their environmental design to increase visibility and lighting in the area surrounding the store. Furthermore, the new location situated in the middle of the parking lot will make it easier for the Licensees and police to monitor for loitering and other

criminal activity. Licensee currently employ a private security company to monitor activity inside Lee's Restaurant, and will continue to employ this private security at the Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits and retain the services of off duty police officers from the Hyattsville Police Department to increase security presence.

- **Comply with County Development Plans:** Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits will comply with all City and County Community Development Plans when making improvements to the property.
- **Community Involvement:** As mentioned at the meeting, Lee's Restaurant is a staple in the Hyattsville community. Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits will increase its community involvement and become a more active business partner with the City of Hyattsville and its citizens.

As business owners in the City of Hyattsville for nearly fifteen (15) years, Messrs. Sharma and Bharat are committed to improving and serving members of the community. Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits will make available to the members of the community, a diverse selection of craft beers, fine wines and liquor. The Licensees are aware of the County's plans to develop Ward 5 and want to work in partnership with the City and County to ensure and enhance the quality of life in the City of Hyattsville. We are open to additional suggestions/recommendations from the City of Hyattsville.

Thank you for your continued courtesies and cooperation. Please review and contact me with any additional questions or comments.

Very truly yours,



Tyler Cumbo

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