

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF SEVARA SINANIAN	*	
AND MANNIK NEENA MANOKIAN	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ON BEHALF OF SINAN, LLC, t/a NORA'S*		
KABOB, FOR A CHANGE OF CLASS TO	*	FOR
A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR	*	
7-DAY ON-SALE LICENSE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
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	*	Case No. 16-53
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### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Board of License Commissioners for Howard County, Maryland (the "Liquor Board"), pursuant to Rule 1.02(A) of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, has delegated the authority to hear and decide cases to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board for Howard County, Maryland (the "Hearing Board").

On October 18, 2016 and November 15, 2016, the Hearing Board heard the application of Sevara Sinanian and Mannik Neena Manokian ("the "Applicants"), on behalf of Sinan, LLC, t/a Nora's Kabob ("Sinan, LLC"), for a change of class to a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 1,100 square foot restaurant located at 9338 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland 21042. The hearing was properly advertised pursuant to Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were not represented by an attorney. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference. These include the following: a cover sheet listing the enclosures from the Applicants; a letter dated

June 6, 2016, from Sevara Sinanian, to the Hearing Board; the application; the background investigation questionnaires for the Applicants; a copy of a memorandum dated September 1, 2016, from the Liquor Board to the Alcohol Beverage Inspector, the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits, the Bureau of Environmental Health, the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the Office of the Fire Marshal; the background investigations for the Applicants from the Alcohol Beverage Inspector, dated October 3, 2016; a memorandum dated September 21, 2016, from the Bureau of Environmental Health; a memorandum dated October 14, 2016, from the Department of Planning and Zoning; an letter dated September 20, 2016, from the Office of the Fire Marshal; a letter dated September 1, 2016, to the Department of Finance; a letter from the Department of Finance; a letter dated September 1, 2016, to the Comptroller of the Treasury; a letter dated September 14, 2016, from the Comptroller of the Treasury; a fax transmission dated September 9, 2016, from the Liquor Board Administrator to Sevara Sinanian, advising notification of the hearing date, and enclosing the required advertisement; and an email dated October 3, 2016, from the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector stating the premises had been posted.

### **SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

On October 18, 2016, Sevara Sinanian, 90% shareholder, of Sinan, LLC, t/a Nora's Kabob, was sworn and testified that he has held his current Class B Beer and Wine license for four years without any violations. Mr. Sinanian testified that his customers have been asking for specialty wines, brandies, and drinks that have liquor in them. Mr. Sinanian testified that he would like to accommodate his customers' requests by changing to a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor license.

The record was held open for the Applicants to meet advertising requirements and submit the advertising certification.

On November 15, 2016, the Hearing Board recalled the case and accepted the certification of advertisement from Sevara Sinanian, Applicant for Sinan, LLC, t/a Nora's Kabob.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicants waived their right to request the Liquor Board to hear the case.

Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Hearing Board finds that Sevara Sinanian and Mannik Neena Manokian, on behalf of Sinan, LLC, t/a Nora's Kabob, have applied for change of class to a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 1,100 square foot restaurant located at 9338 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland 21042.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that Sevara Sinanian has been a Howard County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and a 90% shareholder of Sinan, LLC, t/a Nora's Kabob.

4. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application will not unduly

disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Sevara Sinanian and Mannik Neena Manokian, on behalf of Sinan, LLC, t/a Nora's Kabob, have applied for change of class to a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 1,100 square foot restaurant located at 9338 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland 21042.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Sevara Sinanian meets the requirements of Rules 1.09(T), 1.09(U), 2.06, and 2.10 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations concerning resident agent qualifications.

4. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

**ORDER**

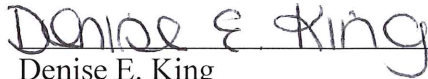
For the foregoing reasons, it is this 2 day of December, 2016, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Sevara Sinanian and Mannik Neena Manokian, on behalf of Sinan, LLC, t/a Nora's Kabob, for a change of class to a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 1,100 square foot restaurant located at 9338 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland 21042, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) Failure to comply with these conditions and obtain the license by January 31, 2017, shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.



ATTEST:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING  
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
MARYLAND

  
Denise E. King  
Administrator


ABSENT  
Mary Bird, Chairperson

  
Heather Gaetano, Vice-Chairperson

REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY  
OFFICE OF LAW  
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