

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF ALEXANDER PAUL	*	
CABOT AND JEFFERY KAUFMAN	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ON BEHALF OF PURPLE POTATO	*	
LLC, T/A GREAT SAGE	*	FOR
FOR A RESIDENT AGENT CHANGE	*	
FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
LIQUOR 7-DAY LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.: 22-53
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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 November 22, 2022, the Hearing Board heard the application of Alexander Paul Cabot and Jeffery Kaufman (the "Applicants") on behalf of Purple Potato, LLC t/a Great Sage ("Great Sage") for a resident agent change, replacing Holly Kaufman for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor 7-day, license for a 2,500 sq. ft, restaurant with a 375 sq. ft. patio located at 5809 Clarksville Square Drive, Clarksville, MD 21029.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were represented by Christopher DeCarlo, Esquire and there were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All of the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference.

### **SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

Alexander Paul Cabot, general manager and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Cabot testified that he has been a resident of Howard County for seven years and that he previously was a college student in Salisbury, Maryland. Mr. Cabot stated that he will remain a resident of Howard County, and that he does not intend on leaving the business. Mr. Cabot testified that he had a prior probation before judgement for marijuana possession in 2013, that he has complied with all terms of his probation, and that since then, he has had no further violations. Mr. Cabot stated that he has never held a liquor license in the State of Maryland, and that he plans to be present at the restaurant to train employees on alcohol awareness and will supervise all alcoholic beverage purchases. Mr. Cabot stated that he is Alcohol Awareness Certified and that he has reviewed the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Mr. Cabot testified that the hours of operation will not change, and that they will be open Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Cabot stated that when conducting ID checks, he will verify whether or not the customer looks to be under the age of 30.

Jeffrey Aaron Kaufman, 50% interest holder and licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Kaufman testified that he has been the original and current licensee for Great Sage for 18 years. Mr. Kaufman stated that the restaurant has not received any violations, and that alcohol profit sales are below 20% compared to food sales. Mr. Kaufman stated that he is not a full-time employee at the restaurant, but that he maintains operations and that he believes making Mr. Cabot

the resident agent will bring an additional level of protection and responsibility to the premises. Mr. Kaufman stated that he holds a Class A license in Montgomery County for Roots Market, and that he holds a Class B license in Howard County for Great Sage and that he has no additional financial interest. Mr. Kaufman stated that there was a previous violation at the Roots Market grocery store location where a former employee sold alcohol to a minor, that the employee was fired, and that immediate action was taken by management to re-train employees on alcohol awareness and proper ID checks.

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 Alexander Paul Cabot and Jeffery Kaufman (the "Applicants") on behalf of Purple Potato, LLC t/a Great Sage ("Great Sage") have applied for a resident agent change, replacing Holly Kaufman for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7- day license for a 2,500 sq. ft. restaurant with a 375 sq. ft. patio located at 5809 Clarksville Square Drive, Clarksville, MD 21029.
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 Alexander Paul Cabot is a Howard County resident.
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 Alexander Paul Cabot and Jeffery Kaufman (the "Applicants") on behalf of Purple Potato, LLC t/a Great Sage ("Great Sage") have applied for a resident agent change, replacing Holly Kaufman for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7- day license for a 2,500 sq. ft, restaurant with a 375 sq. ft. patio located at 5809 Clarksville Square Drive, Clarksville, MD 21029.

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 Alexander Paul Cabot, the resident agent applicant, meets the requirements of Rules 1.10(S), 1.10(T), and 2.06 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 this application would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

### **ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Alexander Paul Cabot and Jeffery Kaufman (the "Applicants") on behalf of Purple Potato, LLC t/a Great Sage ("Great Sage") for a resident agent change, replacing Holly Kaufman for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7- day license for a 2,500 sq. ft, restaurant with a 375 sq. ft. patio located at 5809 Clarksville Square Drive, Clarksville, MD 21029 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) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by May 22, 2023, unless that deadline is extended by the Hearing Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

**ATTEST:**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING  
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**

Kel L. Berg for  
Board Administrator

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Harry Evans, Vice-Chairperson

Kel L. Berg for  
Charley Sung, Member

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