

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF GITA G.	*	
PATEL ON BEHALF OF	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
GOVIND HOSPITALITY,	*	
LLC T/A HAMPTON INN	*	FOR
FOR A TRANSFER OF A	*	
CLASS D BEER AND LIGHT	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
WINE 7-DAY ON/OFF SALE	*	
LICENSE	*	Case No.: 26-19
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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 June 9, 2026, the Hearing Board heard the application of Gita G. Patel (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Govind Hospitality, LLC t/a Hampton Inn (“Hampton Inn”), for a transfer of a Class D Beer and Light Wine, 7-Day on/off sale License for a 33,792 sq. ft. hotel located at 8880 Columbia 100 Parkway, Columbia, MD 21045.

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

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

PROFFER

Ms. Carter proffered that Ms. Patel’s husband recently purchased the hotel, that the hotel has an existing Class D Beer and Light Wine License, and that alcohol sales have been suspended

pending the approval of the transfer. Ms. Carter stated that Ms. Patel is experienced in alcohol service, that she is currently a Class B license holder in Prince George's County, and that she has been on the Prince George's County license for 2 years. Ms. Carter stated that prior to that Ms. Patel held a Class A license in Prince George's County and that she incurred one violation in 2021 but that she was not on the premises during the violation. Ms. Cater stated that Ms. Patel currently lives in Prince George's County but that she will be moving to Clarksville. Ms. Carter stated that the management company operates 157 hotels and that for a franchise to transfer to new owners, it is a requirement that an experienced management company be involved. Ms. Carter stated that the management company has no liability and that Ms. Patel oversees operations. Ms. Carter stated that Ms. Patel's husband will assist with the management of the hotel and that he is Alcohol Awareness Certified.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Gita G. Patel, 100% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Patel testified that she is Alcohol Awareness Certified and that there will be a quick service counter to serve beer and wine. Ms. Patel stated that the alcohol container will be opened when the purchase is made and that all employees involved in alcohol service will be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Ms. Patel stated that she will work 40 hours a week at the hotel, that she owns Sunnybrook Tavern, and that a manager handles the daily operations there. Ms. Patel stated that she is a United States citizen, that her application is correct, and that she is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations. Ms. Patel stated that an Alcohol Awareness Certified employee will always be on-site. Ms. Patel stated that a management company runs the hotel and supervises the staff that distributes the alcohol. Ms. Patel stated that she will order

inventory and establish a carding policy and that she understands her role as the resident agent.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicant waived her 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 Gita G. Patel (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Govind Hospitality, LLC t/a Hampton Inn (“Hampton Inn”), has applied for a transfer of a Class D Beer and Light Wine, 7-Day on/off sale License for a 33,792 sq. ft. hotel located at 8880 Columbia 100 Parkway, Columbia, MD 21045.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that Gita G. Patel, 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 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 Gita G. Patel (the “Applicant”), on behalf of Govind Hospitality, LLC t/a Hampton Inn (“Hampton Inn”), has applied for a transfer of a Class D Beer and Light Wine, 7-Day on/off sale License for a 33,792 sq. ft. hotel located at 8880

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2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Gita G. Patel, 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 the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 24th day of July, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Gita G. Patel (the "Applicant"), on behalf of Govind Hospitality, LLC t/a Hampton Inn ("Hampton Inn"), for a transfer of a Class D Beer and Light Wine, 7-Day on/off sale License for a 33,792 sq. ft. hotel located at 8880 Columbia 100 Parkway, Columbia, MD 21045, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicant comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (b) That the Applicant satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by December 9, 2026 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 Berg
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Board Administrator

/S/
Steven Chen, Chairperson

/S/
Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

**REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY
OFFICE OF LAW
GARY W. KUC
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/S/
Ed Coleman, Member


Hyunjae Shin, Esquire
Senior Assistant County Solicitor

ABSENT
Beth Johnson, Member

/S/
Claire Kim, Member