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SENT ON BEHALF OF PATRICK O'NEILL, JR.

Please see the attached for submission to the City Council on March 13, 2024 regarding RES 24-384. Please contact Mr. O'Neill with any questions.

Thank you.



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March 12, 2024

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RE: Pauly's Bar & Grill, 1668 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul License # 20220000012

Dear Councilmembers:

I represent Pauly's Bar & Grill. I do not represent Kalsada or Mr. Occhiato.

The attached shall serve as Pauly's written submission for RES 24-384. On behalf of Pauly's we submit the enclosed addendum to the City's Timeline of Events (City's version in italics; new sections are in capitals) and Argument.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

LARSON · KING, LLP

Patrick H. O'Neill, Jr.

PATRICK H. O'NEILL, JR.

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PAULY'S TIMELINE OF EVENTS AND ARGUMENT

- 8/31/2023 PAULY'S INCORPORATES.
- 9/15/2023 KALSADA CLOSES.
- 10/13/2023 PAULY'S RECEIVES A LOAN FOR TRANSACTION AND PAYS KALSADA/OCCHIATO. AS PART OF THE CLOSING, PAULY'S ASSUMES THE LEASE OBLIGATIONS.
- 10/13/2023 KALSADA/OCCHIATO AND PAULY'S SIGN MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WHICH STATES:
 - DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT *[WHICH IS DURING LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVAL PROCESS BY PAULY'S],* (A) SELLER SHALL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY MINNESOTA AND SAINT PAUL LAW FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT TO OPERATE; (B) SELLER SHALL NAME BUYER AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON SUCH INSURANCE; (C) BUYER SHALL OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN ALL OTHER INSURANCE FOR THE BUSINESS AND ITS EMPLOYEES IN AMOUNTS NOT LESS THAN THAT PRESENTLY MAINTAINED BY SELLER FOR THE BUSINESS; AND (D) SELLER SHALL BE NAMED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON SUCH INSURANCE MAINTAINED BY BUYER.
- 10/13/2023 Kalsada and Pauly's enter into <u>management agreement</u> which in part states:
 - Pauly's **has** applied for the "same licenses as Seller" currently holds.
 - Kalsada shall continue to maintain insurance required to operate establishment.
 - Kalsada is ultimately responsible for the operation under existing license.
- 10/13/2023 AFTER RECEIVING THE FUNDS AND SIGNING THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT, ON THE SAME DAY, OCCHIATO CALLS HIS AGENT ERIK THOMPSON AT MAGUIRE AGENCY AND CANCELS THE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY. KALSADA/OCCHIATO DOES NOT INFORM AGENT OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT. KALSADA/OCCHIATO DOES NOT INFORM PAULY'S OF CANCELLATION.
- 10/16/2023 AGENT SENDS CANCELLATION FORMS TO BE SIGNED BY KALSADA/OCCHIATO. CANCELLATION FORMS NOT SENT TO PAULY'S. NO NOTICE TO PAULY'S.

- 10/22/2023 SUNDAY BEER SALES OF EXISTING KALSADA INVENTORY TO CHICAGO BEARS FAN CLUB, LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE BELIEVED TO BE IN PLACE BY KALSADA PER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT; HAD PAULY'S KNOWN OF CANCELLATION, PAULY'S WOULD HAVE PURCHASED THEIR OWN LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE EARLIER AND NOT SERVED UNTIL PURCHASED.
- 10/23/2023 KALSADA/OCCHIATO ACKNOWLEDGE AND SIGN CANCELLATION OF LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE, DOES NOT DISCLOSE TO PAULY'S (SEE ATTACHED).
- 10/25/2023 NOTICE OF CANCELLATION SENT TO CITY BY SOCIETY INSURANCE— BUSINESS SOLD, NO INSURANCE—CITY CLAIMS DID NOT RECEIVE DESPITE SUCH BEING SENT TO 700 WEST KELLOGG BOULEVARD – NO NOTICE SENT TO PAULY'S.
- 10/29/2023 SUNDAY BEER SALES OF EXISTING KALSADA INVENTORY TO CHICAGO BEARS FAN CLUB, LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE BELIEVED TO BE IN PLACE BY KALSADA PER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT; HAD PAULY'S KNOWN OF CANCELLATION, PAULY'S WOULD HAVE PURCHASED THEIR OWN LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE EARLIER AND NOT SERVED UNTIL PURCHASED.
- 11/5/2023 SUNDAY BEER SALES OF EXISTING KALSADA INVENTORY TO CHICAGO BEARS FAN CLUB, LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE BELIEVED TO BE IN PLACE BY KALSADA PER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT; HAD PAULY'S KNOWN OF CANCELLATION, PAULY'S WOULD HAVE PURCHASED THEIR OWN LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE EARLIER AND NOT SERVED UNTIL PURCHASED.
- 11/9/2023 PAULY'S PURCHASES LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE -- \$1,000,000
- 11/15/2023 PAULY'S GRAND OPENING, 31 EMPLOYEES.
- 11/27/2023 DSI learns from <u>news article</u> that Pauly's opened November 15, 2023 and is serving alcohol. DSI investigation reveals no license applications submitted by Pauly's to facilitate change of ownership.
- 12/1/2023 DSI contacts Kalsada and Pauly's to investigate and requests abovementioned management agreement <u>and certificate of liquor liability</u> <u>insurance</u> (COI) which is deemed invalid as the name of the insured is not the recognized current license holder.
- 12/1/2023MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FORWARDED TO DSI BY PAULY'S.12/4/2023NEW LICENSE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY PAULY'S, \$5,000 PAID, STILL
PENDING.

- 12/6/2023 DSI contacts Joe Kasel, Pauly's owner, to determine why no applications have been submitted and to advise that MN AG has been notified of the situation. Kasel submits application packet later that same day. Applications are currently being processed and, assume satisfaction of all associated requirements and no public objection, could be approved by Council as soon as xx/xx/xxxx.
- 12/11/2023 DSI requests COI from Kalsada and is told the insurance was cancelled. Required notice was not given to DSI.¹ Subsequent DSI request produces <u>cancellation notice</u> indicating insurance was cancelled October 13, 2023 – one day after parties enter into management agreement.
- 12/15/2023 CEASE AND DESIST ORDER ISSUED TO KALSADA, 4 SQUAD CARS APPEAR AT PAULY'S WITHOUT WARNING. DESPITE HAVING \$1,000,000 IN LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE, PAULY'S CLOSED 24 HOURS.
- 12/16/2023 LIQUOR LIABILITY PAPERWORK AMENDED BY PAULY'S, KALSADA ADDED AS ADDITIONAL INSURED; CEASE AND DESIST LIFTED.
- 12/16/2023 KALSADA CALLS AGENT TO REINSTATE POLICY AND SUBMIT A "NO KNOWN LOSS" REPORT; AGENT STATES TOO MUCH TIME HAS PASSED, REFUSES TO REINSTATE POLICY.
- 3/1/2024 NOTICE OF ADVERSE ACTION ISSUED TO KALSADA FOR VIOLATIONS FROM OCTOBER 13 TO NOVEMBER 9, 2023.
- 3/5/2024 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A NEW LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED ON MARCH 27, 2024 TO PAULY'S, KALSADA/PAULY'S JOINTLY WORK WITH CITY ATTORNEY TO ADMIT VIOLATION AND CONTEST PENALTY. ANY PENALTY TO BE SERVED FROM MARCH 18, 2024 TO MARCH 26, 2024 SO AS TO BE TOTALLY SEPARATE FROM KALSADA FOREVER BY MARCH 27, 2024.
- 3/13/2024 CITY COUNCIL HEARING

¹ Notice of Cancellation was sent to the City by Society Insurance on October 25, 2023.

ARGUMENT

- 1. Kalsada agreed to maintain liquor liability insurance during Pauly's new liquor license approval process.
- 2. Kalsada did not honor the Management Agreement and unilaterally cancelled the liquor liability insurance on October 13, 2023 without telling Pauly's. Kalsada verified the cancellation in writing on October 23, 2023.
- 3. Pauly's would have never sold the existing Kalsada inventory prior to its grand opening had it known of the cancellation.
- 4. Pauly's had its own liquor liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 six days prior to its grand opening on November 15, 2023 and has maintained said liquor liability insurance since that time. Kalsada is also a named insured on the policy.
- 5. Based upon the above facts and timeline of events, Pauly's respectfully requests that the proposed Adverse Action to be taken against Kalsada (which only affects Pauly's) be reduced to three days to be served between March 18, 2024 and March 26, 2024, and a new license be issued to Pauly's on March 27, 2024.
- 6. Pauly's takes responsibility for not submitting the Management Agreement and its new license application earlier than December 4, 2023 and is willing to pay \$1,500.



CANCELLATION REQUEST / POLICY RELEASE

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