



CITY OF CHICAGO



LICENSE APPEAL COMMISSION

## STATEMENT OF LAURA PARRY, CHAIR

Good morning/afternoon. The License Appeal Commission (LAC) hears appeals from parties seeking a review of decisions of the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP)/Local Liquor Control Commission (LLCC). State law requires a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more, like Chicago, to provide its own License Appeal Commission separate and apart from the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection and Local Liquor Control Commission to hear the appeals.

The LAC consists of one commissioner appointed by the City and, as required by state law, two commissioners appointed and paid for by the State.

Appeals are brought to challenge revocations, suspensions, or fines of existing liquor licenses imposed by the Local Liquor Control Commission. In these matters, the disciplinary proceedings are reviewed and appellate arguments from the parties are heard.

Additionally, the Commission has reviewing jurisdiction over denials of applications for new and renewal liquor licenses. Applicants who have been denied their request for a license are entitled to a trial de novo to determine whether the denial of their application was appropriate. Those hearings generally consist of documentary evidence, testimony and occasionally video evidence.

In all cases a detailed written decision is made by the Commission. Parties may file appeals in State court for review of decisions made by the LAC.

LAC has collected, through the Department of Finance, \$375.00 in filing fees to date. The Commission is budgeted for one full-time position.

As always, our office will work with the Office of Budget and Management and members of City Council to continue to monitor operational costs with an eye toward equity within our systems and vendor contracts.