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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

Borrowed Time Clothing LLC, t/a His & Herzz Lounge 4721 Sheriff Road NE Retailer CT - ANC 7C License No. 136598 Case #26-PRO-00061 (New Application - Tavern with 20 seats inside the premises and a Total Occupancy Load of 75. Summer Garden Endorsement with 15 seats and an occupancy load of 30. Sidewalk Café with 25 seats and an occupancy load of 30. Alcohol Carry-out and Delivery Endorsement. Entertainment Endorsement to include Cover Charge and Dancing inside the premises only)	Roll Call Hearing

Tuesday
October 13, 2026

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via Webex videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher, Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABC Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

ANDREW BREZA, Protestant
JENNIFER STECKLOW, Protestant
COMMISSIONER ANTAWAN HOLMES, ANC 7C

P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

10:07 a.m.

MS. FLETCHER: And now we're ready.

I would like to first thank everybody for participating in ABCA's public roll call hearings via the Webex platform.

My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'll be conducting the roll call hearing, as the Board's agent.

There are two cases on the calendar today.

(Pause.)

The first case on the calendar today is His & Herzz Lounge, Case No. 26-PRO-00061, Borrowed Time Clothing LLC, 4721 Sheriff Road, Northeast, License No. ABRA-136598.

This is a Retailer Class CT tavern for a new application with a request for 20 seats inside the premises and a total occupancy load of 75; a summer garden endorsement with 15 seats and an occupancy load of 30; a sidewalk cafe with 25 seats and occupancy load of 30.

Alcohol carry out and delivery endorsement. Entertainment endorsement, to include cover charge and dancing inside the premises.

The protest issues are adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet; residential parking needs; vehicular and pedestrian safety; real property values, and the Applicant's qualifications and compliance with District licensing requirement.

My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'll be conducting the roll call hearing, as the Board's agent.

Is anyone present on behalf of the Applicant?

(No response.)

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(No response.)

Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 7C?

COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Yes. Antawan Holmes, Chair.

MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, Mr. Holmes. Would you spell your name for the record, please?

COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Yes. A-N-T-A-W-A-N; last name Holmes, H-O-L-M-E-S.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

Is anyone present on behalf of the Deanwood Citizens Association?

MS. STECKLOW: Yes. Jennifer Stecklow, President.

MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, Ms. Stecklow.

Would you spell your name for the court reporter, please?

MS. STECKLOW: Of course. It is Jennifer, J-E-N-N-I-F-E-R; last name Stecklow, S-T-E-C-K-L-O-W.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

ANC 7C has standing as a Protestant.

Ms. Stecklow, I have a question for you.

MS. STECKLOW: Yes, Ms. Fletcher.

MS. FLETCHER: Did the Association invite the Applicant to appear for a meeting concerning the application?

MS. STECKLOW: Yes. We invited him within seven days, and we provided an exhibit in our formal protest outlining the procedure we took regarding that special meeting.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

MS. STECKLOW: Yes, ma'am.

MS. FLETCHER: The Deanwood Citizens Association does have standing as a Protestant.

The application is dismissed because the Applicant is not present today.

Mr. Holmes, just so you know, I received

your email this morning regarding the licensure of the Applicant. And we'll keep you informed regarding that proposed action.

COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Thank you.

MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

Unless you have any questions, Mr. Holmes or Ms. Stecklow, this roll call hearing is concluded.

COMMISSIONER HOLMES: The ANC is fine with this matter. We'll follow up with the secondary matter that was discussed -- that you just listed to us to see if this carries on to what's the next steps.

So, thank you.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you very much.

Anything from you, Ms. Stecklow?

MS. STECKLOW: Yes, Ms. Fletcher.

I just want to recognize that Mr. Breza is also on the call, and I believe he had a protest as well with the neighbors that were in close vicinity regarding this application.

MS. FLETCHER: Oh. Oh, thank you.

Mr. Breza, could you spell your name for the record, please?

MR. BREZA: Yes. A-N-D-R-E-W; last name, B-R-E-Z-A.

MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Breza, did you file a separate protest?

MR. BREZA: Yes.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And did you file on behalf of a group of individuals or as --

MR. BREZA: A group of five, two of whom are abutting landowners.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, you filed on behalf of a group of five and some abutting landowners?

MR. BREZA: That is correct.

MS. FLETCHER: And did the -- because, actually, I don't see your -- a letter in front of me right now, but that's okay. I just want to get some understanding of what you filed.

And the abutting landowners, did those individuals file protests of their own?

MR. BREZA: They protested as part of our protest. And my understanding is that we could be recognized under both theories of standing.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes. So, there is one protest letter, but inside that protest letter the abutting property owners have identified themselves

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MR. BREZA: Yes, that is --

MS. FLETCHER: -- as abutters?

MR. BREZA: Yes, that is correct.

MS. FLETCHER: And did you receive any acknowledgment from our office of having received your protest?

MR. BREZA: Yeah, in Kendra's email titled, "Notice of ABC Roll Call Hearing," my protest was attached, along with ANC and DCA.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

MR. BREZA: And I believe there is one other that was attached to that email as well.

MS. FLETCHER: So, what I'm going to do, based on that, Mr. Breza, I'm going to -- I'm going to -- there were more than five individuals that signed your protest letter?

MR. BREZA: That is correct.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I'm going to grant standing to your group as a Protestant.

With respect to the abutting property owners, today I'm going to grant a conditional standing to the abutting property owners because I need to determine of our D.C. Geographic Information System if they're abutting. So, I am

going to grant conditional standing to the abutting property owners, and we'll get back with you regarding whether or not they were determined to be abutting.

MR. BREZA: Thank you very much.

MS. FLETCHER: You are very welcome. Thank you.

Okay. And so, the application is dismissed because the Applicant is not present. And if the Applicant seeks reinstatement of the application, you'll be informed and have an opportunity to respond to that.

Any questions at all?

(No response.)

Okay. Well, thank you very much for coming.

And, Mr. Breza, thank you for that information.

MR. BREZA: Thank you, ma'am.

MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

The roll call hearing in this matter is concluded.

Thank you for coming.

COMMISSIONER HOLMES: Thank you.

MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

(Whereupon, at 10:16 a.m., the hearing was adjourned.)

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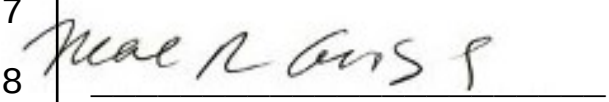

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