## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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> ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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> ROLL CALL HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:
Nunez's Property
Management, LLC
t/a Buho's Restaurant
3521 14th Street NW
Retailer CT - ANC 1A
Roll Call
License No. 115711
Case \#23-PRO-00002
(Substantial Change
Game of Skill Endorsement):

> Monday
> January 9, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via WebEx videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher, Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:
LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent
MANALLE MAHMOUD, Applicant Counsel
GLADYS NUNEZ, Applicant
ELVIRA RAMOS, Applicant
MARK RUSSELL, Protestant
JESSICA MCCLURE, Protestant
KYLASH RAMESH, Protestant
JESSICA MAI, Protestant
LIN LAWSON, Protestant
SARINAH SAMSUDIN, Protestant
TIM BROOKINS, Protestant
P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the calendar is Buho's Restaurant, case number 23-PRO-00002, Nunez's Property Management, LLC, 3521 14th Street NW, License Number ABRA-115711. This is a Retailer Class CT, Substantial Change for a Game of Skill Endorsement. The protest issues in this case are adverse impact on peace, order and quiet, and residential parking, and vehicular and pedestrian safety. My name is Laverne Fletcher conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. Is anyone present on behalf of the establishment?

MS. MAHMOUD: Hi, good morning, Ms. Fletcher. This is Manalle Mahmoud with Mallios, O'Brien, Sandground, M A-N-A-L-L-E, M-A-H-M-O-UD.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Ms. Mahmoud, did you say O'Brien?

MS. MAHMOUD: With Mallios, O'Brien, Sandground, correct.

MS. FLETCHER: Can you spell Mallios, O'Brien, for the record?

MS. MAHMOUD: Absolutely, M-A-L-L-I-O-

S, O-B-R-I-E-N and Sandground, S-A-N-D-G-R-O-U-ND.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much. Is there someone else present from the establishment?

MS. NUNEZ: Yes, Gladys Nunez, representing Nunez Property Management.

MS. FLETCHER: Could you spell your name for the record, please?

MS. NUNEZ: It is G-L-A-D-Y-S, last name Nunez, $N-U-N-E-Z, Z$ as in zebra.

MS. FLETCHER: That's Gladys Nunez.
MS. NUNEZ: Yes.
MS. FLETCHER: So, Ms. Nunez, let me ask you something. So is Elvira Ramos here too, or - yes, I cannot tell who is speaking today.

MS. NUNEZ: She is present. She is right next to me.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, Ms. Nunez, -okay, so I can see your name, but I see Ms. Ramos' name, but you two are together right now. MS. NUNEZ: Yes, ma'am, Mrs. Ramos to my left.

MS. FLETCHER: So, Ms. Ramos, would you please state your name and spell it for the
record, please?
MS. RAMOS: Yes, Elvira, E-L-V-I-R-A, Ramos, R-A-M-O-S.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.
MS. RAMOS: You are welcome.
MS. FLETCHER: There is also a group of seven protestants, is anyone present on behalf of the protestants?

MR. RUSSELL: Yes, my name is Mark Russell.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Russell. Will you spell that for the record, please?

MR. RUSSELL: M-A-R-K, R-U-S-S-E-L-L.
MS. FLETCHER: Anyone else from the group?

MS. McCLURE: Hi, my name is Jessica McClure. That is J-E-S-S-I-C-A, last name M-C-C-L-U-R-E.

MS. LAWSON: I am calling in. My name is Lin Lawson, L-I-N, L-A-W-S-O-N.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Lawson. Anyone else?

MR. BROOKINS: Yes, this is Tim Brookins, Timothy, T-I-M-O-T-H-Y, last name Brookins, B-R-O-O-K-I-N-S.

MS. FLETCHER: That was Timothy.
MR. BROOKINS: Yes.
MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Brookins.
MR. RAMESH: This is Kylash Ramesh, K-Y-L-A-S-H, last name R-A-M-E-S-H.

MS. FLETCHER: That is R-A-M as in man.
MR. RAMESH: Correct.
MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you, E-S-H, thank you.

MS. MAI: This is Jessica Mai, J-E-S-S-I-C-A, last name M-A-I.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Mai. Anyone else from the group? Thank you. Everyone present today signed the protest letter.

MR. RUSSELL: Yes.
MS. FLETCHER: I count six present today, which means that the group has standing as a protestant. We need to schedule a mediation status hearing, and a protest hearing. I am going to give you the dates of the status and protest hearing first. The status hearing is scheduled for March 8, 2023 at 10:30 a.m., that is March 8th at 10:30. The protest hearing is set for April 5, 2023 at 1:30. I will give you the next available date for mediation. The next
available day is Friday, February 3, anytime between 10:00 and 1:30 if that is a good time for everybody. That is Friday, February 3 anytime between 10:00 and 1:30.

MS. MAI: Ms. Fletcher, one question from the protestants -

MS. FLETCHER: Who is speaking for the court reporter?

MS. MAI: This is Jessica Mai. I have a question on behalf of the protestants. How many people have to attend the mediation meeting?

MS. FLETCHER: We only need a designated representative, but if there is anyone else from your group that you would like to attend that's fine.

MS. MAI: This is Jessica Mai speaking. If there is no objections from the protestants for that specific date, Friday, 3 February, that works with me.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Does that work for you, Ms. Mahmoud?

MS. MAHMOUD: It does, Ms. Fletcher.
MS. FLETCHER: What about - so Ms.
Nunez and Ms. Ramos, are you coming as well? Ms. Nunez, are you attending mediation as well?

MS. NUNEZ: Yes. This is Ms. Nunez, yes, we will be at attend.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. Are you available on Friday, February 3?

MS. NUNEZ: Yes.
MS. FLETCHER: What about 10:00 a.m.?
MS. NUNEZ: That is fine. Thank you.
MS. FLETCHER: So that was Ms. Ramos and Ms. Nunez saying that is fine. This is for the record. Ms. Nunez and Ms. Ramos you were saying that is fine for the mediation.

MS. RAMOS: Okay, for me -
MS. FLETCHER: So just a second, before you speak you have to say who is speaking so that the court reporter can record who is speaking.

MS. RAMOS: Okay, Ms. Ramos is me -February 3rd, supposedly I go to my country Salvador, to February 9th, I go back to my country.

MS. FLETCHER: Can you repeat that?
MS. RAMOS: Okay, in February 3rd I will be out of the country.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I heard you, so you will not be in the country on February 3rd. MS. RAMOS: Exactly.

MS. FLETCHER: So you are not required to come unless you want to, because Ms. Mahmoud is coming, and Ms. Nunez is coming as well, and so -

MS. RAMOS: Okay.
MS. FLETCHER: -- you all can decide whether or not you want to proceed without Ms. Ramos. Ms. Nunez, I'll leave that up to you.

MS. NUNEZ: Is there a possibility This is Mrs. Nunez. Is there a possibility that Ms. Ramos can be present at the mediation since she is the one running and managing the restaurant so that we all can be on the same page?

MS. FLETCHER: I will send the WebEx invitation. I can send the invitation to her she can join. If she can join from wherever she is that is fine.

MS. NUNEZ: That can be tricky, because sometime when you go to third world countries the Internet is just not available. Can we reschedule the date so that everyone can be on point that same date and everyone can be present.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay, that will be fine on this end. Let me check with Mrs. Mahmoud.

You know she is representing Buho's Restaurant. MS. MAHMOUD: Yes, we are fine with changing the date.

MS. FLETCHER: Who is speaking?
MS. MAHMOUD: This is Ms. Manalle Mahmoud.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, Ms. Ramos, when are you returning?

MS. RAMOS: February 9th.
MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry, when are you
returning?
MS. RAMOS: The 9th of February.
MS. FLETCHER: The 9th of February.
Okay. Well how about if we schedule mediation for February 15th at 10:00?

MS. NUNEZ: That will work for me. This is Ms. Nunez, and that is fine with Mrs. Ramos, February 15th. I do not know about the rest.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay, Ms. Mahmoud, will that work for you?

MS. MAHMOUD: That would work for us as well.

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

So mediation is set for February 15th at 10:00, and I just want to note for the record, Ms. Samsudin, I got your message in the chat that you are here. I am going to spell your name for the record. Ms. Samsudin is a member of the group of seven, and she is present. The first name appears to be Sarinah, spelled S-A-R-I-N-A-H, last name spelled S-A-M-S-U-D-I-N. I got your message in the chat, and I am acknowledging your presence, which means the seven members of the group are present today.

MS. SAMSUDIN: Thank you.
MR. RUSSELL: Hi there. This is Mark Russell speaking. I just wanted to make sure that February 15th worked for somebody in our group as well.

MS. FLETCHER: Oh, yes, of course. So the designated representative - so there are four representatives in your group. We only need a designated representative, but if there are any other members that you would like to attend the mediation that is fine.

MR. RUSSELL: Okay, I just wanted to make sure while I am on the call that somebody else - because February 15th is going to be
tricky, but if somebody else is definitely able to be there then that would be fine. Can you name the four people designated, please?

MS. FLETCHER: Yes, according to the protest letter that is Jessica Mai, you Mr. Russell, Sarinah Samsudin, and Brandon Cypress. I am going to spell Mr. Cypress' name for the record. The first name is spelled B-R-A-N-D-O-N, the last name is Cypress, spelled C-Y-P-R-E-S-S. Mr. Cypress is not present today. I am stating his name because I mentioned his name. So, Mr. Russell, those are the designated representatives for this group.

MS. MAI: This is Jessica Mai speaking. February 15th works for me as well in terms of attending the meeting. We will go ahead and coordinate on our end with regard to the group of protestors to ensure that at least one of us is attending that session.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, Ms. Mai, I am going to send the WebEx invitation to you. You can forward it to whoever you want. Ms. McClure fine if you leave. I see your message in the chat. Thank you for coming. Okay. So, Ms. Mai, I will send the WebEx invitation to you.

MS. MAI: Perfect. Okay, great, I will do the coordinating on our end.

MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Nunez, --
MS. NUNEZ: Yes.
MS. FLETCHER: -- I am not sure that I have your email address. We have an email address for you on the record. Just a second. I have Ms. Ramos' email address, I am not sure about yours. Hold on a second. If I recall correctly, I sent you an email but you did not respond.

MS. NUNEZ: I did not receive it.
MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Nunez, did you say you did receive it?

MS. NUNEZ: Didn't receive it, did not.
MS. FLETCHER: Say that again.
MS. NUNEZ: Did not receive an email.
MS. FLETCHER: Okay, so if you want to receive a WebEx invitation I can send you one, or when Ms. Ramos receives hers she can forward you a copy of hers. Which do you prefer?

MS. NUNEZ: That will work. She can forward me a copy unless you want to take an email for me.

MS. FLETCHER: I will take an email for
you just so that - just to see if it is any different from the one we already have.

MS. NUNEZ: Okay, it is francisconunez-
1214@yahoo.com. Is that what you have on file?
MS. FLETCHER: That is the one we have.
MS. NUNEZ: Great. Thank you.
MS. FLETCHER: You are welcome.
MS. NUNEZ: That is my husband's email.
MS. FLETCHER: Okay, so we got the correct one.

MS. NUNEZ: Thank you.
MS. FLETCHER: You are very welcome. A mediation is set for Wednesday, February 15th at 10:00. Any questions anybody?

Okay. Well, thank you for coming. This roll call hearing is concluded.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 10:32 a.m.)

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