DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF

Kittrell, Edith Mae :

& Jessie L

t/a Vegas Lounge

t/a Vegas Lounge :
1415 P Street NW : Roll Call
Retailer CN - ANC 2F : Hearing

License No. 001273 Case #23-PRO-00003

(License Renewal) :

Tuesday January 17th, 2023

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

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

JEREMY KITTRELL, Applicant THOMAS VASSAR, Applicant Counsel NEIL ROCKLIN, ANC 2F TED BROWNFIELD, SJG Properties LYLE BLANCHARD, SJG Properties Counsel JONATHAN GIFFORD, Metro Condominium Residents Association (MCRA) JENNIFER TOTH, MCRA JOY MELBOURNE, MCRA HERBERT HRIBAR, MCRA LOUISE CRAIGEN, MCRA MARTHA MOUNTAIN, MCRA MARCIA NEWELL, MCRA PAUL HUNTER, MCRA CHRISTINA RUTAN, MCRA THOMAS CASTAGNOLA, MCRA THERESA SHANAHAN, MCRA

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

10:01 a.m.

MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, everyone. We're livestreamed to YouTube now and so we'll get started. My name is Laverne Fletcher. I'll be conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. There's one hearing on the calendar for today. This is the matter of Vegas Lounge, Case Number 23-PRO-00003.

Before we get started, if you're going to have any sound in your background, if you could place yourself on mute. Thank you.

This is Kittrell, Edith Mae and Jessie L, 1415 P Street NW, License Number AVR-AZ001273. This is a Retailer Class C and license renewal. My name is LaVerne Fletcher conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. The protest issues in this matter are adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet.

Is anyone present on behalf of Vegas Lounge?

MR. VASSAR: Yes. Thomas W. Vassar, attorney, on behalf of Vegas Lounge, and I also have Mr. Jeremy Kittrell, the manager of Vegas Lounge.

1	MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Vassar, would you
2	spell your name for the record, please?
3	MR. VASSAR: Of course. V-A-S-S-A-R,
4	just like the college.
5	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And the
6	same for the representative from Vegas Lounge, if
7	you could state your name and spell it for the
8	record, please?
9	MR. KITTRELL: Jeremy Kittrel, J-E-R-
10	E-M-Y, K-I-T-T-R-E-L-L.
11	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.
12	Kittrell. Anyone present on behalf of ANC 2F?
13	(No response.)
14	MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on
15	behalf of ANC 2F?
16	(No response.)
17	MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on
18	behalf of SJG PROPERTIES?
19	MR. BROWNFIELD: Yes. Good morning.
20	MS. FLETCHER: If you could state your
21	name and spell it for the court reporter, please?
22	MR. BROWNFIELD: Sure. Ted
23	Brownfield, B-R-O-W-N-F-I-E-L-D.
24	MS. FLETCHER: Anyone else?
25	MR. BLANCHARD: And Lyle Blanchard, L-

1	Y-L-E, B-L-A-N-C-H-A-R-D.
2	MS. FLETCHER: Anyone else, Mr.
3	Blanchard?
4	MR. BLANCHARD: No. That's it. Mr.
5	Brownfield represents the LLC, and I'm their
6	counsel.
7	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Has anyone
8	appeared yet on behalf of ANC 2F? Is anyone
9	present on behalf of the Metro Condominium
10	Residents Association?
11	MS. MOUNTAIN: Yes, several of us.
12	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. If you would
13	one second if you would each state your name
14	and spell it for the court reporter, please?
15	MR. MEYER: Well, I started talking
16	first so I'll go first. Martha Mountain, M-A-R-
17	T-H-A, last name M-O-U-N-T-A-I-N.
18	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.
19	MR. HUNTER: I'll go second. It's
20	Paul Hunter, P-A-U-L, Hunter, H-U-N-T-E-R.
21	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.
22	MS. NEWELL: I'll jump in as third.
23	It's Marcia, M-A-R-C-I-A, Newell, N-E-W-E-L-L.
24	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Newell.
25	MS. CRAIGEN: I'm next, me. I am

1	Louise Craigen, L-O-U-I-S-E, Craigen is C-R-A-I-
2	G-E-N.
3	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.
4	MR. HRIBAR: I'll go next. My name is
5	Herbert Hribar. It's spelled H-E-R-B-E-R-T,
6	Hribar is spelled H-R-I-B-A-R.
7	MS. FLETCHER: Could you spell the
8	last name again?
9	MR. HRIBAR: Sure. It's a hard one.
10	It's H-R-I-B-A-R.
11	MS. FLETCHER: Oh. That's what I've
12	got. How do you pronounce it?
13	MR. HRIBAR: Hribar [pronouncing REE-
14	BAR].
15	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
16	MR. HRIBAR: You're welcome.
17	MS. SHANAHAN: I'll go next. Theresa
18	Shanahan. Theresa spelled T-H-E-R-E-S-A,
19	Shanahan, S-H-A-N-A-H-A-N.
20	MS. RUTAN: I'll go. My name is
21	Christina Rutan, C-H-R-I
22	MS. FLETCHER: Excuse me. Ms. Rutan,
23	you have an echo in your background. Maybe you
24	signed on twice.
25	MS. RUTAN: Yes. I

1	MS. FLETCHER: So let me
2	MS. RUTAN: Let me turn that off. One
3	second, your honor.
4	MS. FLETCHER: Let me spell your name,
5	and if I'm correct, just say yes. Your name is
6	Christina Rutan and it's spelled C-H-R-I-S-T-I-N-
7	A, R-U-T-A-N, is that correct?
8	MS. RUTAN: Correct.
9	MS. FLETCHER: Anyone else
10	MR. GIFFORD: Yes. I'll go next.
11	Jonathan Gifford, J-O-N-A-T-H-A-N, last name is
12	Gifford, G-I-F-F-O-R-D.
13	MS. MALBON: Hi, there. I'll go next
14	if you got Mr. Gifford's name already.
15	MS. FLETCHER: Yes.
16	MS. MALBON: My name is Joy, J-O-Y,
17	last name Melbourne, M-A-L-B-O-N.
18	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Malbon.
19	Anyone else?
20	MR. CASTAGNOLA: Thomas Castagnola.
21	My name is at the top left I think. It's kind of
22	a hard one to spell but I can spell it out for
23	you.
24	MS. FLETCHER: It's on the bottom of
25	my screen. Names are all over the place but I

-	bee your name chough.
2	MR. CASTAGNOLA: Yes. T-H-O-M-A-S,
3	Castagnola, C-A-S-T-A-G-N-O-L-A.
4	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
5	Anyone else? I count 10 individuals. Who is the
6	designated representative?
7	MR. ROCKLIN: ANC 2F02, Neil Rocklin.
8	MS. FLETCHER: Who is the designated
9	representative for this group, for the Metro
10	Condominium Residents Association; who's the
11	designated representative for this group?
12	MS. MOUNTAIN: Jonathan, I think that
13	would be you since you're on the board.
14	MS. FLETCHER: Oh, I'm sorry. The
15	other thing I should tell you, if you say
16	anything, state your name first so that the court
17	reporter knows who's speaking. So can you repeat
18	that?
19	MS. MOUNTAIN: Yes. Martha Mountain.
20	I was suggesting that Jonathan should probably be
21	the designated person since he is on the board.
22	MR. GIFFORD: Yes.
23	MS. FLETCHER: That would be Jonathan
24	Gifford.
25	MR. GIFFORD: Gifford, right.

1	MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Gifford, you're
2	going to be designated representative for this
3	group?
4	MR. GIFFORD: I am, yes.
5	MS. FLETCHER: And just to clarify for
6	the record, when the protest was filed, Jennifer
7	Toth, J-E-N-N-I-F-E-R, Toth, T-O-T-H, listed
8	herself as a designated representative so Mr.
9	Gifford, is it going to be the both of you or
10	just you?
11	MR. GIFFORD: It would be both of us
12	if that's if that is possible. Thank you.
13	MS. FLETCHER: That'll be fine. What
14	I'm going to need is your email address. You can
15	put that in the chat if you like or
16	MR. GIFFORD: Sure, yes I did do
17	that.(Off mic.)
18	MS. FLETCHER: if you don't want to
19	state it publicly, I'll just need to have your
20	email address so that future communication come
21	to you.
22	MR. GIFFORD: Okay. I'll send a
23	private chat to you so.
24	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. So
25	this regarding this protest, this protest,

according to the protest letter, was filed by the 1 2 association; is that your understanding as well -3 - filed by the condo association; is that your 4 understanding as well? 5 Yes. MR. GIFFORD: That is correct. MS. FLETCHER: That's what's on the 6 7 line? MR. GIFFORD: Jonathan Gifford 8 9 responding. Yes, that's correct. 10 MS. FLETCHER: Well, Mr. Gifford, 11 condominium associations do not have standing to 12 file a protest under our regulations, and that's going to be pursuant to D.C. Official Code 25601. 13 There you will find a list of entities that have 14 15 standing to file a protest. A condominium 16 association does not have standing to file a 17 protest. There are -- so as a condominium 18 association, the protest would have to be 19 dismissed. 20 I have a question for you, though. 21 10 of you appear today. Were you thinking that 22 you were filing as a group of individuals? 23 MR. GIFFORD: Yes, I think so. 24 MS. FLETCHER: I tell you why I'm 25 asking. The condominium association has to be

dismissed as a protestant, because condominiums do not have standing as protestants. So what that means is that a board order will be issued to dismiss the condominium association as a protestant. The protest letter says that the condominium association is filing the protest, not individuals that reside in the condominium. If you had filed your protest as a group of 10 individuals, then you would be granted standing as 10 individuals.

And so what's going to happen, the condominium association is going to be dismissed as a protestant. The condominium association is going to receive an order dismissing the protest. That dismissal order is going to go to the condominium association, not to you as individuals.

Upon receipt of that order dismissing the condominium association, you'll have 10 days upon receipt of that order to ask the Board to reinstate your protest. The Board has the authority to do that, of course. The Board's agent, that's me, I don't have the authority to grant standing to a group of individuals in a case where the protest was filed by an

association. But you may ask the Board to reconsider this finding today if your understanding was that you were filing a protest as a group of individuals and not as an association. You can inform the ABC Board that that was your intention or your understanding, and the Board can decide to grant standing to you as a group of 10. Any questions about that from anybody?

MR. CASTAGNOLA: What about the -- I think we had close to 40 or 50 people that were part of the condo protest in writing. Those people aren't considered if they're not on this meeting?

MS. FLETCHER: So none of the people are considered, not even you because the protest was filed by the association, not by a group of individuals. If upon receipt of the order dismissing the association, the association decides to ask the Board to grant standing to the residents in the condominium association that signed the protest letter, if the Board decides to do that, then standing would be granted to the entire group. So even today if standing had been granted to the 10 of you that are present today,

that would include the additional 30 people. 1 2 only need to see five people in person in order 3 to grant standing to a group no matter how large 4 the group is. 5 Mr. Gifford, do you or any of the other members of the condominium association have 6 7 any questions? 8 MR. GIFFORD: Let me just repeat to 9 make sure that I understand. So this -- is the 10 term petition or --11 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. 12 MR. GIFFORD: -- our petition as a condo association will be dismissed because 13 14 condominium associations do not have standing? 15 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. 16 MR. GIFFORD: Within 10 day -- and 17 that will be emailed to us, mailed to us? MS. FLETCHER: Yes. That'll be 18 emailed to -- well, right now we have Jennifer 19 20 Toth as the designated representative, but it 21 would be emailed to both of you. 22 MR. GIFFORD: Okay. Thank you. I'm sorry. Go ahead, 23 MS. FLETCHER: 24 Mr. Gifford. Okay. So once we receive that, then we have 10 calendar days, 10 business days? 25

MS. FLETCHER: Ten calendar days.

MR. GIFFORD: Ten calendar days to file an appeal to the Board requesting that they recognize the 40 individuals who --

MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. GIFFORD: -- signed our petition as a group of individuals and to grant them standing on this matter going forward?

MS. FLETCHER: that's exactly right. And so you'll be filing a request for reinstatement. It's not an appeal. So what happens when you receive the Board order, it'll tell you that if you wish to seek standing as a protestant -- that's the language, but the language is right there and you email the -- our general counsel, I'll give you her name, and she'll put your request on the Board's agenda for review. Our general counsel's name is Martha Jenkins, and her name is spelled Martha.Jenkins@dc.gov. It's Martha Jenkins. So you would write your request to the Board for consideration, but send it to Martha and she'll place it on the Board's agenda for review. And also, Mr. Gifford, you can include in your request the 10 individuals from your group who

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are present today, and so maybe you were under the impression that you filed as a group. But the protest letter indicates that a protest was being filed by the association.

MR. GIFFORD: Okay. And so may I clarify one more thing? So the request for reinstatement should be coming from the condominium association?

MS. FLETCHER: It should be coming from the condominium association, because that's who filed the protest.

MR. GIFFORD: Right.

MS. FLETCHER: And so the condominium association would be asking the Board to reconsider the dismissal of the protest because the intention was to file a protest on behalf of the individuals, the individuals intended to file a protest. I'm assuming, Mr. Gifford, that you thought that you had filed the protest?

MR. GIFFORD: Yes.

MS. FLETCHER: So you and everyone here thought that you had fled the protest, and so that's why the 10 of you appeared. You didn't know that the association filed the protest. They didn't file it on behalf of a group of

individuals. They filed it as an association. 1 2 Just so that you know, the protest letter 3 actually says, "The association protests the 4 application." 5 MR. GIFFORD: Okay. And so, you know, maybe 6 MS. FLETCHER: 7 -- you know, I'm assuming they didn't -- weren't aware that an association doesn't have standing 8 9 to file a protest. 10 MR. GIFFORD: Thank you. I think I 11 understand. So that request for reinstatement 12 should ask the Board to reinstate the complaint on behalf of the 40 individuals who together --13 14 you know, who have joined together to oppose --15 or, you know, to participate in this hearing or in this --16 17 MS. FLETCHER: Exactly. 18 MR. GIFFORD: -- or in this 19 proceeding. 20 MS. FLETCHER: Exactly. 21 And that -- right -- and MR. GIFFORD: 22 that we would -- and then we'll -- we can 23 provide, again, the names of those individuals 24 who signed. 25 Well, you won't need to MS. FLETCHER:

because we already have those right here. 1 2 MR. GIFFORD: Okay. 3 MS. FLETCHER: I have all the names. 4 MR. GIFFORD: Okay. 5 MS. FLETCHER: And so you'll be -- the association will be asking the Board to recognize 6 7 a group of five or more --8 MR. GIFFORD: Okay. 9 MS. FLETCHER: -- recognize a group of 10 five or more because based on what you're saying, 11 it sounds like the intention was for the 12 individuals, the residents to file a protest. 13 That was -- that's why you're all here today. 14 MR. GIFFORD: Okay. Thank you. I 15 think I understand. 16 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. 17 MR. GIFFORD: I appreciate your 18 explanation. 19 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome. And so our record will reflect all of the 20 21 individuals that were present today. If the 22 Board grants standing to you as a group of five, 23 you won't need to reappear for a hearing today. 24 If they do that, I'll contact you -- I'll know as 25 well -- contact you and get this -- get you back

1 on track. 2 MR. GIFFORD: All right. I appreciate 3 your help. Thank you. 4 MR. ROCKLIN: Ms. Fletcher? 5 MR. GIFFORD: Thank you very much. MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome, Mr. 6 7 Gifford. So what we're going to do in a minute -8 9 (Audio interference.) MS. GIBSON: I can't tell who's 10 11 speaking right now. Give me a moment. I need to 12 ask if they can put themselves on mute. 13 And also, one last thing, Mr. Gifford. 14 If you have any other questions beyond today, 15 you've got my email address. You received the 16 roll call hearing notice from me, Laverne 17 Fletcher, and so --18 MR. GIFFORD: Yes. 19 MS. FLETCHER: -- you got my contact information on that notice. So feel free to 20 21 contact me if you have any questions beyond 22 today. 23 MR. GIFFORD: All right. Thank you 24 very much. 25 MS. FLETCHER: You are very welcome.

1	MR. ROCKLIN: Ms. Fletcher?
2	MS. FLETCHER: Who's speaking?
3	MR. ROCKLIN: This is Neil Rocklin
4	from
5	MS. FLETCHER: Yes, Mr. Rocklin.
6	MR. ROCKLIN: from ANC 2F02.
7	Apologies for not being able to get on when you
8	were recognizing me.
9	MS. FLETCHER: I see you.
10	MR. ROCKLIN: Okay. Great. So I'm
11	representing ANC 2F and we filed a protest.
12	Commissioner Joe Florio, 2F03 is representing the
13	ANC 2F but is onto on today, but I am. And so
14	I'm representing NAC 2F.
15	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. I was just
16	getting ready to discuss that with you, Mr.
17	Rocklin. First of all, could you spell your name
18	for the record?
19	MR. ROCKLIN: Certain. Neil, N-E-I-L,
20	last name Rocklin, R-O-C-K-L-I-N.
21	MS. FLETCHER: And I'm going to spell
22	Mr. Florio's name, is Joe Florio.
23	MR. ROCKLIN: Joe, J-O-E, Florio, F-L-
24	O-R-I-O.
25	MS. FLETCHER: Exactly. And just to

be clear on the record, initially, Mr. Florio was 1 2 going to appear today as the representative on 3 behalf of ANC 2F. Mr. Rocklin, I knew that you were going to be present today as well, and so 4 5 because you are present today, ANC 2F is granted standing as a protestant. Beyond today, are we 6 7 going to contact Mr. Florio, Mr. Rocklin, or you? 8 MR. ROCKLIN: Yes, Mr. Florio. 9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. And 10 so we have ANC 2F as a protestant and SJG 11 Properties does have standing as an abutting 12 property owner. Per the D.C. Geographic 13 Information System, those properties are 14 abutting. 15 Which properties are the MR. VASSAR: 16 -- I'm sorry -- Thomas Vassar. 17 Oh, hi, Mr. Vassar. MS. FLETCHER: 18 MR. VASSAR: Which properties are 19 those? 20 MS. FLETCHER: The properties that are 21 abutting are the property of Vegas Lounge, which 22 is located at 1415 P Street NW, and the property 23 of 1425 P Street NW. Those two properties are 24 abutting. That apartment building abuts the

establishment.

1	MR. VASSAR: So 14 Tom Vassar again
2	so SJG Properties is representing 1425 P
3	Street?
4	MS. FLETCHER: Yes. SJG Properties is
5	the protestant. They filed a protest as an
6	abutting property owner against the license
7	renewal, and SJG Properties is granted standing
8	as a protestant because, according to the D.C.
9	Geographic Information System, the properties are
10	abutting.
11	MR. VASSAR: Thank you. Ms. Fletcher,
12	Mr. Vassar again. Just for the record, I have
13	not or I don't believe Vegas Lounge has not
14	received a copy of the SJG protest or the ANC
15	protest.
16	MS. FLETCHER: Well, we sent them but
17	I'll send them to you.
18	MR. VASSAR: I appreciate it.
19	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So I will send
20	the protest letters to you, Mr. Vassar.
21	MR. VASSAR: Please, I appreciate
22	that.
23	MS. FLETCHER: And if you have any
24	questions or concerns beyond that, you can let me
25	know.

1	MR. VASSAR: Of course.
2	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So let I'm
3	making a note now to send those to you. Anything
4	else, Mr. Vassar?
5	MR. VASSAR: No. I reserve the right,
6	after receiving the letters and reviewing the
7	letters, reserve the right to protest object
8	to the standing of the entities involved.
9	MS. FLETCHER: Exactly. And if you
10	decide to do that, you would just make that
11	petition to the ABC Board through Martha Jenkins,
12	Martha.Jenkins@dc.gov.
13	MR. VASSAR: All right.
14	MS. FLETCHER: And she will place that
15	request on the Board's review for on the
16	Board's agenda for review.
17	MR. VASSAR: And then
18	MS. FLETCHER: I'm going yes?
19	MR. VASSAR: My apologies. Mr. Vassar
20	again. And in the event there is a request for
21	reinstatement, I assume I'm allowed to respond to
22	that as well?
23	MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry. What was
24	the last part of that question, Mr. Vassar?
25	MR. VASSAR: My apologies. In the

event there is a request for reinstatement, I 1 2 assume that, on behalf of Vegas Lounge, I'm 3 entitled to respond to that as well? MS. FLETCHER: Yes. I'm glad you 4 mentioned that. Mr. Gifford? 5 MR. GIFFORD: 6 Yes. 7 MS. FLETCHER: When the association 8 files a request for the Board to grant standing 9 to the group, you would need to send a copy of 10 that request to Mr. Vassar. Mr. Vassar is the establishment's attorney, and so you would need 11 12 to -- the association would need to send a copy 13 of your request to Vegas Lounge as well to give 14 them an opportunity to respond to your request. 15 MR. GIFFORD: Okay. And how will I 16 reach Mr. Vassar? Jonathan Gifford asking. 17 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Vassar, did you 18 want to provide your contact information now? 19 MR. VASSAR: When you send the order 20 of dismissal, can you copy me on that email, and 21 that way he can capture my email? 22 MS. FLETCHER: Well, you will be included on that order of dismissal. 23 24 MR. VASSAR: And he will be able to 25 see my email address there?

MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. VASSAR: Thank you.

MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. I'm going to -- and vice versa, Mr. Gifford. If Mr. Vassar petitions the ABC Board regarding the protest filed by SJG Properties, you would be copied on it as well. Everybody has to be copied on everything that comes before the Board so that everybody knows what's going on and everybody has an opportunity to respond to everything.

We need to set a date for a mediation, a status hearing and a protest hearing. And Mr. Gifford, you can also write these dates down. Ιf the Board grants standing to your group prior to any of these dates, you'll just become a part of -- you'll be put back on track. So I'm going to set a date for mediation in a minute. You can write that date down, too, so you can get back on track. These are the dates. I'm going to give you the date for the status and protest hearing first.

The status hearing is set for February 15, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. The protest hearing is set for March 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

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occur prior to February 15th. Just I'm going to 1 2 acknowledge the fact that Ms. Toth, you are 3 present now? Ms. Toth? 4 MS. TOTH: Yes. I'm sorry. Yes, I'm 5 here. MS. FLETCHER: So Ms. Toth? 6 7 MS. TOTH: Yes. 8 MS. FLETCHER: Would you please state 9 your name and spell it for the record, please? 10 MS. TOTH: My name is Jennifer Toth, 11 J-E-N-N-I-F-E-R, T-O-T-H. 12 MS. FLETCHER: So Ms. Toth, you signed 13 the protest letter as the president of the Metro Condominium Residents Association? 14 15 MS. TOTH: Yes. 16 MS. FLETCHER: I'm assuming you're 17 just joining us now? 18 MS. TOTH: Yes. 19 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So I'm going to 20 bring you up to day on what transpired before you The condominium association was 21 ioined. 22 dismissed as a protestant because condominium 23 associations do not have standing as protestants. 24 What I explained is that condominium associations 25 do not have standing as protestants, but there

are 10 individuals present today that reside in the condominium, and they were under the impression that their group of 40 had filed a protest and that you had filed a protest on behalf of the group of 40. Was that your understanding as well?

MS. TOTH: Yes.

MS. FLETCHER: And so the protest letter, because the protest letter says that the association filed the protest, the protest filed by the association has to be dismissed. What that means is that upon receipt of the Board order dismissing the association as a protestant, you'll have an opportunity to ask the Board to grant standing to this group of 40. It sounds like that may have been your intention but that's not what happened. So we have to go by what the protest letter says.

MS. TOTH: I understand.

MS. FLETCHER: And so, Ms. Toth, once you receive the Board order dismissing the protest, if you decide to ask the Board to grant standing to the group of 40 individuals, you'll need to copy Mr. Vassar. Mr. Vassar is the attorney representing Vegas Lounge. He's present

on the line today. If you request standing as a protestant, you'll need to copy him on your request to the Board. You'll find his contact information on the order dismissing the protest. Everybody's contact information will be there, all of the designated representatives' contact information will be there.

Also, Mr. Gifford -- before you

Also, Mr. Gifford -- before you appeared, Mr. Gifford agreed to be a designated representative for the group because you had not yet appeared and we need a designated representative for any group. So my question to you is, will the designated representatives now be you and Mr. Gifford?

MS. TOTH: Yes.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

MR. VASSAR: Ms. Fletcher, Mr. Vassar here.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. VASSAR: I have a conflict with the mediation date of February 15th -- I'm sorry -- the status of February 15th. Can we possibly have another date?

MS. FLETCHER: So the dates that I'm giving you today are the dates provided to me

based on the Board's calendar. So I don't manage the Board's calendar but -- so that's the date that I have to give to you, Mr. Vassar, but if you would want to change that date, also, that request would go to Martha Jenkins, and the designated representatives in this group. it's a joint request -- can make it a joint request if everybody would be in agreement to it. Otherwise, you can just request it. And I'll You may just say one other thing, Mr. Vassar. know this already but at the status hearing, the Board will ask -- basically just be asking the status of the case. You will have had mediation They'll want to know if mediation by then. resulted in a resolution of the matter or not. So there are no decisions made at the status hearing, and so -- unless there's a -- unless the Board decides to address the motion for reconsideration at the status hearing. have Mr. Kittrell to appear for the status hearing if you want, but if you prefer to reschedule it to a day that you can come, Mr. Vassar, then you can just inform Martha Jenkins, and she'll get back to you about changing the date.

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1 MR. VASSAR: Okay. I appreciate that. But I'll let her know. 2 MS. FLETCHER: 3 But you are going to be requesting to change the 4 date, right, Mr. Vassar? 5 I need to confer with my MR. VASSAR: client before I respond to that, so I will let 6 7 Ms. Jenkins know. 8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. All right. So 9 Ms. Toth, how do you pronounce your last name 10 again? I think we're saying it wrong again. 11 MS. TOTH: It has a "long o," Toth, 12 but either way is fine. 13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So Ms. Toth, 14 what we're in the process of doing is scheduling 15 dates for upcoming proceedings. And if the Board 16 grants standing to the group of individuals prior 17 to any of these dates, then your protest will be 18 back on track, and these dates would also apply 19 to you. 20 So we have a status hearing scheduled 21 for February 15, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. That's a 22 status hearing. And there is a protest hearing 23 scheduled for March the 22nd, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. 24 And we were in the process of

scheduling a date for mediation. I am going to

give you the next available day. 1 2 MR. VASSAR: Ms. Fletcher, this is Mr. 3 Vassar. Are these in-person hearings? I 4 obviously --5 Everything is MS. FLETCHER: No. still virtual for now. 6 7 MR. VASSAR: Including the protest? 8 MS. FLETCHER: Including the protest. 9 MR. VASSAR: Okay. 10 MS. FLETCHER: So once we set a date 11 for mediation, I'll send you the Webex invitation 12 for mediation. Someone else on the staff sends 13 out Webex links for the status and protest 14 hearing, but you'll get the Webex invite from me. 15 Let's see here. So let's look at the next 16 available day. Trying to see if I can squeeze you in in January. We could do it on January the 17 18 30th at 11:30 in the morning. Anybody's 19 available January 30, that's a Monday. That's 20 not good for everyone, then we can move to 21 February. 22 MR. VASSAR: 30th is -- sorry -- this 23 is Mr. Vassar -- 30th at 11:30 is okay. 24 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Fletcher, Jonathan Gifford here. Question, in terms of our request

for reinstatement, is it likely that the Board will have been able to decide on that prior to January 30th?

MS. FLETCHER: The Board meets every Wednesday and by then, they will have met on the 18th and the 25th. If you were to get your request in today, there's a possibility they would see it tomorrow. If not, it would be on the 25th.

MR. GIFFORD: Okay. And are we likely to get our notice today?

MS. FLETCHER: So I -- actually, I'm not involved in sending out notices and Board orders, etcetera, but they go out pretty quickly. I don't know, actually. I doubt that it's going to go out today. I imagine it will go out by the end of the week. That's a good question because we're on a tight timeframe here in terms of the status hearing, but I imagine you would have it before the 25th.

MR. GIFFORD: If we were to go ahead with the mediation on January 30th at 11:30 and the Board had not yet been able to consider our request for reinstatement, would we be able to participate in the mediation or not?

MS. FLETCHER: Not as -- not -- you would not be able to participate in the mediation, because mediation is confidential and for the parties only. And at that point, you would not be a party. Let's say the Board granted you standing as a group after the 30th, then I would contact you and we would talk about setting another mediation.

I should also tell you this. The ANC

I should also tell you this. The ANC is a protestant in this case, and if an ANC enters into a settlement agreement with an establishment, if there is a group of individuals that have been granted standing as a protestant, the group of individuals is dismissed. That may not happen in this case. The NAC may not enter into an agreement. We don't know yet but that's just something -- I'm just telling you FYI.

MR. GIFFORD: So the ANC's agreement would then foreclose any continued protest by the owners or by SJG, is that correct?

MS. FLETCHER: It would be -- this would be related to the group of individuals only.

MR. GIFFORD: Oh.

MS. FLETCHER: Related to the group of

individuals only but, you know, ANCs represent 1 2 the entire community so ideally, your concerns 3 would be addressed in any agreement that the ANC 4 would enter into. So I don't know if you all 5 have attended ANC meetings at this point, or if the ANC is aware of your group's concerns related 6 7 to the establishment, but you would have time to 8 share your concerns with the ANC. 9 MS. MOUNTAIN: Ms. Fletcher, I have a 10 question for you. This is Martha Mountain. 11 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. 12 MS. MOUNTAIN: Is there any -- since 13 we know that we are going to -- that the 14 association is going to be dismissed, is there 15 any reason for Jonathan and Jennifer to not send 16 the reinstatement request right away? Do they 17 have to wait to be informed, or can they just do 18 that? 19 MS. FLETCHER: Well, yes, because the 20 action has -- there's nothing -- the action hasn't happened yet. 21 22 Thank you. MS. MOUNTAIN: 23 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. 24 MR. ROCKLIN: Ms. Fletcher?

Yes.

MS. FLETCHER:

1	MR. ROCKLIN: This is Neil Rocklin
2	from ANC 2F. The date for mediation, January the
3	30th is prior to our next meeting, ANC meeting in
4	February, so I would like to delay the meeting
5	until after our ANC to give the residents an
6	opportunity to come before the ANC in February.
7	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And when is the
8	next ANC meeting?
9	MR. ROCKLIN: It's the first Wednesday
10	in February.
11	MS. FLETCHER: That would be February
12	1?
13	MR. ROCKLIN: Yes.
14	MS. FLETCHER: Well, what about
15	well, we could do mediation on Friday, February
16	3rd or Wednesday, February 8th anytime between
17	10:00 and 1:30.
18	MR. ROCKLIN: Either date. I have no
19	preference for either date. Does
20	MR. VASSAR: This is the sorry, my
21	apologies.
22	MR. ROCKLIN: Do the other protest
23	the other people with potential standing have any
24	preference for a date?
25	MS. FLETCHER: Well, what about

1	okay, so Mr. Rocklin, you're okay with the 3rd or
2	the 8th. What about Mr. Blanchard, what about
3	SJG Properties?
4	MR. BLANCHARD: I'll let Mr.
5	Brownfield talk about his availability first.
6	MR. BROWNFIELD: Ted Brownfield, SJG
7	Properties. I can do either the 3rd or the 8th.
8	I have no preference.
9	MS. FLETCHER: Looking at the 8th.
10	MR. BLANCHARD: And my arrangements
11	counsel, I'm available either of those days as
12	well, the 3rd or the 8th of February.
13	MR. VASSAR: Ms. Fletcher, this is Mr.
14	Vassar. I'll go ahead and chime in. I'm not
15	available on February 8th.
16	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And everybody's
17	available on February 3rd?
18	Mr. Rocklin: Yes.
19	Mr. Brownfield: Yes.
20	MR. GIFFORD: I am Mr. Gifford
21	here. I am not available on February 3rd.
22	MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Toth, are you
23	available on February 3rd
24	MS. TOTH: Yes.
25	MS. FLETCHER: at 10 okay. So

1	Mr. Vassar, you're available?
2	MR. VASSAR: Yes, ma'am, on the 3rd.
3	MS. FLETCHER: On the 3rd at 10:00.
4	Mr. Rocklin, you're available on the 3rd at
5	10:00. Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Brownfield are
6	available on the 3rd at 10:00. Ms. Toth?
7	MS. TOTH: Yes.
8	MS. FLETCHER: If your group is
9	granted standing prior to that, that will be the
10	date of the mediation, and you would receive an
11	invitation to appear as well.
12	MS. TOTH: Thank you.
13	MS. FLETCHER: If your group is
14	granted standing and for some reason you don't
15	hear from me, contact me and let me know.
16	MS. TOTH: Okay.
17	MR. GIFFORD: And what was the time on
18	the 3rd?
19	MS. FLETCHER: It's 10:00 a.m. So it
20	can be anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30. I
21	just chose 10:00 but if that doesn't work, then
22	we can change it. And
23	MR. VASSAR: Ms. Fletcher, this is Mr.
24	Vassar. The protest letters that I have seen are
25	somewhat vague and simply reference peace, order,

1	and quiet. I'm wondering if the new protest can
2	be requested can be a little more specific
3	about what the problem is, cause we have no idea.
4	MS. FLETCHER: We'll actually have to
5	discuss that during mediation. That's all that
6	needs to be said in a protest letter. And so
7	when that's all
8	MR. VASSAR: Okay.
9	MS. FLETCHER: just said, we get
LO	particulars during mediation, so none of us
L1	MR. VASSAR: I guess I'm just
L2	MS. FLETCHER: that's all I know,
L3	too, at this stage.
L 4	MR. VASSAR: Yes. I'm just trying to
L5	find out to resolve, that's all.
L6	MS. FLETCHER: I know. Sometimes we
L 7	get more information, sometimes we don't.
L8	MR. VASSAR: Okay.
L9	MS. FLETCHER: Any other
20	MR. CASTAGNOLA: Ms. Fletcher, Thomas
21	Castagnola from the group of individuals, the 10
22	here.
23	MS. FLETCHER: Yes.
24	MR. CASTAGNOLA: I was just wondering,
25	because the signed forms were due on December

22nd -- or 27th, and we had -- we don't feel like 1 2 we had enough people that participated or we -when we resubmit our paperwork, can we have more 3 4 individuals to group or protest that as well? 5 No. The petition MS. FLETCHER: deadline to file a protest was December 27th. 6 7 MR. CASTAGNOLA: Yes. So we can't add 8 people to that. 9 MS. FLETCHER: You can't -- exactly. 10 But you said you have a group of 40 now? 11 MR. CASTAGNOLA: Yes, well, I think 12 so. 13 MS. FLETCHER: For us, we just need a 14 group of five, so that other 35 that you have 15 doesn't change anything on our end. 16 MR. CASTAGNOLA: Okay. 17 MS. FLETCHER: So the more you have 18 does not increase the validity of the protest. 19 MR. CASTAGNOLA: And in terms of the 20 ANC meeting, if more individuals go to that 21 meeting and express their concerns, is that like 22 documented somehow that there's like a huge 23 showing in the neighborhood, or it isn't? 24 ANC's just going to say no one wants it or

something?

MS. FLETCHER: You know, the ANC -well, the ANC can tell you what happens at those
community meetings. They'll hear your concerns
and I suppose take them into consideration. They
may be the same concerns that the ANC has. I
don't know. That's something that happens
outside of ABRA.

MR. CASTAGNOLA: So there's no value of an overwhelming showing?

MS. FLETCHER: No, not at the -- we're not involved in any community meeting at all.

You will just have an opportunity to inform the ANC about what your concerns, which is something that Mr. Rocklin requested an opportunity for that to happen. That wasn't a requirement.

That's just something that he offered to the community. It's not a requirement that he do that.

MR. CASTAGNOLA: Thank you.

MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

Anything else before we close? Well, if you think of anything else, everybody has my email address and feel free to contact me at any time. I've got mediation scheduled for Friday, February 3 at 10:00 a.m. I'll send out the Webex

1	invitations. And I'd like to thank everyone for
2	coming.
3	(Chorus of thank you's.)
4	MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. I'll
5	see you on the 3rd.
6	PARTICIPANT: Thank you very much.
7	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. The
8	roll call hearing in this matter is now
9	concluded.
10	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
11	went off the record at 10:50 a.m.)
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