

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF:      :
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New Leaf Smoke Shop LLC :
t/a New Leaf Smoke Shop :
416 H Street NE        : Roll Call
Class MC - ANC 6C       : Hearing
License No. 126727      :
Case #24-PRO-00004      :
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(New Medical             :
Cannabis Retailer)      :
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Monday
January 29, 2024

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:

ISSA BANNOURAH, Applicant
DREW COURTNEY, ANC 6C

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

2 10:13 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the
4 calendar is New Leaf Smoke Shop. This is case
5 number 24-PRO-000 -- Issa, I'm hearing noise in
6 your background, what are you guys hearing?

7 MR. BANNOURAH: I just unmuted my
8 microphone. What are you guys hearing?

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. The next case on
10 the calendar is -- it's actually your case.

11 MR. BANNOURAH: Yes.

12 MS. FLETCHER: That's New Leaf Smoke
13 Shop, case number 24-PRO-00004. New Leaf Smoke
14 Shop, LLC, 416 H Street Northeast, license number
15 126727. This is a class MC for a new medical
16 cannabis retailer. The protest issues are
17 adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet,
18 residential parking, and vehicular and pedestrian
19 safety and real property values. My name is
20 Laverne Fletcher conducting the roll call hearing
21 as the Board's agent. Is anyone present on
22 behalf of New Leaf Smoke Shop?

23 MR. BANNOURAH: I am present. Owner
24 Issa Bannourah. It's spelled I-S-S-A, B as in
25 boy, A, N like no, N like no, O-U-R-A-H. For New

1 Leaf Smoke Shop.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

3 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 6C?

4 MR. COURTNEY: Yes, I am. My name is
5 Drew Courtney, and I am the designated
6 representative. D-R-E-W, last name C-O-U-R-T-N-
7 E-Y.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. ANC 6C does
9 have standing as a Protestant. We need to set a
10 date for, status, and protest hearing. I'll give
11 you the dates for the status and protest hearing
12 first. The status hearing is scheduled for
13 February 14, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. The protest
14 hearing is set for March 20, 2024 at 1:30. I
15 will give you the next available date for
16 mediation. The next available day is Wednesday,
17 February 7 anytime between 10:30 and 1:30.

18 MR. COURTNEY: I'm sorry, I can't do
19 anything on the 7th. I have a medical issue.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, the 8th is
21 available.

22 MR. COURTNEY: I can do the 8th.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Thursday, February 8,
24 Thursday -- or, February 9. Both those dates are
25 available, anytime between 10:30 and 1:30.

1 MR. COURTNEY: I can do on the 8th
2 anytime before 1:00 p.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. What about 11:30
4 on the 8th, would that work for you, Mr.
5 Courtney?

6 MR. COURTNEY: Yes.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Will that work for you,
8 Mr. Bannourah?

9 MR. BANNOURAH: Yes, ma'am. Just so
10 I'm on the same page, this is mediation in the
11 hopes that we can --

12 (Simultaneous speaking.)

13 MS. FLETCHER: Excuse me, one second.
14 For the court reporter, this is Mr. Bannourah
15 speaking.

16 MR. BANNOURAH: Yes.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Say that one
18 more time, please.

19 MR. BANNOURAH: The question is, this
20 mediation is in hopes to come up with some kind
21 of agreement before the actual hearing itself?

22 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, to resolve the
23 matter in some way, if possible. Mediation is a
24 requirement. You're not required to resolve the
25 matter in mediation, but you have an opportunity

1 to do so.

2 MR. BANNOURAH: Right. Can I just
3 speak on how silly their protest is for property
4 value --

5 (Simultaneous speaking.)

6 MS. FLETCHER: Actually, this is not
7 the time. Mr. Bannourah, no.

8 MR. BANNOURAH: I mean, we've been in
9 operation seven years.

10 MS. FLETCHER: This -- this is not the
11 time. We'll talk about it later. We have
12 mediation coming up, and we'll get a chance to
13 talk about your concerns at that time.

14 MR. BANNOURAH: For sure.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, I will set
16 the mediation for February 8 at 11:30 a.m. And I
17 will send out the WebEx invitation, and I will
18 see you at that time.

19 MR. BANNOURAH: Lovely. Thank you so
20 kindly, Ms. Fletcher, I appreciate you.

21 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.
22 Okay.

23 Anything, Mr. Courtney?

24 MR. COURTNEY: Nope, that's great.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

1 The roll call hearing in this matter is
2 concluded. Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
4 went off the record at 10:18 a.m.)

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Place: teleconference

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Court Reporter

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