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2 10:07 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on  
4 behalf of Food 7 Store? Is anyone present on  
5 behalf of -- I'm sorry, what was that?

6 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: Again, this is  
7 Biniam Habtemichael. I'm the owner of the  
8 supermarket.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, okay, thank you.  
10 Let me get your name, just a second.

11 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: Okay.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Can you pronounce your  
13 last name for me again, please.

14 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: Habtemichael.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, it's just like  
16 it's spelled.

17 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: H like house, A  
18 like apple, B like boy --

19 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

20 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: T like teacher, E  
21 like Edward, M as in Mary, I as international, C  
22 as like cat, H as a house, A as apple, E as  
23 Edward, L as a Language. Habtemichael.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Can you spell the first  
25 name, too, please?

1 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: First name B like  
2 boy, I as international, N as in Nancy, I as  
3 international, A as apple, M as in Mary, Biniam.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, well, thank you  
5 very much. And present on behalf of ANC 5D?

6 MS. MOORE: Yes, Commissioner Sydelle  
7 Moore, and I am the Chairperson of ANC 5D.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Moore.  
9 Can you spell your name for the record, please.

10 MS. MOORE: Yes. S as in Sam, Y as in  
11 yellow, D as in dog, E-L-L-E, last name M-O-O-R-  
12 E.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Moore.  
14 ANC 5D does have standing as a protestant. We  
15 need to set a date for a mediation. I'll give  
16 you the next available day. One second please.

17 MS. MOORE: And I just had a quick  
18 question while you were looking that up.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah.

20 MS. MOORE: Mr. Habtemichael, are you  
21 representing Zacharias, or has there been a  
22 transfer of the license?

23 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: I'm sorry?

24 MS. FLETCHER: Go ahead, I didn't mean  
25 to interrupt. Mr. Habtemichael, are you the

1 licensee?

2 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: Yeah, I'm the  
3 license, yeah.

4 MR. RICHMAN: Let me clarify. I'm  
5 really sorry. This is Max Richman, I live in  
6 Deanwood, in Ward 7. Mr. Habtemichael is in --  
7 his business is in Deanwood, and it's a different  
8 ABRA case than the one in Ward 5.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Can you say that again,  
10 Mr. Richman?

11 MR. RICHMAN: Sure. I just think to  
12 prevent some confusion, Mr. Habtemichael, his  
13 business is Suburban Market, it's in the Deanwood  
14 area in ANC 7C. So I just want to make sure  
15 there's no confusion here on the call.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you for clearing  
17 that up. So Mr. Habtemichael, you're here for  
18 Suburban Market.

19 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: Yes, ma'am.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, I'm calling the  
21 case of -- I'm calling a different case, but  
22 that's okay. Is anyone present on behalf of Food  
23 7 Store? Excuse me.

24 (No response.)

25 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Moore, have you had

1 any communication with anyone from Food 7 Store?

2 MS. MOORE: Not recently, and I've  
3 reached out several times. I gave them notice,  
4 you know, of our protest. And I did get a  
5 response that he was out of the country but was  
6 aware of the protest and would be taking the  
7 necessary steps. But I didn't -- I have not  
8 heard from him since.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. The  
10 application to renew the license is dismissed  
11 because the Applicant is not present today. The  
12 ABC Board will issue a dismissal order dismissing  
13 the application because the Applicant is not  
14 present. And the Applicant will have ten days  
15 from the day that he receives the order to seek  
16 reinstatement, that's the Board's decision.

17 And if the application is reinstated,  
18 then I'll contact you, Ms. Moore, and we'll set  
19 up a date for mediation. But you probably know  
20 that part of the process already, right?

21 Okay and -- okay, well, then thank you  
22 very much for coming, and you know also, Ms.  
23 Moore, that you'll receive a copy of the order  
24 dismissing the application, so you'll be kept  
25 informed and abreast of what's going on.

1 MS. MOORE: Okay, thank you very much,  
2 appreciate it.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, well, thank you,  
4 nice to see you.

5 MS. MOORE: Always --

6 MS. FLETCHER: Talk to you soon.

7 Okay, take care, all right. Bye-bye.

8 The roll call hearing is concluded in  
9 the matter of Food 7 Store.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
11 went off the record at 10:12 a.m.)

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