

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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 Mechos Dominican Kitchen :  
 of Dakota Crossing, LLC :  
 t/a Mechos Dominican :  
 Kitchen :  
 2450 Market Street NE : Roll Call  
 Retailer CR - ANC 5C : Hearing  
 License No. 114514 :  
 Case #24-PRO-00015 :  
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 (Substantial Change - :  
 Entertainment Endorsement:  
 inside and outside in :  
 the summer garden) :  
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Monday  
 February 26, 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:

ARIS COMPRES, Applicant  
 TEQUIA HICKS DELGADO, ANC 5C03

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

2 (10:04 a.m.)

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, and now we're  
4 ready to get started. Thank you for  
5 participating in ABCA's public roll call hearing  
6 via the Webex platform provided by the DC Office  
7 of Open Government. My name is LaVerne Fletcher  
8 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's  
9 Agent.

10 There is one calendar -- one case on  
11 the calendar today. Just for the record, there  
12 were two initial -- the first one was resolved  
13 and so I won't read that case into the record.  
14 But the only case on the calendar today is Mechos  
15 Dominican Kitchen of Dakota Crossing, LLC,  
16 trading as Mechos Dominican Kitchen.

17 This is Case Number 24-PRO-00015, 2450  
18 Market Street, Northeast, License No. ABRA  
19 114514. This is a Retailer Class CR, a  
20 substantial change application for an  
21 entertainment endorsement inside and outside in  
22 the summer garden.

23 My name is LaVerne Fletcher conducting  
24 the roll call hearing as the board's agent. Is  
25 anyone present on behalf of the establishment?

1 MR. COMPRES: Yes, ma'am, my name is  
2 Aris Compres and I'm one of the partners at  
3 Mechos Dominican Kitchen.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Compres.  
5 Would you spell your name for the record, please?

6 MR. COMPRES: Sure, that's Aris, A-R-  
7 I-S. Last name is Compres, C-O-M-P-R-E-S.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.  
9 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 5C?

10 MS. HICKS DELGADO: Yes, I am. This  
11 is Tequia Hicks Delgado, ANC commissioner for 5C-  
12 03 speaking on behalf of ANC 5C.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Delgado.  
14 Would you spell your name for the record, please?

15 MS. HICKS DELGADO: My last name is a  
16 double last name. It's Hicks, H-I-C-K-S, space,  
17 Delgado, D-E-L-G-A-D-O. First name is Tequia, T-  
18 E-Q-U-I-A.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.  
20 ANC 5C does have standing as a protestant. We  
21 need to schedule a date -- actually we need to  
22 schedule several dates. Today I'm going to be  
23 giving you a date for mediation only. The date  
24 for the status and protest hearings before the  
25 board have not been made available to me yet, but

1 I'll give you those dates later on this morning.

2 So for now, we're just going to  
3 schedule a date for mediation. And I will give  
4 you the next available day. The next available  
5 day for mediation is Tuesday, March the 5th. Any  
6 time between 10:30 and 1:30.

7 MS. HICKS DELGADO: Are we scheduling  
8 in 30-minute increments or 45, or?

9 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, it could be 30-  
10 minute increments, just pretty -- any time just  
11 between those times, Ms. Delgado.

12 MS. HICKS DELGADO: 10:30's fine for  
13 me that morning.

14 MR. COMPRES: Yeah, that works for me  
15 too.

16 MS. FLETCHER: That works for you as  
17 well, Mr. Compres? Well, then --

18 MR. COMPRES: That's fine.

19 MS. FLETCHER: We'll schedule  
20 mediation for Tuesday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m.  
21 And I will send you the Webex invitation to  
22 attend the mediation; that's a virtual, as well.  
23 And so all -- I don't have the status hearing and  
24 the protest hearing dates right now. They will  
25 be -- the status hearing will be approximately 30

1 days from today. And then the protest hearing  
2 will be approximately 30 days from that, just to  
3 give you some idea.

4 MS. HICKS DELGADO: Okay, that's fine.

5 MS. FLETCHER: So we like to hold the  
6 mediation prior to the status hearing, and so  
7 we're doing that, so we're good on the date.

8 MR. COMPRES: Ms. Fletcher, I have a  
9 question.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Yes?

11 MR. COMPRES: If we're able to solve  
12 the problem in mediation on that date, on March  
13 5, will we still have to have those two hearings?

14 MS. FLETCHER: No. If this matter is  
15 resolved in mediation on the 5th and you enter  
16 into an agreement which you both sign, we will  
17 cancel any future proceedings. So the status  
18 hearing will be canceled. There will not be a  
19 protest hearing. The Board would review the  
20 agreement at -- when they approve it, if they  
21 approve it -- most likely they will approve it --  
22 then that's the end of it. Then you can -- the  
23 license can be issued.

24 MR. COMPRES: Okay, great.

25 MS. FLETCHER: And any other questions

1 about that, Mr. Compres?

2 MR. COMPRES: No.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Any questions about  
4 mediation, Ms. Delgado?

5 MS. HICKS DELGADO: No, that's the  
6 same thing I was asking. It seems like -- we've  
7 chatted a little bit, so we kind of have this  
8 understanding of what the issue is, and I think  
9 we can probably come to an agreement at that  
10 mediation.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, and so the --

12 MS. HICKS DELGADO: So yes. That's  
13 great news.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, that's  
15 good. The Board likes to give the parties an  
16 opportunity to resolve the issues, if they can,  
17 because that's preferable if you can do that.

18 MS. HICKS DELGADO: Yeah.

19 MS. FLETCHER: If not, we just keep  
20 moving along. But I will send you the Webex  
21 invitation and I will see you on the 5th. If for  
22 some reason you're able to resolve the matter  
23 before the 5th, you can let me know and I would  
24 also cancel the mediation.

25 MR. COMPRES: Okay.

1 MS. HICKS DELGADO: Okay.

2 MR. COMPRES: Great.

3 MS. HICKS DELGADO: All right, that  
4 sounds good to me.

5 MR. COMPRES: Same here.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Well, then, thank you  
7 very much for coming.

8 MR. COMPRES: Oh, thank you for your  
9 time and the opportunity.

10 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

11 MS. HICKS DELGADO: Yes, thank you.

12 MS. FLETCHER: I'll see you on the  
13 5th.

14 MR. COMPRES: All right.

15 MS. HICKS DELGADO: Yes, thank you.  
16 Thank you.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

18 MR. COMPRES: All right.

19 MS. FLETCHER: I'll sign out, then.

20 MR. COMPRES: Thank you, bye-bye.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Have a great day.

22 Okay, bye-bye.

23 MS. HICKS DELGADO: Bye.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Is there anyone present  
25 that I need to talk to?

1 (No response.)

2 MS. FLETCHER: I guess not. That's  
3 all we got. Thank you.

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