

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

2 10:50 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, the
4 next case on our calendar is Case Number 25-PRO-
5 00003, Georgetown Wellness Dispensary, License
6 Number 128852. Mr. Orellana, can you please
7 elevate the license, the applicant, and the
8 protestant in this case? It's my understanding
9 that the ANC from Georgetown was having some
10 problems, that maybe we can assist that person in
11 logging on.

12 MR. ORELLANA: Gwendolyn Lohse, your
13 access has been elevated. Mesut Demirci, your
14 access has been elevated. That is all, Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
16 thank you.

17 MR. DEMIRCI: Present.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, I
19 don't know who's saying present. Sir, do you
20 have a camera you can turn on?

21 MR. DEMIRCI: Yes, give me one moment,
22 please, sir.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, good
24 morning. Sir, can you spell and state your name
25 for the record?

1 MR. DEMIRCI: Good morning, sir, my
2 name is Mesut Demirci. First name Mesut, M-E-S-
3 U-T, last name Demirci, D-E-M-I-R-C-I.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your
5 relationship to this establishment, sir?

6 MR. DEMIRCI: I am the license holder
7 of the establishment.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
9 thank you. Ms. Lohse, can you please spell and
10 state your name for the record, ma'am, and your
11 relationship?

12 MS. LOHSE: Sure. Gwendolyn Lohse, G-
13 -W-E-N-D-O-L-Y-N, Lohse, L-O-H-S-E. And I am ANC
14 2E 06 commissioner that this establishment and
15 the applicant is located in.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, Ms. Lohse,
17 so you're representing ANC 2E?

18 MS. LOHSE: I am representing ANC 2E.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, thank
20 you. I try to make that clear, so you're not
21 representing ANC 2E 06, you're representing ANC
22 2E?

23 MS. LOHSE: Yes, and I'm the chair, as
24 well.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine.

1 Now, the reason I always say that when we have
2 these hearings, the person who appears, they're
3 representing the entire ANC and not just a single
4 member district, and that's one of the reasons
5 why because the Board only recognizes the ANC,
6 not a single member district. So that's one of
7 the reasons why I just ask you for clarification
8 of the record. Okay?

9 MS. LOHSE: Perfect.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay? Thanks
11 Gwen. All right, sir, I'll start with you. Are
12 there any preliminary matters you want to bring
13 to the attention of the Board? Any problems that
14 you're having, not substantive, just any problems
15 you're having with the process?

16 MR. DEMIRCI: No sir, no problems.
17 Ms. Lohse did send over a draft of the
18 settlement, which will be signed right after I
19 get off this meeting, so I think we're all on the
20 same page regarding this.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I am glad to
22 hear that. Ms. Lohse, any representation you
23 wish to make?

24 (No audible response.)

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, you know,

1 I like hearing that the parties reached
2 settlement because what it says is that the
3 parties are able to work together, that if we
4 have an establishment, the parties of it are able
5 to come to terms for their mutual benefit.

6 So, as I stated, as what was told, if
7 the parties have reached a settlement agreement,
8 send that agreement to the Board as soon as
9 possible so we can cancel this hearing, but if
10 this matter's now settled, it's scheduled for a
11 protest hearing on April 2, 2025, but as being
12 represented by the applicant, a settlement
13 agreement will be sent to the agency, and as soon
14 as we receive it we'll cancel the hearing, and
15 the Board will review it and make any approval or
16 reject. But normally the Board approves
17 settlement agreements as presented to us by our
18 legal office. Okay?

19 So, thank you for your presentation
20 here today and I look forward to receiving the
21 settlement so the Board can formally vote to
22 approve it.

23 MS. LOHSE: Thank you and thank you
24 for your recent enforcement efforts. I think the
25 legally licensed cannabis places appreciates it,

1 as well as the communities. And we hope you're
2 going to continue to focus on enforcement.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for
4 that representation, ma'am. Thank you very much.

5 MS. LOHSE: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You guys have
7 a great day.

8 MS. LOHSE: Great, thank you.

9 MR. DEMIRCI: Thank you.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
11 went off the record at 10:55 a.m.)
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