

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 ROLL CALL HEARING

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 IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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 1714 C, LLC :  
 t/a Rosemarino D'Italia :  
 1714 Connecticut Ave NW :  
 License #109613 : Roll Call  
 Retailer CT - ANC 2B : Hearing  
 Case #22-PRO-00012 :  
 :  
 (Substantial Change :  
 [live entertainment with :  
 cover charge inside the :  
 premises]) :  
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Monday  
 March 14, 2022

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

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

BRUNO ALEONARD, Protestant

EDWARD CAMACHO, Applicant's Representative

JEFF CARNEAL, Protestant

KRAIG CONRAD, Protestant

GLENN ENGELMANN, Dupont Circle Citizens  
 Association

NOLAN GUAGENTI, Protestant

DEBORA JOHNSON, Protestant

WILLIAM JOHNSON, Protestant

ANN NAVARO, Protestant, Representative of Group  
 of Protestants

MAY NG, Protestant

KEVIN PROHASKA, Protestant

MARGARET ROGGENSACK, ANC 2B

JEFFREY RUECKGAUER, ANC 2B

BARBARA WAHL, Protestant

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

2 10:07 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the  
4 calendar is Rosemarino D'Italia. This is Case  
5 Number 22-PRO-00012, 1714 C, LLC, the address is  
6 1714 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest, License  
7 Number ABRA 109613.

8 This is a Retailer Class CT. This is  
9 a substantial change application for live  
10 entertainment with a cover charge inside the  
11 premises.

12 Is anyone present on behalf of the  
13 establishment?

14 MR. CAMACHO: Yes, ma'am. My name is  
15 Edward Camacho.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Could you state that  
17 one more time and spell it for the record?

18 MR. CAMACHO: Oh, Edward Camacho. E-  
19 D-W-A-R-D, last name Camacho, C-A-M-A-C-H-O.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Camacho.  
21 Is anyone else with you today?

22 MR. CAMACHO: At this very moment, no.  
23 It's just me representing --

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

25 MR. CAMACHO: Rosemarino D'Italia,

1 1714 C, LLC.

2 MS. FLETCHER: And you're the  
3 representative for the establishment?

4 MR. CAMACHO: Correct.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Is anyone  
6 present on behalf of ANC 2B?

7 MR. RUECKGAUER: I am. Jeffrey  
8 Rueckgauer, Commissioner from 2B02.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Commissioner, could you  
10 spell your name for the record, please?

11 MR. RUECKGAUER: Certainly. Jeffrey  
12 J-E-F-F-R-E-Y, Rueckgauer R-U-E-C-K-G-A-U-E-R.  
13 And I'm the Commissioner from 2B02.

14 MS. FLETCHER: One second. Is anyone  
15 else with you today Mr. Rueckgauer?

16 MR. RUECKGAUER: Commissioner  
17 Roggensack is trying to get on. I think she's  
18 having trouble finding her link.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. We can -- we can  
20 go with you.

21 MR. RUECKGAUER: Okay.

22 MS. FLETCHER: If she joins us, I'll  
23 -- if she joins us I'll add her.

24 MR. RUECKGAUER: Okay.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And then we

1 have a group of 51 Protestants. Let's see, let's  
2 start with is there a designated representative  
3 on behalf of the group of 51 present?

4 MS. NAVARO: Good morning. Yes, Ms.  
5 Fletcher, I'm Ann Navaro, A-V-A-R-O. And I'm  
6 the designated representative.

7 And with me today are eight other  
8 signatories from our protest.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you.  
10 If those individuals would state their names and  
11 spell them for the record, please?

12 MS. NAVARO: Why don't we start with  
13 May.

14 MS. NG: Yes, this is May Ng, M-A-Y  
15 N-G.

16 MS. NAVARO: Jeff?

17 MR. CARNEAL: Jeff Carneal, J-E-F-F-R-  
18 E-Y, Carneal is C-A-R- like Nancy, E-A-L.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

20 MS. NAVARO: Kraig?

21 MR. CONRAD: Kraig Conrad, K-R-A-I-G,  
22 last name C-O-N-R-A-D.

23 MS. NAVARO: Kevin?

24 MR. PROHASKA: Kevin Prohaska, K-E-V-  
25 I-N, last name Prohaska, P-R-O-H-A-S-K-A.

1 MS. NAVARO: Barbara?

2 MS. WAHL: Barbara Wahl, B-A-R-B-A-R-A  
3 W-A-H-L.

4 MS. NAVARO: William?

5 (No response)

6 MS. NAVARO: Oh, William's on mute.

7 MR. JOHNSON: Oh, William Johnson, J-  
8 O-H-N-S-O-N.

9 MS. NAVARO: And Deborah?

10 MS. JOHNSON: Debora Johnson, D-E-B-O-  
11 R-A, Johnson J-O-H-N-S-O-N.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Johnson, there is  
13 no -- there is no H- on the end of your name?

14 MS. JOHNSON: No H- on the end of my  
15 name.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

17 MS. JOHNSON: D-E-B- as in boy, O-R-A.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

19 MS. NAVARO: And then we have two --  
20 two more. Bruno?

21 MR. ALEONARD: Bruno Aleonard. It's  
22 B-R-U-N-O A-L-E-O-N-A-R-D.

23 MS. NAVARO: And I believe we have  
24 Nolan?

25 MR. GUAGENTI: Nolan Guagenti, O-L-A-

1 N --

2 MS. FLETCHER: Wait. Bruno, would you  
3 spell your last name one more time?

4 MR. ALEONARD: I'm sorry, A-L-E-O-N-A-  
5 R-D.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

7 MS. NAVARO: I'm sorry. Then Nolan.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Who's the other person?

9 MR. GUAGENTI: Nolan N-O-L-A-N. My  
10 last name is Guagenti. It's spelled just how it  
11 sounds. Just kidding. G-U-A --

12 MS. FLETCHER: And how is that?

13 MR. GUAGENTI: G- as in George, U-A-G-  
14 as in George, E-N-T-I.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Is that  
16 everyone Ms. Navaro?

17 MS. NAVARO: To my knowledge, yes.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. So, I've  
19 counted ten.

20 MS. NAVARO: Ten including me. That  
21 sounds right. I'm sorry if I misstated earlier.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, that's good. At  
23 least five members from the group are present  
24 today. Which means that the group is granted  
25 full standing as a Protestant.

1                   What that means, Ms. Navaro, is that  
2 at the upcoming status hearing, only you will  
3 need to appear as the designated representative  
4 for the group.

5                   We're going to schedule a mediation in  
6 a minute. And only you would need to appear for  
7 the mediation as well.

8                   But, generally only the designated  
9 representative appears for mediation. But, if  
10 there are other members from the group that you  
11 would like to appear, then that's fine. You  
12 would just let me know.

13                   MS. NAVARO: Okay.

14                   MS. FLETCHER: So, we've got  
15 Protestants in this matter of ANC 2B, and the  
16 group of 51 represented by you, Ms. Navaro.

17                   We need to set a date for mediation,  
18 a status hearing, and a protest hearing.

19                   MR. ENGELMANN: Excuse me, Ms.  
20 Fletcher. This --

21                   MS. FLETCHER: Who's speaking? Mr.  
22 Engelmann?

23                   MR. ENGELMANN: Yes. Dupont Circle  
24 Citizens Association filed a notice of pro -- a  
25 protest letter. And I'm here as their



1 representative as well in this matter.

2 MS. FLETCHER: So, this is the Dupont  
3 Circle Citizens Association. And Mr. Engelmann,  
4 I know that you're the designated representative  
5 for that group.

6 Could you spell your name for the  
7 record, please?

8 MR. ENGELMANN: Certainly. First name  
9 is Glenn, G-L-E-N-N. Last name is spelled E-N-G-  
10 E-L-M-A-N-N.

11 MS. FLETCHER: And so Mr. Engelmann,  
12 just so that you know, I didn't call the Dupont  
13 Circle Citizens Association because we received a  
14 settlement agreement between the Dupont Circle  
15 Citizens Association and the establishment prior  
16 to the roll call hearing.

17 MR. ENGELMANN: No, Your Honor. And  
18 I think Susan Volman, who is the President, sent  
19 an email and correcting them of  
20 misrepresentation.

21 There had been settlement discussions  
22 prior to an ANC meeting, drafted and circulated.  
23 We had signed on, but it was a three-party  
24 agreement.

25 The ANC did not sign on. And at the

1 11th and a half hour, some new disturbing facts  
2 came to our attention.

3 So, we had indicated to the operator  
4 that we were no longer interested in a settlement  
5 agreement per those terms, and needed to  
6 reconsider what, if anything, might be  
7 appropriate.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And so just a --  
9 thank you for that. What I'm basing -- what I'm  
10 basing my understanding on was that there was a  
11 settlement agreement is that we did receive a  
12 settlement agreement signed by Ms. Volman, V-O-L-  
13 M-A-N.

14 And so I understand what you're  
15 saying, Mr. Engelmann that settlement agreement  
16 was retracted?

17 MR. ENGELMANN: That's correct. Well,  
18 it was never finalized because the ANC didn't  
19 sign it.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Well, the ANC --

21 MR. ENGELMANN: And there's like a  
22 well-known fact from other proceedings the Board  
23 wouldn't have accepted it anyway without the  
24 ANC's signature.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Well, but actually they

1 would have. But, that's okay.

2 MR. ENGELMANN: Okay.

3 MS. FLETCHER: It would have been okay  
4 if only the DCCA entered into a settlement  
5 agreement without the ANC, that would have been  
6 fine. We would have accepted that.

7 But, I've made notes in the record  
8 here that the DCCA withdrew that settlement  
9 agreement. And so we're -- you're back in as a  
10 Protestant.

11 MR. ENGELMANN: Yes. Thank you.

12 MS. FLETCHER: And so in that case,  
13 the Dupont Circle Citizens Association does have  
14 standing as a Protestant.

15 And so, Mr. Engelmann, you brought  
16 this to the attention of the Applicant already?

17 MR. ENGELMANN: Yes.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Mr. Camacho,  
19 were you aware of that before today?

20 MR. CAMACHO: No, I was not actually.  
21 I'm --

22 MS. FLETCHER: So, --

23 MR. CAMACHO: Just use of going back  
24 and forth with Ms. Roggensack. I haven't  
25 received a follow up just yet in regards to the

1 situation.

2 All I know is that we were supposed to  
3 submit more information in regards to security  
4 operations, because --

5 MS. FLETCHER: Um-hum.

6 MR. CAMACHO: On the information that  
7 was presented, there were more concerns outside  
8 the venue once our operation has finalized and  
9 closed.

10 And as I mentioned, and as I spoke  
11 with a few representatives with ABRA, in order to  
12 receive overtime or have MPD be stationed outside  
13 the facility and venue, the entertainment  
14 endorsement would need to be approved as  
15 scheduled and sent over to them, in order to be  
16 provided MPD in front of the venue.

17 So, for what I'm understanding, the  
18 only thing I'm looking to do, the additional, is  
19 the entertainment endorsement.

20 Which, for the past few weeks, I was  
21 able to create a concept with Spear (phonetic)  
22 that fixes it and that is under my tavern  
23 license, which gives me the ability to still pay  
24 for --

25 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Camacho, I'm going

1 to interrupt for just a moment. Only to let you  
2 know that those are issues that can be discussed  
3 during our upcoming mediation.

4 And also, I have not had any  
5 communication with you directly. I've been in  
6 communication with Ms. Rosemeri Espinoza.

7 I'm going to spell that for the  
8 record.

9 MR. CAMACHO: Yes.

10 MS. FLETCHER: It's R-O-S-E-M-E-R-I,  
11 that's her first name. The last name is  
12 Espinoza, that's E-S-P-I-N-O-Z-A.

13 And so let me ask you something.

14 MR. CAMACHO: Yes.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Should we include you  
16 as a contact person? Or should we continue to  
17 be in touch with her?

18 MR. CAMACHO: You could be in touch  
19 with Rosemeri. Her emails are attached to mine,  
20 because she is my mother.

21 So, at this very moment --

22 (Simultaneous speaking)

23 MS. FLETCHER: I think her --

24 MR. CAMACHO: Outside the country for  
25 a family emergency. So, she had to fly to

1 Bolivia to handle a few things.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Perfect.

3 MR. CAMACHO: All right.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Then -- then we have  
5 three Protestants in this case now. We have the  
6 Dupont Circle Citizens Association, ANC 2B, and a  
7 group of 51.

8 MR. CAMACHO: Okay. Very good.

9 MS. FLETCHER: We need to set a date  
10 for a mediation, status hearing, and a protest  
11 hearing. I'll give you the date for the status  
12 and protest hearings first.

13 The status hearing is schedule for  
14 April 20. That's April 20, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.  
15 for the protest hearing.

16 MS. NAVARO: Ms. Fletcher, could I  
17 ask, you know, in the event --

18 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Nav -- Ms. Navaro,  
19 is that you speaking?

20 MS. NAVARO: Yes, I'm sorry, it is.

21 MS. FLETCHER: And this is just for  
22 the record. Thank you.

23 MS. NAVARO: Okay. Yes, this is Ann  
24 Navaro. I just wanted to ask if we need to  
25 substitute representatives prior to the date

1 because of conflicts or anything?

2 Is that permissible under your rules?

3 MS. FLETCHER: Well, you actually have  
4 five designated representatives for your group  
5 already. So, if any one of them can be here as a  
6 designated representative.

7 MS. NAVARO: Okay. Great. Thank you.

8 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

9 MR. RUECKGAUER: Ms. Fletcher, may I  
10 interrupt a second? Commissioner Roggensack  
11 appears to be on the line.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Yes?

13 MS. ROGGENSACK: Yes, thank you.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Were you going to say  
15 something?

16 MR. RUECKGAUER: No.

17 MS. FLETCHER: One second, let me get  
18 back to -- Ms. Roggensack is on the line?

19 MR. RUECKGAUER: Yes.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Ms. Roggensack,  
21 you are present on behalf of ANC 2B as well.  
22 Could you please state your name and spell it for  
23 the record?

24 MS. ROGGENSACK: Yes. My proper name  
25 is Margaret Roggensack. I am a Commissioner in

1 ANC 2B01.

2 And together with my colleague, Jeff  
3 Rueckgauer, represent the single member districts  
4 that include Rosemarino. Commissioner Rueckgauer  
5 represents the south side of our street.

6 I represent the north side, including  
7 the block of Connecticut on which Rosemarino is  
8 located.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And could  
10 you spell your last name?

11 MS. ROGGENSACK: Yes. R-O-G-G-E-N-S-  
12 A-C-K.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.  
14 Okay, Ms. Roggensack, I just stated that there's  
15 going to be a status hearing on April 20, 2022 at  
16 10:30.

17 And just so that you know, ANC 2B has  
18 been granted standing as a Protestant. The  
19 protest hearing is set for May 18. May 18, 2022  
20 at 1:30. That's for the protest hearing.

21 We need to set a date for mediation.  
22 I'll give you the next available day. The next  
23 available date for mediation is Tuesday, March  
24 22.

25 That's Tuesday, March 22, if that's a



1 good day for the designated representatives.

2 MS. NAVARO: At what time?

3 MS. FLETCHER: Any time between 9:00  
4 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

5 MS. NAVARO: That time works for me.  
6 Can I -- do you mind if I just poll a couple of  
7 other people? May, does that work for you?

8 MS. FLETCHER: So, Ms. Navaro, let me  
9 just -- let me just say this. Whenever you  
10 speak, just state your last name so that the  
11 court reporter knows who's speaking.

12 MS. NAVARO: This is Ann Navaro. That  
13 date works for me. Can I ask our other  
14 designated representatives?

15 May, does that work for you?

16 MS. NG: No. It doesn't  
17 unfortunately.

18 MS. NAVARO: Jeff?

19 MR. CARNEAL: Yes, it can work for me,  
20 Jeff Carneal.

21 MS. NAVARO: Kraig Conrad?

22 MR. CONRAD: Kraig Conrad, no,  
23 unfortunately it does not work for me.

24 MS. NAVARO: Kevin Prohaska?

25 MR. PROHASKA: Same thing,

1 unfortunately it doesn't work for me.

2 MS. FLETCHER: So, are we trying to  
3 get a date (inaudible) Ms. Navaro?

4 MS. NAVARO: I'm sorry Ms. Fletcher,  
5 you were freezing.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Navaro, you're on  
7 -- yeah. So, are we trying to get a date for you  
8 or everybody? All the designated  
9 representatives?

10 MS. NAVARO: It doesn't have to be  
11 everyone. I just wanted to make sure a couple of  
12 people could do.

13 We can do that date if that works for  
14 the other people who have to come.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, what about  
16 you, Mr. Engelmann? March 22?

17 MR. ENGELMANN: That date works for  
18 me.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And what about  
20 ANC 2B?

21 MS. ROGGENSACK: I'm available 9:00 to  
22 12:00. From 12:00 on I would be unavailable.

23 MS. FLETCHER: What about 10:00?  
24 10:00 a.m. on March 22?

25 MR. RUECKGAUER: That's fine with me.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Is that fine with  
2 everybody?

3 MR. RUECKGAUER: Yes. That works for  
4 me.

5 MS. NAVARO: This is Ann Navaro. That  
6 works for me.

7 MS. ROGGENSACK: Yes.

8 MR. CARNEAL: Jeff Carneal. Are these  
9 virtual meetings? Or are these live?

10 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, they are virtual.

11 MR. CARNEAL: Thank you.

12 MS. FLETCHER: They are virtual.

13 MR. CARNEAL: Thank you.

14 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

15 Mediation is set for Tuesday, March 22 at 10:00  
16 a.m.

17 Any questions at all?

18 MR. CAMACHO: Well, I -- well, this is  
19 Edward Camacho. Excuse me, but will I be  
20 attending this mediation hearing as well?

21 MS. FLETCHER: Well, I'm going to be  
22 sending the invitation to Ms. Espinoza. And  
23 sure, it's fine if you attend at well.

24 MR. CAMACHO: Perfect. Thank you so  
25 much.

1 MS. FLETCHER: You said that the email  
2 to her connects you, includes you as well, yes?

3 MR. CAMACHO: Correct, yes.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So yeah, it's --  
5 yeah, that invitation is extended to you as well.

6 MR. CAMACHO: That is perfect. Thank  
7 you so much.

8 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.  
9 Anything else?

10 MR. CAMACHO: So, I did have a  
11 question. And if I -- if you don't mind me  
12 asking, I know --

13 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Camacho?

14 MR. CAMACHO: Yes, oh excuse me. This  
15 is --

16 MS. FLETCHER: That's okay.

17 MR. CAMACHO: Edward Camacho speaking.  
18 I know for the past few weeks we've been having  
19 ABRA inspectors come inside the venue from  
20 anonymous --

21 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Camacho, we need to  
22 discuss that in mediation.

23 MR. CAMACHO: Oh, perfect. I just  
24 wanted to make sure that I wanted to ask that  
25 question, would we be able to discuss that during

1 the mediation?

2 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

3 MR. CAMACHO: Perfect. Thank you.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Anything else?

5 (No response)

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, I'd like  
7 to thank everybody for coming. And the roll call  
8 hearing in the matter of Rosemarino D'Italia is  
9 concluded. Thank you.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
11 went off the record at 10:27 a.m.)

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