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2 10:04 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, everyone.

4 MR. AKARAS: Good morning.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Let's start by thanking
6 you for participating in ABCA's public roll call
7 hearing via the WebEx platform provided by the
8 D.C. Office of Open Government.

9 My name is LaVerne Fletcher,
10 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's
11 agent. There's only one case on the calendar
12 today, the case is Five Coffee Roasters, case
13 number 24-PRO-00025, For Five, LLC. 2000 L Street
14 Northwest, license number ABRA-127212. This is a
15 retailer class CR, new application. The issues
16 are adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet.
17 Is anyone present on behalf of Five Coffee
18 Roasters?

19 MR. AKARAS: Yes. This is Andreas
20 Akaras, attorney with Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz,
21 & Gilday. We represent For Five Coffee Roasters.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Akaras, would you
23 spell your name for the record, please?

24 MR. AKARAS: Sure. First and last?

25 First is Andreas, A-N-D-R-E-A-S.

1 Last, Akaras, A-K-A-R-A-S.

2 MS. FLETCHER: And Mr. Akaras, because
3 you named the law firm, can you spell the name of
4 the firm for the record as well?

5 MR. AKARAS: Sure. Bregman, B-R-E-G-
6 M-A-N, Berbert, B-E-R-B-E-R-T, Schwartz, S-C-H-W-
7 A-R-T-Z, and Gilday, G-I-L-D-A-Y.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
9 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 2A?

10 MS. PATEL: I am present. I am Vice
11 Chairperson Trupti Patel.

12 MS. FLETCHER: What's the name again?
13 I'm sorry, I didn't --

14 MS. PATEL: Trupti Patel, and I can
15 spell it for you whenever is fine --

16 (Simultaneous speaking.)

17 MS. FLETCHER: Oh yes, thank you very
18 much.

19 MS. PATEL: Would you like me to spell
20 it now ma'am?

21 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

22 MS. PATEL: Okay. T-R-U-P-T-I, P-A-T-
23 E-L.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Patel.
25 ANC 2A does have standing as a protestant. We

1 need to set a date for a mediation, a status
2 hearing, and a protest hearing. But, before I do
3 that, Ms. Patel, are you going to be representing
4 ANC 2A going forward?

5 MS. PATEL: That would be Chairperson
6 Jim Malec, he was not able to be present today,
7 he asked me to come this morning. If need be, I
8 guess he will notify ABCA if I need to be present
9 instead of him.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. Then
11 I will -- we'll just continue to send him the
12 WebEx notifications. I just wanted to make sure
13 that they're going to the right place.

14 MS. PATEL: Absolutely.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
16 I'm going to give you the date for the status and
17 protest hearing, and then we'll set a date for
18 mediation. The status hearing is set for April
19 10, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., the protest hearing is
20 set for May 8, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. I will give you
21 the next available date for mediation --
22 available day is Wednesday, March 27, anytime
23 between 10:30 and 1:30 -- that's the next
24 available day.

25 And Ms. Patel, I imagine you'll have

1 to run that date past the Chair, or do you know
2 if you'll be attending the mediation?

3 MS. PATEL: I can attend the mediation
4 along with Chairperson Jim Malec, check with, run
5 all the dates by him first. He will be most -- I
6 can't speak for him, unfortunately, today, he has
7 --

8 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, that's okay.

9 MS. PATEL: Yeah, he had something
10 come up today and he asked me to be present.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Would you like for me
12 -- so I would be sending the WebEx invitation for
13 mediation to Mr. Malec, should I send it to you
14 as well?

15 MS. PATEL: Yes, please. I can be
16 present on Wednesday, March 27.

17 MS. FLETCHER: And what's your email
18 address, Ms. Patel?

19 MS. PATEL: It is 2a03@anc.dc.gov.

20 MS. FLETCHER: And that's 2-A-0-3?

21 MS. PATEL: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you.

23 Excuse me, Mr. Akaras, are you available on
24 Wednesday, March 27?

25 MR. AKARAS: It will either be myself

1 or my colleague Stephen Whelan. And so we will
2 be able to cover March 27, I don't know which one
3 of the two of us it will be.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well then, do
5 you have a preference for time, it can be any
6 time between 10:30 and 1:30?

7 MR. AKARAS: Yes. Probably any time
8 after noon would be good.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. What about 1:30,
10 then?

11 MR. AKARAS: 1:30, mm-hmm.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Does that work for you,
13 Ms. Patel?

14 MS. PATEL: It works for me, ma'am.
15 I cannot state if that works for Chairperson Jim
16 Malec.

17 MS. FLETCHER: I know it could change,
18 I will just pencil it in and if it needs to
19 change, Ms. Patel, you can let me know and I'll
20 let Mr. Akaras know, and then we'll set another
21 date, to occur prior to the status hearing on
22 April 10. But, for now, I have reserved March 27
23 at 1:30 p.m. Okay, any questions at all?

24 MR. AKARAS: I would just like to
25 confirm all the dates, just run through it, if

1 that's okay?

2 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

3 MR. AKARAS: So we have mediation set
4 for Wednesday, March 27, tentatively at 1:30 p.m.

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6 (Simultaneous speaking.)

7 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

8 MR. AKARAS: We then have the status
9 hearing, April 10 at 10:30 a.m., then the actual
10 protest hearing itself is May 8 at 1:30 p.m.?

11 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

12 MR. AKARAS: Okay.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Those dates are
14 correct. Okay, any questions, Ms. Patel?

15 MS. PATEL: Not at this time. Would
16 it be you that I would reach out to if I had some
17 questions offline?

18 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. Do you have my
19 email address? It's in the roll call hearing
20 notice, but I can give it to you, if you would
21 like to have it now.

22 MS. PATEL: Yes, could you email it to
23 me when you send me the WebEx meeting?

24 MS. FLETCHER: I will email it to you
25 when I get back to my desk, the WebEx invitation

1 will come separate.

2 MS. PATEL: Okay.

3 MS. FLETCHER: But I will send you my
4 contact information.

5 (Simultaneous speaking.)

6 MS. PATEL: Yes, please email me after
7 you get back to your desk.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

9 MS. PATEL: All right, thank you very
10 much, I do appreciate it.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, well, you're very
12 welcome. I'll see you on the 27, unless the date
13 changes.

14 MR. AKARAS: Okay, one question, are
15 those going to be in-person or continuing online?

16 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, continuing online.

17 MR. AKARAS: Okay.

18 MS. FLETCHER: So I'll send you the --
19 send you the WebEx invitation.

20 MR. AKARAS: Okay, appreciate your
21 time. Thank you.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very
23 much. See you soon.

24 MR. AKARAS: Bye.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Bye, everybody. The

1 roll call hearing in this matter is concluded,
2 thank you.

3 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
4 went off the record at 10:13 a.m.)

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