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2 10:13 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Are the parties present
4 in the matter of Uncorked?

5 This is Case Number 21-PRO-00015,
6 SLK6, LLC, trading as Uncorked, 22 M Street NE,
7 License Number ABRA 108135. This is a Retailer
8 Class A, transfer to new location with
9 substantial change, change of hours and tasting
10 permit.

11 The protest -- Mr. Luthra, could you
12 please mute your microphone?

13 MR. LUTHRA: It's muted.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

15 The protest issues are adverse impact
16 on peace, order, and quiet, residential parking
17 and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and real
18 property values.

19 Who is present on behalf of the
20 Applicant?

21 MR. LUTHRA: This is Arun Luthra,
22 SLK6.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Would you please spell
24 that for the record?

25 MR. LUTHRA: It's ARUN is the first

1 name. And LUTHRA is the last name.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

3 Ms. Chang, Chrissie Chang?

4 MS. CHANG: First name Chrissie, last
5 name is Chang. I am present to support the, I
6 mean, on behalf of Mr. Arun Luthra.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. And
8 could you spell your first name?

9 MS. CHANG: Of course, CHRISSIE.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very
11 much.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
13 went off the record at 10:13 a.m. and resumed at
14 10:14 a.m.)

15 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on
16 behalf on ANC6C?

17 (No audible response.)

18 MS. FLETCHER: Mr., is Daneale?

19 MR. DANEALE: Yes.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Which case are you here
21 for?

22 MR. DANEALE: Signature Lounge. I'm
23 about to leave.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, you're here for
25 Signature Lounge? Would you please state your

1 name again and spell it for the record?

2 MR. DANEALE: This is Derege Daneale,
3 DEREGE, last name is Daneale, DANEALE.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very
5 much.

6 MR. DANEALE: So I heard you said
7 Tuesday, May 4th, 10:00 a.m. mediation?

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

9 MR. DANEALE: So you don't get the
10 date for the status hearing, right?

11 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. You normally do.
12 For some reason, I couldn't access it this
13 morning. My computer was running very slow. But
14 I'm going to send that information to you very
15 shortly.

16 MR. DANEALE: Thank you so much.

17 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

18 The time is approximately 10:15 a.m.

19 There's no one present on behalf of ANC 6C.

20 Therefore, the protest filed by ANC 6C is
21 dismissed.

22 What that means is a Board order will
23 be issued dismissing the protest filed by ANC 6C.
24 ANC 6C will have ten days from the date of
25 receipt of the order to seek reinstatement of the

1 protest.

2 The Applicant will be kept informed.
3 If ANC 6C seeks the reinstatement of the protest
4 and it is reinstated, I will contact the parties,
5 and we'll set up a date for mediation. And I'll
6 give you the dates for a status and protest
7 hearing.

8 MR. LUTHRA: Ms. Fletcher, I signed an
9 agreement with ANC for this hearing for a
10 settlement agreement.

11 MS. FLETCHER: So a settlement
12 agreement has been signed between ANC 6C and the
13 Applicant?

14 MR. LUTHRA: Yes, I believe --

15 MS. CHANG: Ms. Fletcher, let me
16 correct it. You know, they sent a draft, and
17 then the Applicant signed. And then, you know,
18 that is the status. I'm not sure, we do not know
19 whether it was fully signed or not. We have not
20 been, you know, contacted after that. That is
21 the status.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Has ANC 6C signed the
23 agreement?

24 MS. CHANG: We do not know.

25 MS. FLETCHER: We didn't receive any

1 signed, anything, you know, any documents back
2 from the ANC.

3 MS. FLETCHER: And, Mr. Luthra, you
4 said that you signed an agreement?

5 MR. LUTHRA: Yes, ma'am, last week I
6 signed and sent it to them.

7 MS. FLETCHER: So was that a draft or
8 a final, do you know?

9 MR. LUTHRA: That was a final, they
10 sent me a final agreement, and I signed and sent
11 it to them.

12 MS. FLETCHER: And so they, ANC 6C
13 also signed the agreement?

14 MR. LUTHRA: I'm not sure. I just
15 signed my signature. They said they will sign
16 and get it back to me and send a copy to you. So
17 I'm not sure.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, I see. Okay, thank
19 you. Just a moment.

20 MR. LUTHRA: Maybe that's why they're
21 not here.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. Ideally, we know
23 that ahead of time.

24 MR. LUTHRA: Thank you. I'm making
25 some notes, just a moment, please.

1 MR. LUTHRA: Sure.

2 MS. FLETCHER: What I'm going to do,
3 rather than to, based on what you're saying, Mr.
4 Luthra, the ANC presented you with a settlement
5 agreement which you signed. You sent it back to
6 them, and you're waiting for their signature.

7 MR. LUTHRA: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. FLETCHER: And you signed the one
9 that they presented?

10 MR. LUTHRA: Yes, ma'am, last week.

11 MS. FLETCHER: So I'm going to assume
12 that they're going to sign it. And maybe that is
13 why they're not here today. So rather than to
14 dismiss ANC 6C as a protestant, I'm going to
15 grant them conditional standing instead. If the
16 settlement agreement is signed, and it's
17 submitted to the ABC Board, we'll go from there.
18 But I will not dismiss the protest, assuming,
19 based on what you said, Mr. Luthra, that they are
20 not present because maybe they signed the
21 agreement already. We don't know that yet.

22 Okay, any questions about that?

23 MR. LUTHRA: No, ma'am.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Any questions about
25 that, Ms. Chang?

1 MS. CHANG: No.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you very
3 much for attending. And we'll look for the
4 settlement agreement. And once we receive it,
5 it'll be placed on the Board's agenda for review.

6 MR. LUTHRA: Thank you.

7 MS. CHANG: Thank you.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very
9 much. Have a nice day.

10 MR. LUTHRA: You too.

11 MS. CHANG: Bye, bye.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, bye-bye.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off
14 the record at 10:20 a.m.)

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