

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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Goth Wine, LLC :
t/a Apero :
2622 P Street NW :
Retailer CR - ANC 2E :
License No. 116925 :
Case #22-PRO-00047 :
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(License Renewal) :
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Tuesday
June 21, 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:

ELLI BENCHIMOL, Applicant Counsel

KAREN CRUSE, Citizen's Association of Georgetown

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

2 10:16 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: We have one more case
4 on the calendar, which is Apero. This is case
5 no. 22-PRO-00047, Goth Wine Limited Liability
6 Company. 2622 P Street NW. License no. ABRA-
7 116925. This is a Retailer Class CR, license
8 renewal. The protest issues are adverse impact
9 on peace, order, and quiet. Is anyone present on
10 behalf of Apero? Ms. Benchimol? I can see that
11 you're there, but I can't hear you, though.

12 MS. BENCHIMOL: Sorry, I'm having some
13 technical issues. Yeah, I'm here for Goth Wine,
14 LLC. I didn't hear what the starting name was.
15 Sorry.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Could you spell
17 your name for the record, please.

18 MS. BENCHIMOL: Yeah. It's Ellizabeth
19 Benchimol. E-L-L-I-Z-A-B-E-T-H. And Benchimol's
20 B-E-N-C-H-I-M-O-L.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Is anyone
22 present on behalf of the Citizens Association of
23 Georgetown?

24 MS. CRUSE: Yes, I am. Karen Cruse.
25 K-A-R-E-N, C-R-U-S-E.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Cruse.
2 Ms. Cruse, I have a question for you. Did the
3 Citizens Association of Georgetown inform the
4 Applicant of the meeting that you held concerning
5 the application with at least a seven-day notice?
6 Do you know?

7 MS. CRUSE: Yes, I did. I called the
8 name on the placard, yes.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
10 Thank you very much. Ms. Benchimol, would you
11 agree with that?

12 MS. BENCHIMOL: I was never called,
13 but I was notified via email by my landlord.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Say that again.

15 MS. BENCHIMOL: I was notified via
16 email by my landlord. Nobody ever called me,
17 though.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. But you were
19 aware of the meeting held regrading the
20 application?

21 MS. BENCHIMOL: Yes.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
23 Okay. The Citizens Association of Georgetown is
24 the only protestant in this matter, but I'll just
25 note, for the record, there were four other

1 protestants, actually. There were three abutting
2 property owners. And there was a group of five.
3 Those groups withdrew their protests prior to
4 roll call today. So the Citizens Association is
5 the only protestant in this matter.

6 MS. CRUSE: And, if I may jump in to
7 short circuit this whole thing, I found out,
8 recently, that the neighbors had worked out the
9 issues with the Applicant and had withdrawn and,
10 because of that, since they were the ones who
11 were concerned about the establishment, we are
12 fine with their withdrawal, and we are
13 withdrawing our protest as well. And I will do
14 that formally.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you, Ms.
16 Cruse. In that case, I'll just make a note of
17 that, Ms. Cruse, and so we won't need to set any
18 dates. So I will make a note that the Citizens
19 Association has withdrawn its protest and that
20 you'll send the withdrawal in writing. So, Ms.
21 Cruse, I know you know what to do. You're going
22 to send it to Martha Jenkins.

23 MS. CRUSE: Yes.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Any questions,
25 Ms. Benchimol.

1 MS. BENCHIMOL: No. Thank you very
2 much.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you
4 for coming. The roll call hearing is concluded.

5 MS. CRUSE: Thank you very much.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Have a good rest of
7 your day. Bye, Ms. Cruse.

8 MS. BENCHIMOL: Thank you.

9 MS. CRUSE: Bye, Ms. Fletcher.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Bye, Ms. Benchimol.

11 MS. BENCHIMOL: Thank you, everybody.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. The
13 roll call hearing is concluded. Thank you.
14 Those are all the hearings on the calendar for
15 today. Thank you very much.

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

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