

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Lideta, LLC, :
t/a Fort Carroll Market :
3705 Martin Luther King :
Jr. Avenue, SE : Roll Call
Retailer A - ANC 8C : Hearing
License No. ABRA-091423 :
Case #21-PRO-00032 :
 :
(License Renewal) :

Monday
June 21, 2021

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

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

EMANUEL MPRAS, Applicant Representative
ASMAMAW ABATE, Applicant
SALIM ADOFO, ANC 8C

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

2 10:40 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: I am now calling Fort
4 Carroll Market. This is Case Number 21-PRO-
5 00032, Lideta, LLC, 3705 Martin Luther King Jr.
6 Avenue Southeast, License Number ABRA-091423.
7 This is a Retailer Class A license renewal.

8 And, for the record, I'm spelling the
9 corporate name. It's Lideta, L-I-D-E-T-A, LLC.
10 That's Fort Carroll Market. Carroll is spelled
11 C-A-R-R-O-L-L.

12 The protest issues are adverse impact
13 on peace, order, and quiet and residential
14 parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety. My
15 name is LaVerne Fletcher, conducting the roll
16 call hearing as the Board's agent.

17 Would the individual or individuals
18 present on behalf of the Market please state your
19 name and spell it for the record?

20 MR. MPRAS: Good morning, Ms.
21 Fletcher. Emanuel Mpras representing Lideta,
22 LLC. That's spelled E-M-A-N-U-E-L. Last name is
23 spelled M-P-R-A-S.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Mpras.
25 Mr. Mpras, did the Applicant appear today as

1 well?

2 MR. MPRAS: The Applicant -- I do see
3 the Applicant online.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Let's see. Mr.
5 -- is it Abelle (phonetic)?

6 (Simultaneous speaking.)

7 MR. ABATE: Aballe (phonetic).

8 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, Aballe. Could you
9 please state your name and spell it for the
10 record, please?

11 MR. ABATE: Asmamaw Abate, A-B -- A-S-
12 M-A-M-A-W. Last name is Abate, A-B-A-T-E.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
14 And present on behalf of ANC 8C?

15 MR. ADOFO: Salim Adofo.

16 MS. FLETCHER: And, Mr. Adofo, would
17 you please state your name and -- spell it for
18 the record, actually. You already stated it.

19 MR. ADOFO: Yes, ma'am. It is as
20 follows: S-A-L-I-M, last name A-D-O-F-O.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
22 ANC 8C has standing as a protestant. We need to
23 set a date for mediation, a status hearing, and
24 the protest hearing. I'll give you the next
25 available date for mediation first.

1 MR. MPRAS: Ms. Fletcher, if I may --

2 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

3 MR. MPRAS: -- the -- I'm not
4 challenging the standing of ANC to file a
5 protest, but as you remember, the last time we --
6 we dealt with this, I'm contesting that they
7 failed to state a proper protest ground pursuant
8 to 231602.2. And, as you recall, the Board ruled
9 in my favor last time.

10 MS. FLETCHER: I remember. Thank you.
11 Just a minute. Let me take a look at that, Mr.
12 Mpras.

13 So, Mr. Adofo, in your -- in your
14 protest letter, you stated the appropriateness
15 standard.

16 Mr. Mpras, what you're saying is
17 that's not filing a protest; it's just stating
18 what the standard is?

19 (Pause.)

20 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Mpras?

21 MR. MPRAS: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. FLETCHER: And looking at Mr.
23 Adofo's protest letter, I can see that he stated
24 what the appropriateness standard is but did not
25 state that he was filing a protest.

1 MR. MPRAS: Correct. Nor did pursuant
2 to 1602.2, which states, must state grounds for
3 the protest as to why the matter being objected
4 to is inappropriate. And that's entirely
5 missing.

6 MS. FLETCHER: And so, Mr. Adofo, did
7 you have any comment about that?

8 (Simultaneous speaking.)

9 MS. FLETCHER: So -- and just so that
10 you know, Mr. Adofo, in looking -- in looking at
11 your protest letter, it does state the
12 appropriateness standard. All the standards are
13 there. But your protest letter does not state
14 the basis upon which you're filing a protest. So
15 what's your response to that?

16 MR. ADOFO: That we were -- we were
17 filing a protest on the impact of peace, order,
18 and quiet.

19 MS. FLETCHER: So your protest letter
20 doesn't say that, although your protest letter
21 does state that that's the basis upon which a
22 protest may be filed. But it doesn't state that
23 as the reason that you're filing a protest. That
24 -- that was your intention, but that's not what
25 you wrote. Right?

1 MR. ADOFO: That is the intent. Yes,
2 ma'am.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Mpras is correct.
4 The last time -- I don't remember if it was --
5 was it 8C, Mr. Mpras?

6 MR. MPRAS: It was 8C.

7 MS. FLETCHER: It was 8C. There was
8 a previous protest, Mr. Adofo, where ANC 8C filed
9 a protest, maybe similar to this one. I actually
10 don't recall.

11 MR. MPRAS: Very.

12 MS. FLETCHER: But the Board did
13 dismiss the protest because there was not a basis
14 stated upon which the protest was filed. And
15 with that -- with that -- with that knowledge --
16 and I do recall that -- Mr. Mpras and Mr. Adofo,
17 I actually recall that.

18 So, with that -- with that knowledge,
19 I'm going to have to dismiss this protest because
20 the protest does not state a basis upon which the
21 protest is filed.

22 Mr. Adofo, you probably know that once
23 you receive a -- a Board order dismissing your
24 protest, you know that you have ten days to seek
25 reinstatement. I don't know if you did in the

1 previous case, but you're probably aware that you
2 have that option.

3 MR. ADOFO: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

5 Thank you, Mr. Mpras. Thank you, Mr.
6 Adofo.

7 The protest filed by ANC 8C in the
8 matter of Fort Carroll Market is therefore
9 dismissed.

10 MR. MPRAS: Thank you, Ms. Fletcher.

11 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

12 MR. MPRAS: Are we off the record?

13 MS. FLETCHER: I'm just checking
14 something. Thank you.

15 (Pause.)

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. The
17 roll -- no other questions related to Fort
18 Carroll Market? Any questions, Mr. Adofo, about
19 that?

20 MR. ADOFO: No, ma'am.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. The
22 roll call hearing in the matter of Fort Carroll
23 Market is concluded. I'm going to call the next
24 case.

25 MR. MPRAS: Thank you.

1 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

2 Mr. Adofo, are you still on the line?

3 MR. ADOFO: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. FLETCHER: I have a -- I have a
5 question for you. I'm not going to -- I'm not
6 going to call a previous case where you're a
7 protestant, the matter of Mart Liquors. But this
8 is just for the record. I'll revisit that
9 protest letter and take a look at it and make
10 sure that it has everything it needs to be
11 granted standing. But you were granted standing
12 in the matter of Mart Liquors.

13 MR. ADOFO: Yes, ma'am.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
15 That's all. Thank you for coming.

16 The roll call hearing is concluded.

17 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
18 went off the record at 10:50 a.m.)

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