DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + + ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD + + + + + MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: Fikre Market, Inc., t/a Capitol View Market 4920 Central Avenue NE : Protest (Status) Retailer A - ANC 7C : Hearing License #76250 : Case # 24-PRO-00044 : (Application to Renew the: License.) :

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Wednesday June 26, 2024

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson SILAS GRANT, JR., Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff CARRIE N. BROWN, ANC 7C ANTAWAN HOLMES, ANC 7C MENGESHA FIKREMARIAM, Applicant

Neal R. Gross and Co., Inc.

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1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S			
2	10:48 a.m.			
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The third case			
4	that we have this morning is Case Number			
5	24-PRO-00044, Capitol View Market, License Number			
6	76250.			
7	Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate			
8	the rights of the licensee in this case?			
9	MR. ORELLANA: Fikremariam Mengesha,			
10	your access has been elevated.			
11	That is all, Chairman.			
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Can			
13	the licensee please either turn your camera on			
14	and unmute yourself, please? I see there are two			
15	screens on my the licensee, can you please			
16	unmute your line and turn your camera on?			
17	MR. MENGESHA: Can you see me? Can			
18	you hear me?			
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. Good			
20	morning.			
21	MR. MENGESHA: Good morning.			
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please			
23	spell and state your name for the record, sir?			
24	MR. MENGESHA: Okay, my name is			
25	Fikremariam Mengesha. F-I-K-R-E-M-A-R-I-A-M,			

1 last name Mengesha, M-E-N-G-E-S-H-A. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 3 Mr. Mengesha. What is your relationship to this establishment, sir? 4 5 MR. MENGESHA: I am the owner. 6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, good 7 morning, sir. Mr. Holmes, can you please identify 8 9 yourself for the record? 10 MR. HOLMES: Yes. Antawan Holmes, A-11 N-T-A-W-A-N, H-O-L-M-E-S, Chair, ANC 7C. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Brown, I 13 see that you're walking, but it's making me dizzy 14 so I need you to be stationary, ma'am, or turn 15 the camera off. So can you identify yourself for 16 the record, ma'am? 17 MS. BROWN: Carrie N. Brown. C-A-R-R-18 I-E, middle initial N., last name Brown, B-R-O-W-N. ANC 7C 09. 19 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 21 ma'am. 2.2 MS. BROWN: Good morning, sir. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr. 24 Mengesha, all right, do you have any preliminary 25 matters you need to bring to the attention of the

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1	Board?			
2	MR. MENGESHA: I do believe my lawyer,			
3	Mr. Deeds, has spoken with Mr. Antawan Holmes,			
4	and I think they have agreed on something. Mr.			
5	Antawan can help me on this matter.			
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, thank you			
7	for the representation, sir, but I all right.			
8	Thank you for the representation, but because of			
9	the nature of this case, I kind of understand			
10	what is going on.			
11	So, normally when I hear "my lawyer,"			
12	the lawyer's not here but all right, but,			
13	okay, so Mr. Holmes, can you please clarify for			
14	the record from your perspective			
15	MR. HOLMES: Yes, I spoke to Mr. Deeds			
16	this morning. They have a previous settlement			
17	agreement. It needs to be modified for the			
18	matters brought about at the mediation hearing,			
19	which is basically young children going to the			
20	school			
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't want to			
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23	MR. HOLMES: We're working on			
24	modifying the settlement agreement and it'll be			
25	addressed on July the 11th.			

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That is you				
2	know what? The Board should not be involved in				
3	the terms when you have settlement discussions.				
4	I don't want to know what it is that your your				
5	discussion, so that's why the reason why I cut				
6	you off there, okay? I just want to hear				
7	like, the presentation you made in the first				
8	case, that was fine because you were very you				
9	were not specific, you just told me that we have				
10	an agreement, the ANC would vote on it, and				
11	that's sufficient for the Board, okay? All				
12	right, thank you, I appreciate that, Mr. Holmes,				
13	okay?				
14	And since Ms. Brown is here, is there				
15	any representation she needs to make?				
16	MS. BROWN: No.				
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No? All right,				
18	thank you, ma'am.				
19	All right, if this matter then is now				
20	scheduled, it's I'm sorry, if this matter is				
21	not settled, we will have a protest hearing on				
22	July 24 at 1:30 p.m. And it's been represented				
23	that there is settlement discussions, there is an				
24	ANC meeting on July the 11th to make a				
25	determination.				

1	And I would remind the ANC to advise			
2	the agency as soon as possible if this matter is			
3	settled. All right? So, good luck with your			
4	negotiation and have a great day. Thank you very			
5	much.			
6	MR. HOLMES: Thank you.			
7	MS. BROWN: Thank you.			
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.			
9	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter			
10	went off the record at 10:52 a.m.)			
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