

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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1218 Wisconsin Inc.                :  
t/a El Centro D.F.                   :  
1218 Wisconsin Avenue NW : Roll Call  
Retailer CR - ANC 2E               :  
License No. ABRA-000604           :  
Case #22-PRO-00064                :  
  :  
(License Renewal)                   :  
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Monday  
July 11, 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:

SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant Counsel  
KAREN CRUSE, Citizens Association of Georgetown  
KEVIN KOZLOWSKI, Protestant  
LARA KANITRA, Protestant

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

2 10:00 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, everyone.

4 Thank you for participating in ABRA's roll call  
5 hearings via the WebEx platform. My name is  
6 LaVerne Fletcher. I'll be conducting the roll  
7 call hearing as the Board's agent. Six cases on  
8 the calendar today. The first case on the  
9 calendar is El Centro D.F. This is case no. 22-  
10 PRO-00064. 1218 Wisconsin Avenue NW. License  
11 no. ABRA 000604. Retailer class CR. This is a  
12 license renewal.

13 The protest issues are adverse impact  
14 on peace, order, and quiet, real property values,  
15 residential parking, and vehicular and pedestrian  
16 safety, and noncompliance with the settlement  
17 agreement. My name is LaVerne Fletcher,  
18 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's  
19 agent. Is anyone present on behalf of the  
20 Applicant?

21 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, good morning.  
22 Sidon Yohannes, here on behalf of the Applicant.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.  
24 Yohannes. Would you spell your name for the  
25 record, please.

1 MS. YOHANNES: Yes. S-I-D-O-N, Y-O-H-  
2 A-N-N-E-S.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone  
4 present on behalf of the Citizens Association of  
5 Georgetown?

6 MS. CRUSE: Karen Cruse. I represent  
7 the Citizens Association of Georgetown.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Cruse.  
9 Would you spell your name for the record, please.

10 MS. CRUSE: K-A-R-E-N, C-R-U-S-E.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Anyone present on  
12 behalf --

13 MS. CRUSE: Ms. Fletcher?

14 MS. FLETCHER: Who's speaking?

15 MS. CRUSE: I seem -- Cruse.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Uh-huh.

17 MS. CRUSE: I seem to be on here  
18 twice, and I'm getting that reverberation. Can  
19 you cut me off of one of them?

20 MS. FLETCHER: No, Ms. Cruse. You  
21 would actually have to do it on your end. But  
22 we're just about done, so it's going to be okay.

23 MS. CRUSE: Okay. Fine.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, I do see you  
25 twice. But we're good.

1 MS. CRUSE: Okay.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on  
3 behalf of the Group of Five?

4 MR. KOZLOWSKI: Yes, good morning, Ms.  
5 Fletcher. Kevin Kozlowski. K-E-V-I-N. Last  
6 name, K-O-Z-L-O-W-S-K-I.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.  
8 The Citizens Association of Georgetown and the  
9 Group of Five do have standing as Protestants.  
10 Mr. Kozlowski?

11 MR. KOZLOWSKI: Yes, ma'am?

12 MS. FLETCHER: In your case, is there  
13 anyone else present from your group today?

14 MR. KOZLOWSKI: Yes, there is. Lara  
15 Kanitra. I think she's on the call right now.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Is she --

17 MS. KANITRA: Hi, Lara Kanitra.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Hi, Ms. Kanitra. Could  
19 you spell your name for the record, please.

20 MS. KANITRA: Yes. Lara, L-A-R-A.  
21 And last name, K-A-N-I-T-R-A.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone else  
23 from the group today?

24 MR. KOZLOWSKI: No, Ms. Fletcher. I  
25 think we exchanged an email on Friday so that

1 they will not be able to be on the call today.

2 MS. FLETCHER: That's fine. The Board  
3 needs to see at least five people. Today, you  
4 and Ms. Kanitra are here, so that's two.

5 MR. KOZLOWSKI: Okay.

6 MS. FLETCHER: So three more need to  
7 appear at an upcoming status hearing. I'll give  
8 you the date for that in a few minutes.

9 MR. KOZLOWSKI: Thank you.

10 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. And so  
11 the Group of Five is granted conditional  
12 standing. When your three additional people show  
13 up for the status hearing, the Board will grant  
14 you full standing at that time. But we're just  
15 going to proceed.

16 MR. KOZLOWSKI: Understood.

17 MS. FLETCHER: We need to set a date  
18 for mediation, a status hearing, and a protest  
19 hearing. I'll give you the dates for the status  
20 and protest hearing first. The status hearing is  
21 scheduled for August 31st. August 31, 2022, at  
22 10:30 a.m. for the status hearing. The protest  
23 hearing is set for September 28, 2022, at 1:30  
24 p.m.

25 We need to set a date for mediation.

1 I'll give you the next available day. The next  
2 available day for mediation is Wednesday, July  
3 20, anytime between 10 and 1:30 p.m. that's the  
4 next available day.

5 MS. CRUSE: I am not available on that  
6 date.

7 MR. KOZLOWSKI: I also have a conflict  
8 on that date.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, the next  
10 available day is Friday, July 22nd.

11 MR. KOZLOWSKI: That's okay with me.

12 MS. FLETCHER: I guess anytime between  
13 10:00 and 1:30.

14 MS. YOHANNES: Anytime works for me.

15 MR. KOZLOWSKI: Same here.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Same? Well, then, Ms.  
17 Cruse. Is Friday the 22nd good for CAG?

18 MS. CRUSE: I don't know. I'm doing  
19 physical therapy on that day.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Oh.

21 MS. CRUSE: Say it's okay.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Well, you know, we can  
23 go ahead and set it for the 22nd. If something  
24 changes, you can let me know.

25 MS. CRUSE: Sure. Thank you.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Then what about, let's  
2 see. The 22nd. What about 10 o'clock?

3 MR. KOZLOWSKI: That's fine with us.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Is that good?

5 MS. YOHANNES: Yeah. I guess that's  
6 fine.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Mediation is set for  
8 Friday, July 22, at 10:00. And I will send you  
9 the WebEx invitation to attend.

10 MR. KOZLOWSKI: Thank you, Ms.  
11 Fletcher.

12 MS. FLETCHER: You are very welcome.  
13 Any questions, anybody? Well, thank you for  
14 coming. Well, the roll call hearing is  
15 concluded.

16 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

17 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. Bye,  
18 Ms. Cruse.

19 MS. CRUSE: Bye-bye. Thank you.

20 MS. FLETCHER: I guess you'll sign off  
21 in both places.

22 MS. CRUSE: I have to check myself  
23 every which way on these things.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
25 went off the record at 10:06 a.m.)

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