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1:36 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the major case that we have this afternoon is a Fact Finding hearing. Substantial change. It's case number 24-SC-00777, one day substantial change for the Broccoli Fest scheduled for July 27th through 28. The applicant is Levy Premium Foodservices, LLP.

And so what we'll do this afternoon is, good afternoon, Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate the rights of the parties in this case, please?

MR. ORELLANA: Good afternoon. Jarryd Brown, your access has been elevated. Carter Witt, your access has been elevated. Deborah Stokes, your access has been elevated. Scott McGuire, your access has been elevated. Fredrica Kramer, your access has been elevated. Investigator Jovan Miller, your access has been elevated. And Drew B DCU, your access has been elevated. I believe that's all, Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very much, sir. I would like everyone to be on camera.

1 All right. Good afternoon, everyone.
2 This is a Fact Finding hearing. It is just
3 gathering information. Normally, when we have
4 Fact Finding hearings, the party that normally
5 speaks are the applicant, for the applicant to
6 explain to us about the nature of why they're
7 requesting a substantial change. And we
8 normally have an investigator, and the
9 investigator can ask questions of the applicant
10 in the sense of security. Basically, general
11 about security, crowd control, underage
12 drinking, those are normally the questions that
13 our investigators asks of the applicant.

14 In this particular case, we got a
15 letter from ANC 6D about some concerns that
16 they had had regarding this event. I am aware
17 a lot of the ANC's concerns, but I'm not sure
18 if this is the proper venue for these issues to
19 be addressed. So I'm somewhat going to limit
20 the ANC's involvement. There can be some
21 limited questions asked. But as this is a
22 substantial change request that's made by the
23 license holder. And so I know that a lot of
24 the concerns that the ANC has, they're larger
25 policy issues, but it's not necessarily an

1 issue. It just can be addressed itself by ABCA.
2 So I just want to just let the ANC know that I
3 know you have a lot of concerns, but this is
4 not the venue, unfortunately, for a lot of the
5 concerns that you have can be addressed.

6 So this hearing, however, we'll more
7 so talk about crowd control, how is it that the
8 licensee will ensure that you do not sell
9 alcohol to underage drinkers. They can provide
10 information about the security that they're
11 going to provide to ensure that, because we
12 also regulate cannabis to ensure that, and we
13 know what the law is in the District of
14 Columbia is that cannabis can only be utilized
15 in your personal home. It's not legal for it
16 to be utilized in a public venue. And so we can
17 have some general conversations regarding that.
18 But I just want to make sure that ANC is aware
19 of ABCA's, our limitation in the sense of what
20 it is that we can or can't do here.

21 So what I'm going to do is that I'm
22 going to have the parties introduce themselves
23 for the record. And the license holder is Levy
24 Premium Foodservices, LLP. Who is representing
25 Levy here? Who's the person who's representing

1 Levy?

2 MR. WITT: Carter Witt. I am the
3 regional director.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, sir.
5 I wasn't hearing anything. I couldn't see
6 anyone, so, okay, go ahead, sir. Please spell
7 and state your name for the record.

8 MR. WITT: Good afternoon, everyone.
9 My name is Carter, C-A-R-T-E-R, Witt, W-I-T-T.
10 I'm the regional director for Levy. And we
11 have Jarryd Brown on as well. Pass it over to
12 you, Jarryd.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're on mute,
14 sir. Unmute yourself.

15 MR. WITT: Still can't hear you.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You need to
17 unmute yourself, Mr. Brown. Mr. Orellana, can
18 you allow --

19 MR. ORELLANA: He has to check his
20 audio source, his microphone source.

21 MR. WITT: Would it be okay if I
22 introduce him while he is coming off of you?

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. Spell and
24 state his name for the record if you can, sir.

25 MR. WITT: Yes, sir. Jarryd Brown, J-

1 A-R-R-Y-D B-R-O-W-N. And Jarryd is our director
2 of operations. He runs the day to day at Audi
3 Field for us.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, I
5 can't hear Mr. Brown still. If you need to log
6 off, and then I'll make sure that we elevate
7 your rights again. All right, go ahead. Mr.
8 Miller.

9 MR. MILLER: I am, Board, my name is
10 Jovan Miller, J-O-V-A-N M-I-L-L-E-R.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon,
12 Mr. Miller. Let's have Ms. Kramer please spell
13 and take your name for the record.

14 MS. KRAMER: Yes, thank you. My name
15 is Fredrica Kramer, K-R-A-M-E-R F-R-E-D-R-I-C-
16 A. I am commissioner of ANC 6007 and I'm chair
17 of ANC 6D.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hamilton.
19 Is there a Ms. Hamilton there?

20 MS. KRAMER: I'm sorry, she was not
21 able to join.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Let
23 me see. So let me have Ms. Stokes please
24 identify yourself on the record, ma'am.

25 MS. STOKES: Deborah Stokes, D-E-B-O-

1 R-A-H, last name, S-T-O-K-E-S.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are
3 you, ma'am?

4 MS. STOKES: I am with Front Runner
5 Productions. We have a production company
6 working with Broccoli City.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
8 thank you. Mr. McGuire?

9 MR. MCGUIRE: Good afternoon, my name
10 is Scott McGuire. I'm with Audi Field, oversee
11 the operations of the stadium. It's S-C-O-T-T
12 M-C-G-U-I-R-E.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
14 We're still waiting for Mr. Brown. Are those
15 all the parties that we're expecting today?

16 MR. ORELLANA: Yes, it is.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine. Let
18 me have -- is there anyone here from -- I think
19 the concern is about the festival itself so is
20 there anyone here who can talk about the
21 festival?

22 Oh, that's you, Ms. Stokes? Okay,
23 good. Is Mr. Brown still, has he logged in as
24 yet?

25 MR. ORELLANA: No, sir.

1 MR. WITT: I can handle any questions
2 from the Levy side of things.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,
4 Mr. Witt, you're the license holder, and you
5 applied for a one day substantial change. Hold
6 on. Mr. Brown, can you identify yourself
7 there? All right, Mr. Brown, I see your mouth
8 moving, but I'm not hearing anything, so I
9 think that maybe you can just call in on the
10 phone if you're having a problem with your,
11 hello?

12 MR. WITT: I'll have him call in.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, he can
14 call in. He can call in on the phone if he
15 needs to. I think in the chat, the information
16 for call in was placed in the chat.

17 All right. So this is a one day
18 substantial change that was made by the
19 licensee. So, Mr. Witt, why don't you let us
20 know what you're requesting from us.

21 MR. WITT: Yes, sir. Requesting the
22 extension to cover Parcel B, also known as the
23 Summer Garden area. We already have a
24 previously agreed upon settlement agreement
25 with Commission 60, the ANC 60, that was dated

1 April 9th, 2018, that also references this
2 space called the Summer Garden. It's bullet
3 point five in the agreement.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
5 why is it that you're requesting a substantial
6 change, and for how long?

7 MR. WITT: It would be a two-day
8 change for the festival that's happening this
9 weekend. So the plan is to be activated inside
10 the stadium as well as outside on the Parcel B
11 Summer Garden area right outside, adjacent to
12 the stadium.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what's the
14 event?

15 MR. WITT: It's called Broccoli City
16 Fest. It is a two-day music festival.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have you ever
18 had this event at this venue before?

19 MR. WITT: No, sir. Not at this
20 specific venue.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so who are
22 the organizers for this event?

23 MR. WITT: Front Runner Productions,
24 who are on the call today. Ms. Deborah Stokes.
25 And we are working in conjunction with our

1 partners at D.C. United, who Scott McGuire
2 represents.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Explain to me
4 your license arrangement with D.C. United.
5 Just explain that. Just some background
6 information.

7 MR. WITT: Certainly. So D.C. United
8 has selected us as the third-party food and
9 beverage provider to provide food and beverage
10 inside Audi Field. And at times we are asked
11 to participate in Parcel B outside the land
12 that's adjacent to the stadium as well. So we
13 have a contract with them to handle all food
14 and beverage within the facilities during any
15 kind of events that are happening, whether
16 those be soccer matches, concerts, things of
17 that nature.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what's the
19 difference between this event that you're
20 holding and either soccer matches or other
21 events that have occurred at Audi Field?

22 MR. WITT: Certainly. There will be a
23 larger activation on the Parcel B area that is
24 exterior to the stadium, just adjacent. So we
25 have requested that our permit cover that land

1 area for this weekend festival, and we have
2 made arrangements to ensure that everybody is
3 served safely and responsibly throughout the
4 weekend.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So will any of
6 the events take place within the stadium
7 itself, or is it all in Parcel B?

8 MR. WITT: There will be activations
9 both inside and outside the stadium.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
11 tell me about the setup in the sense of how
12 you're going to work with to ensure that the
13 sale and service of alcohol in both the stadium
14 and in Parcel B.

15 MR. WITT: Certainly. So we have set
16 up very extensive security policies. When fans
17 enter, their bags will be checked. They must
18 have a ticket for entry. Magnetometers and
19 ticket scanning will be in use at each point of
20 entry for both the interior and the exterior of
21 the building. We have provided a full security
22 and life safety plan as well.

23 Nobody will be allowed to re-enter the
24 facility once they have left for the day. And
25 we have taken additional measures, such as

1 bringing on security personnel. We have MPD
2 presence as well that's set up. We have our
3 command center, which is set up in case of
4 emergencies, which has a representative from
5 each department that sits in that space so that
6 everybody can communicate together. And we've
7 set up perimeters to ensure that once fans
8 enter the space that they cannot exit except
9 through allotted exits, and not be able to take
10 any food or beverage exterior to those
11 perimeters.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the age
13 expectancy for the event? Is it family
14 friendly? Is it adults only? I'm just trying
15 to find out, or if you can't answer, who can
16 answer that question?

17 MS. STOKES: I can answer that
18 question.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Ms.
20 Stokes.

21 MS. STOKES: Tickets sold 18 or older
22 is our target audience in regards to those
23 folks that are able to purchase the tickets and
24 attend the festival. Our target, based on
25 history, is usually about late twenties to

1 early forties is usually the sweet spot of the
2 attendance that's here. But 18 or older are
3 permitted to purchase and attend.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So who can
5 answer the question, and when you answer the
6 question, you can please just give your name
7 since we have a court reporter taking notes.

8 MS. STOKES: Absolutely.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
10 expected attendance each day?

11 MS. STOKES: Deborah Stokes. Our
12 expected attendance is 20,000 each day.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I know that
14 you also stated that it's 18 or over, but as
15 you're aware, in the District of Columbia, you
16 have to be 21 years or older to drink alcohol.
17 What steps are put in place to ensure that
18 minors are not served?

19 MR. WITT: This is Carter Witt. So
20 patrons will all be ID'd and wristbanded. So
21 we will have stations set up that the guests
22 need to go to be wristbanded in order to
23 purchase an alcoholic beverage. We'll also
24 have a team of about 30 ID checkers that are
25 flowing throughout the festival in case people

1 are in lines to purchase things and they do not
2 have a wristband on. We'll be asking to see
3 their wristband before they get to the point of
4 distribution there. And that team will also be
5 monitoring the crowd to ensure that only people
6 with wristbands have alcoholic beverages with
7 them.

8 We also have done a very in-depth
9 alcohol training with all of our employees that
10 will be working and selling alcohol across the
11 venue. They're all required to be ServSafe
12 certified when it comes to alcohol service.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where are the
14 stations? Where will the alcohol be sold
15 throughout the venue? Is it specific stations
16 or all over? Just to give us an overview of
17 where alcohol will be available.

18 MR. WITT: So inside, we have about 14
19 different locations that guests will be able to
20 purchase.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you said 14
22 different locations.

23 MR. WITT: We have two larger bar
24 setups and then five separate activations.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. What

1 about the food layout? Will food be provided
2 at the venue?

3 MR. WITT: Yes, sir. We have about 20
4 total locations that will be offering food
5 inside the building and outside the building.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So just tell
7 us, or maybe someone can tell us. What
8 activities will be provided? I'm familiar with
9 D.C. United in the sense that the Audi Field,
10 you play a football match. So tell me, what's
11 Broccoli Fest and what activities will be
12 available over the two days of the festival?

13 MS. STOKES: So for Broccoli City
14 Festival, it's a two-day music festival. It
15 has, at this point, two stages that will be
16 activated throughout both days of the festival.
17 They're not meant to run simultaneously so when
18 acts are on the main stage, that's really the
19 focus. And then as the main stage acts come
20 down and they are doing their train sets, then
21 activation of what we're calling the City
22 Stage, which is the area that's being
23 referenced on Parcel B, which is what we're
24 talking about today. So there will be other
25 opportunities for some of our local acts and

1 other activities related to the festival.

2 And it's really more of a cultural
3 celebration, really, just trying to provide an
4 atmosphere, you know, for those that kind of
5 just really follow the music artists that are
6 performing with us and just giving folks an
7 opportunity to kind of experience what we're
8 bringing to them and put it more in a festival
9 footprint versus just within the bowl of the
10 stadium.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, is there a
12 designated drinking area, or can they wander
13 all throughout the property to drink alcohol?

14 MR. WITT: Patrons will be able to
15 move throughout the venue.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is it that
17 you guys have put in place to address alcohol
18 intoxication?

19 MR. WITT: As I mentioned previously,
20 all of our servers in our locations are
21 ServSafe certified, so they have been trained
22 on how to identify the signs of intoxication.
23 When that occurs, we will cut a patron off and
24 display and disperse that description of the
25 individual around the venue. We will also be

1 removing the wristband off of that individual
2 so they can no longer purchase alcohol at any
3 other establishments throughout the venue.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So will water
5 be provided?

6 MR. WITT: Yes. Water will be
7 provided the duration of both days.

8 MS. STOKES: Yep. And Deborah Stokes.
9 And what we've done, just because it is an
10 outdoor festival and the temperatures can get
11 high, we do have water stations set up
12 throughout the venue, both inside and outside,
13 that will allow patrons to access water for
14 free. So if they have a cup or they brought
15 their own water bottle, they're able to refill
16 it, and so they will have continuous access to
17 filtered water as needed.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, what are
19 the hours of the festival?

20 MS. STOKES: Gates will open at two,
21 and we wrap our last headliner acts at 11:00
22 p.m.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The headliner
24 starts at 11:00 p.m.?

25 MS. STOKES: No. I'm sorry. The

1 headlining act ends at 11:00 p.m. so the
2 festival is finished at 11:00 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is put in
4 place to control noise or for folks exiting the
5 stadium at the end of the event?

6 MS. STOKES: For noise control, we
7 have put in, or bringing to the site, some
8 delay speaker features, which kind of works to
9 disperse sound in and throughout space. So we
10 are working to kind of incorporate a few more
11 of these poles and these towers throughout the
12 venue that will help us work to diminish sound
13 as much as we can from bleeding out in and
14 around the neighborhood.

15 And it's our understanding, we had a
16 meeting with DDOT and MPD yesterday afternoon,
17 and similar to the close of a soccer match, is
18 about 10 to 15 minutes before the end, they
19 will make appropriate street closures that will
20 allow egress out of the stadium and allow folks
21 to depart either to their vehicles, Metro or
22 Rideshare, which in this instance, all has been
23 geolocated to across South Capitol in Navy
24 Yard. And again, this is similar to protocol
25 that's used whenever Audi has a soccer match in

1 play.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You spoke a
3 little bit about noise abatement. Be a little
4 bit more specific. What is it? Because I
5 didn't quite understand what is it that you're
6 saying you're going to put in place. So, to a
7 layperson, kind of explain that to me, please.

8 MS. STOKES: Right. So, and I'm going
9 to try my best because I'm actually not audio
10 visual. Those are other folks on my team. But
11 usually when we're in a large space, we have to
12 do what we can to kind of disperse the sound so
13 it doesn't feel like it's coming through an
14 echo chamber or it's coming through a can. And
15 they're called delay towers, and we kind of
16 push those out into the venue as they're set.
17 And what that does is it helps us kind of level
18 the sound and how there wouldn't be what you
19 would normally hear as a hotspot. So it'd be
20 really loud in one section, and then the
21 farther back you get, it gets more dim.

22 But what this does is it allows us to
23 kind of just level the sound throughout the
24 entire venue, and it allows us to kind of just
25 really equalize a little bit more and reduce

1 bleed as much as we can.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thanks. One of
3 the concerns that was raised by the ANC to us,
4 which is an area that we regulate, is cannabis.
5 And we were told, at least the ANC had
6 referenced in its letter to us, that it was
7 advertised that cannabis will be available. It
8 was on the website. So can you address what is
9 the facility's position on cannabis sale,
10 smoking? Tell us, what is the official
11 position of the license?

12 MS. STOKES: So we do know smoking is
13 not permitted within Audi Field. And this has
14 been communicated to our client, which is
15 Broccoli City, as well as the website has been
16 updated to relay that to guests as well. And
17 that will be updated on any Know Before You Go
18 communications that will be sent to attendees
19 as we continue to lead into the festival coming
20 up this weekend.

21 Usually what has happened, and this is
22 something that we have done with Broccoli City
23 over the past few years, is there really aren't
24 sales done on site, but dispensaries, if an
25 order has been made, there would be

1 arrangements put in place for folks to pick up
2 their orders onsite at the show. So that has
3 been what we had in place when we have been at
4 RFK for the last four or five years, and we
5 would work with the local dispensary to kind of
6 make that happen.

7 I can tell you or share with you all
8 at this point, the group that we were working
9 with for this event has withdrawn as of this
10 morning. So as of this morning, there will be
11 no distribution of cannabis on our event site.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're saying
13 no official so you're not having --

14 MS. STOKES: Officially? Correct.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're
16 saying you're saying you're not working with
17 any licensed cannabis dispensary in DC who will
18 deliver cannabis onsite, is that correct?

19 MS. STOKES: That is correct. And
20 that changed just as of this morning.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you know or
22 will there be any other type of cannabis-
23 related activities at the festival? Not
24 necessarily sales, maybe booths where people
25 talk about cannabis or anything like that. I'm

1 just asking.

2 MS. STOKES: We do have marketplace,
3 there's a marketplace, and I would have to go
4 through the vendor list, but from what I can
5 see, it's like DC Kitchen. We really don't
6 have anyone that I can identify off the top of
7 my head right now that is specifically talking
8 about cannabis and cannabis-related products or
9 usage. But I can go ahead and do that research
10 and supply that if needed. But just from what
11 I can remember of the cursory overview, the
12 main connection we had was through the group
13 that we were originally working with, and that
14 is no longer in play.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Do
16 any board members have any questions regarding
17 this event? Go ahead, Mr. Short.

18 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you, Mr.
19 Chairman. Good afternoon, Ms. Stokes. You said
20 you have been having these types of events at
21 the stadium? The DC stadium?

22 MS. STOKES: No, at RFK. We've been
23 in the city for the last six years, I believe.

24 MEMBER SHORT: In the parking lot of
25 RFK stadium, correct?

1 MS. STOKES: Correct.

2 MEMBER SHORT: That area is quite
3 secluded and away from most residential areas,
4 and the only thing close by is the river, is
5 that correct?

6 MS. STOKES: That's correct.

7 MEMBER SHORT: So that's going to be a
8 lot different than being at the Audi Field,
9 isn't it?

10 MS. STOKES: It is a different
11 experience.

12 MEMBER SHORT: Can you tell me, if you
13 know, are there any residential areas close by
14 Audi Stadium?

15 MS. STOKES: There is. Audi Field is
16 in a residential neighborhood.

17 MEMBER SHORT: And so you talk about,
18 what is it, Parcel B or --

19 MS. STOKES: Parcel B.

20 MEMBER SHORT: Parcel B? It would
21 help a lot, because a lot of people who come
22 before this board give us a schism or give us
23 some type of something that we can see visually
24 and as to the layout of where and how the event
25 is going to occur. And that normally happens

1 when people go through the Mayor's Special
2 Events people. Have you talked to anybody at
3 the Mayor's Special Events?

4 MS. STOKES: We have. The endeavors
5 for this event did start through the Mayor's
6 Special Task Force. And because the majority
7 of the event was going to be contained within
8 Audi Field itself, Parcel B is really an
9 extension of that footprint that holds a
10 smaller stage. So the larger part of the
11 audience, it's meant to be a flow, but the
12 larger part of the audience is not going to be
13 outside for Parcel B. It's just not big
14 enough. The idea is the majority of what
15 happens, happens within Audi Field.

16 MEMBER SHORT: How do you regulate how
17 people move back and forth between the stages?
18 If one is outside and one is inside, who is
19 going to be responsible for making sure that
20 people, because what happens when one stage
21 stops playing and say, you play music on the
22 inside first, and then you go to Parcel B
23 second, the crowd normally overflows. They go
24 with the sound and where the music is. How
25 will you regulate who will say who can come and

1 go once they inside Audi stadium?

2 MS. STOKES: So we really aren't doing
3 anything to kind of regulate the flow. What we
4 are doing is working to project what's
5 happening on Parcel B inside the stadium on the
6 screens. So the idea isn't that once one stage
7 stops, all the bodies move outside. We're
8 really working to make this an immersive
9 festival experience. So it will be what's
10 happening on Stage A will be outside for those
11 people that just choose to stay outside. And
12 then what's happening on City Stage and Parcel
13 B will be projected internal to the screens
14 that are around the stadium. So ideally,
15 people can stay in their seats and really get
16 the experience of what's happening in both
17 locations and not necessarily leave. One of the
18 main --

19 MEMBER SHORT: That sounds quite
20 idealistic, but any rate, and you know what I'm
21 saying. I see you smiling. But the bottom
22 line is, is there a schematic? Is there some
23 type of something that lays out that will show
24 us? Is there anything you could demonstrate
25 today that would show this board what exactly

1 is going to be laid out inside the stadium?

2 MS. STOKES: Yes, I do have a CAD
3 plan. If you give me one second, let me pull up
4 the latest version and if I have the ability to
5 share, I can put that up.

6 MEMBER SHORT: Fine.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I hadn't
8 asked for that, Mr. Short. That's why that
9 wasn't provided. But I thought that was
10 provided. That probably was shared with the
11 investigator. But I will give you the
12 opportunity, ma'am, to share your screen once
13 you're available.

14 MEMBER SHORT: Well, Mr. Chairman, if
15 I would be allowed to question again, once
16 that's brought up again --

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short. You
18 have asked the questions. She's going to share
19 it. And then you are welcome to ask her
20 questions once she shared her screen.

21 MEMBER SHORT: I understand. Thank
22 you very much Mr. Chair, for making that
23 clarification. I'm just, 20,000 people each
24 day, is that correct?

25 MS. STOKES: That is correct. And

1 what we're doing is we are currently not
2 exceeding, and Scott, you can correct me if I'm
3 wrong, we're not exceeding the capacity of what
4 Audi Field would normally hold for a soccer
5 game right now. What we are doing is we're
6 actually dispersing it so that again, if people
7 choose to just be outside and interact with the
8 activations and the sponsors that are located
9 on Parcel B, they just have the option to leave
10 and kind of go out and partake of that. But
11 what we're doing is really not outside of the
12 footprint of what Audi Field currently hosts
13 for its soccer matches.

14 MEMBER SHORT: Okay, now for the
15 residents who live in that area, how close is
16 Parcel B to the closest residential building or
17 residential home?

18 MS. STOKES: I think Parcel B, there's
19 construction going up. It's Pepco substation
20 on one side. There's an empty lot across half,
21 and there's construction on the other side. So
22 in terms of immediate residential impact, I
23 don't think there's any. But Scott, you might
24 be able to speak to that better than I.

25 MR. MCGUIRE: Sure. The closest to

1 Parcel B would be Watermark, which is the
2 southeast corner of Parcel B. That's the
3 closest resident to the space. Fredrica, you
4 don't agree?

5 MEMBER SHORT: So that's a residential
6 place. How many feet -- what's the distance
7 between that residential building? What do you
8 call it again?

9 MR. MCGUIRE: It's called the Verge,
10 sorry, not the Watermark. It's an apartment
11 building called the Verge.

12 MEMBER SHORT: The Verge.

13 MR. MCGUIRE: It's probably one
14 hundred feet.

15 MEMBER SHORT: One hundred feet. How
16 many people live in that building?

17 MR. MCGUIRE: I have no idea.

18 MEMBER SHORT: How tall is that
19 building?

20 MR. MCGUIRE: I would say probably 12
21 to 13 stories. Again, I'm not totally sure.

22 MEMBER SHORT: So, what are we being
23 shown now on our screens?

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Stokes,
25 please share what's been projected on the

1 screen, ma'am. You need to unmute yourself,
2 Ms. Stokes.

3 MS. STOKES: Sorry. It moved all of
4 my controls around, so I'm just trying to get
5 used to it. I'm not familiar with WebEx.

6 All right, this right here is our site
7 map for what we have outlined for the festival
8 grounds for Broccoli City Festival for this
9 year. And right here, naturally, is the main
10 area. This is Audi Field and our main stage
11 setup where the performer will be.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Stokes?

13 MS. STOKES: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just give us
15 the color. When you're speaking, just mention
16 the color. The color schematic. Yes.

17 MS. STOKES: So in the green area
18 where it says main stage, the green and the
19 yellow, this is interior to Audi Field. So
20 this is the primary footprint. It will have
21 field access as well as utilization of the
22 seats that are currently in Audi.

23 MEMBER SHORT: Where's the outside
24 area? Can you point that out?

25 MS. STOKES: Yes. What we're

1 referencing currently as Parcel B is the green
2 space that is directly across Audi Way or 1st
3 Street as indicated here. And then this area
4 here is our City Stage. This is our City
5 Stage.

6 MEMBER SHORT: Do you have an arrow or
7 something that could you point to that we could
8 see?

9 MS. STOKES: Trying to use. I don't
10 know what options I have.

11 MR. WITT: Bold, black, outline in the
12 exterior space.

13 MS. STOKES: Are you seeing my mouse
14 circling?

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am, I
16 can see your mouse, yes.

17 MS. STOKES: Okay, so it is this area
18 that is referenced as Parcel B, the light green
19 area.

20 MEMBER SHORT: So it's across the
21 street from the stadium.

22 MS. STOKES: It's across Audi Way.
23 Correct.

24 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Now, where is
25 this building, the Verge? The high-rise

1 apartment building.

2 MS. STOKES: That would be, I guess,
3 across this intersection.

4 MEMBER SHORT: One hundred feet. Now,
5 also, you said 18 and older.

6 MS. STOKES: Correct.

7 MEMBER SHORT: We know from our
8 experience here on the board over the years,
9 many of us, that persons 21 or older will hand
10 an 18 or under person a drink. How will you
11 manage that?

12 MS. STOKES: I would like to turn that
13 to Levy.

14 MEMBER SHORT: For instance, what I'll
15 say to you is this. How many different kinds
16 of drinks will be sold or served at this event?

17 MR. WITT: It'll be a combination of
18 beer, wine, and spirits served, depending on
19 location.

20 MEMBER SHORT: What color cups are
21 each one of these in? Or are they all the same
22 color cup?

23 MR. WITT: The alcoholic beverages
24 will be served in a clear cup.

25 MEMBER SHORT: Which one will be

1 served in clear?

2 MR. WITT: Alcoholic beverages.

3 MEMBER SHORT: All beverages in clear.

4 So if I had a beer or I had a ginger ale, how
5 would anybody tell, if I were 18 years old, I
6 didn't have a beer rather than a ginger ale?
7 Because a lot of groups who come before this,
8 especially those that are served on
9 Pennsylvania Avenue, that come under the
10 Mayor's Special Events Task Force, they require
11 different color cups so as to be able to
12 distinguish what a young person under 21 years
13 old has in their hand and drinking out of
14 without smelling it, tasting it, or whatever.
15 They would say to that person, if you have a
16 clear cup and you have beer, then you can't
17 drink that. You're underage.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short, can
19 I ask a question? I just want to clarify.
20 Remember this is Audi Field.

21 MEMBER SHORT: I understand.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. And
23 I'm just saying, remember this is Audi Field.

24 MEMBER SHORT: Yeah.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: They have a

1 license, they serve alcohol. And so asking
2 them to use a different cup, because I know
3 that --

4 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chairman, I hadn't
5 asked that question.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But all I --

7 MEMBER SHORT: I didn't ask that
8 question. The question I was asking them is if
9 they're going to have, in the outside area,
10 outside of the stadium, which is not the
11 stadium, it's a different venue out there
12 across the street from the stadium. If you
13 would allow me to continue my question, maybe
14 that would have come up. But the bottom line
15 is, I didn't ask that question. The question
16 I'm asking them is how or who will police any
17 underage drinking?

18 MR. WITT: So all non-alcoholic
19 beverages will be served bottled with labels on
20 them, such as Coca-Cola, Dasani water. There
21 should be a clear distinction.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, I'm
23 still here. Go ahead.

24 MR. WITT: There should be a clear
25 distinction because there will either be a

1 clear cup or a clearly labeled bottle of beer
2 in someone's hand versus a Coca-Cola, Dasani
3 water, things like that.

4 MEMBER SHORT: If someone were to pour
5 an alcoholic beverage as a beer into a clear
6 cup, how would that be regulated or policed?
7 Who would be in charge of seeing someone
8 without a wristband drinking out of a clear cup
9 after they observed them pouring a beer into
10 the cup?

11 MR. WITT: I mentioned earlier, sir,
12 we're going to have a team of 30 individuals
13 that are patrolling and policing. In addition
14 to, that's just from the Levy perspective. We
15 also have about 325 security personnel as well,
16 will be positioned throughout the tournament.

17 MEMBER SHORT: Are any of them TIPS
18 trained? You know what TIPS training is?

19 MR. WITT: Yes, sir. So we have a
20 very vigorous, responsible alcohol service that
21 is sponsored by ServSafe, and I believe, I'll
22 have to refer to Jarryd in terms of TIPS
23 service. But everybody that is serving and
24 checking this from a Levy perspective have all
25 been ServSafe certified in alcohol.

1 MEMBER SHORT: Well, the reason why
2 I'm asking these questions, it's very apparent.
3 The area that's going to be outside of DC Audi
4 Stadium, is, right, one hundred feet from
5 people's apartments. How will you control the
6 noise out there?

7 MS. STOKES: In this area we do not
8 have delayed speakers. The speakers here do
9 face away from the street and they face in
10 towards the stadium. So we really don't have a
11 mitigation plan. It's similar to an outdoor
12 festival. It's similar to, other events that
13 they have held out there in the same space that
14 have had the same sort of sound amplification.
15 We don't have anything to do more than what is
16 normally programmed for this area.

17 MEMBER SHORT: What is normally? For
18 this area, normally, does anybody have
19 festivals out there, normally? Can you tell me
20 some festivals that have been out there with
21 20,000 people or 10,000 people, 5000 people?

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short. Hold
23 on, Mr. Short.

24 MEMBER SHORT: I just asked a
25 question, Mr. Chair. I think she can answer

1 that.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But hold on,
3 Mr. Short. The representation that was made is
4 that they are not going to exceed the capacity
5 of Audi Stadium. I just want you to be aware
6 of that. That's what they're saying. They're
7 not going to exceed the capacity of Audi
8 Stadium. If this was not a substantial change,
9 if this event would have been held in Audi
10 Stadium, we would not be having a hearing
11 today. The only reason why we're having this
12 hearing is because they're asking for a one-day
13 substantial change to also move to Parcel B to
14 serve alcohol. But if this event was not
15 moving to Parcel B, if it was just going to be
16 within Audi Stadium itself, they would not have
17 been required to apply for an additional
18 license. That's all. I just want to put that
19 on the record. That's fine. You go ahead, sir.

20 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you very much.
21 And again, to rectify some of what you just
22 said to me, the way I understand you're saying
23 it is, because they're going to be using Parcel
24 B, which is one hundred feet away from
25 someone's apartment building with no mitigation

1 for noise, I don't think that's okay. And
2 that's the reason why I was hoping that the
3 Mayor's Special Event Task Force would be
4 involved with this in some way to help us
5 regulate this, because they take care of all
6 the events on Pennsylvania Avenue for the
7 cherry blossom events and all those other big
8 events we have on Pennsylvania Avenue. And we
9 can be assured, because of the fencing and all
10 of the security measures they put in place,
11 that we can assure the neighborhood and the
12 community who live one hundred feet away from
13 Parcel B that --

14 MS. STOKES: If I could, Mr. Short?

15 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you. Yeah.

16 MS. STOKES: So the one thing, and I
17 just want to make sure, I'm not sure if you all
18 can see it, this area for us in Parcel B is
19 fenced in and it will be scrimmed, meaning
20 it'll have black covering. So this is all
21 anticipated to be within the footprint of the
22 festival. So it becomes a contained section of
23 the festival. So there really shouldn't be the
24 opportunity for people to just kind of walk up
25 and kind of see what's happening there.

1 The other thing that we've done out
2 there to really kind of work within the
3 neighborhood is all programming on that City
4 Stage and Parcel B ends at 8:30 p.m. so there
5 will be no noise or no sound after that timing.
6 So we are really working to try to make sure
7 that within the neighborhood, we are trying to
8 be good neighbors and kind of keep that noise
9 down, which, you know, with the Cambria having
10 a rooftop bar and those things happen, I do
11 believe that they extend till 10:00 p.m. I
12 believe is their curfew and that's just a block
13 away as well. So we don't anticipate the noise
14 being any more than the normal activities that
15 kind of happen in and around this area as it
16 sits.

17 And when we, started this effort, did
18 go through the Mayor's Special Task Force. But
19 because Parcel B is noted as private property,
20 they said that there was nothing that they
21 could really do in regard to this. If we were
22 really working to include our footprint on
23 public space, they informed us at that time,
24 that's when they get involved. So we made
25 every attempt, as you have noted, to kind of

1 work through those channels, but we moved
2 forward on the information we were given.

3 MEMBER SHORT: Okay, well, my last
4 question would be this. Normally with this
5 board, we request, especially on private
6 property, when people have private events, that
7 there be one security person for every 50
8 guests. Have you met that threshold for the
9 outside private area?

10 MS. STOKES: I have to pull up the
11 security. One guard per 50 for everyone who's
12 going to be out on Parcel B.

13 MEMBER SHORT: That's normally what we
14 do on this board. Normally, when this board is
15 enforcing its own codes and laws, that that's
16 what this board has been requiring. And this
17 is my third term on the board and we have not
18 deviated from that practice. So I'm just
19 asking how many people are going to be out
20 there at one time on Parcel B?

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think -- go
22 ahead Mr. McGuire. Go ahead, Mr. McGuire. Who
23 are you? Just let's say who you are. Mr.
24 McGuire.

25 MR. MCGUIRE: Yeah, sorry, I'm Scott

1 McGuire with Audi Field. Currently, we have
2 325 CSC and APEX security services working this
3 event. If we do the math of what's actually
4 currently distributed, which is 17,800, it
5 actually comes out to 54 people per security
6 guard. We are going to have other means of
7 security coming to the venue. That is just our
8 static posts and our own teams for security.
9 So we're at about 54 right now.

10 MEMBER SHORT: Sounds like you have a
11 plan. But again, is all of this in writing?
12 Did the board receive all this information that
13 I'm asking you about now?

14 MR. WITT: Yes, we sent back the
15 questions that were asked. We sent back
16 responses to all of those.

17 MEMBER SHORT: Okay, so can I ask
18 before this event takes place that the
19 questions I've just asked that are on record
20 that they be answered?

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short, we
22 have an investigator who has met with the team.

23 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chairman, Mr.
24 Chairman.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short, hold

1 on please. Hold on. Once we got the request
2 from the ANC, enforcement met with the team.
3 That's why Mr. Miller is here. Mr. Miller
4 asked a series of questions. Most of the
5 questions that you have asked, Mr. Miller has
6 requested those from the licensee and they have
7 provided an answer I believe, which has
8 addressed most of your issues. And I believe,
9 and Mr. Miller can testify later on, that he's
10 satisfied with all the concerns that you have
11 raised from the enforcement perspective. So
12 I'm going to have him speak and our enforcement
13 division will provide the board an answer to
14 most of the questions that you have asked.
15 Okay, so we'll have --

16 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chairman, but with
17 all due respect to you sir, if somebody
18 answered my questions before I asked them
19 today, what I'm saying Mr. Chairman, is this.
20 I've asked them things, they've answered as
21 best they could and it's on the record. This
22 is a public hearing. Those questions that I
23 asked, and I'm a board member just like you
24 are. I know you're the chairman. I give you
25 all due respect, sir. The only thing I would

1 ask is hopefully nothing happens out of the
2 ordinary. But if these questions are asked and
3 they aren't answered, then I would like to say
4 to everyone, we are not doing our due
5 diligence. I would just like to ask that the
6 questions I ask be a part of what our
7 investigator deals with with this.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And all I'm
9 saying, Mr. Short, we are the board and
10 enforcement is the portion of the board that
11 goes out and enforces the rules and regulations
12 of this agency. We have the investigator here
13 today. The investigator sent a detailed list
14 of questions to the organizers. They have
15 responded. So I will ask the investigator to
16 address all the questions that enforcement
17 thought were important in making a decision
18 whether or not this this substantial change
19 should be granted, and that they can have
20 additional questions to ask.

21 So our enforcement, the portion of our
22 office that's in charge of managing this event,
23 the board might say I want this to occur, but
24 my position is that if enforcement believes
25 that this is not necessary, then enforcement is

1 the one that controls.

2 So I'm going to have enforcement also
3 addresses their concerns. And you can also ask
4 enforcement some of those issues because I
5 believe that most of the questions that you
6 have, they were addressed by enforcement and
7 that's why Mr. Miller is here today.

8 I know Ms. Kramer, I know that you
9 have questions. However, as I stated before,
10 normally we don't have the ANC participate.
11 But one of the reasons why we have you here,
12 ma'am, is because you wrote us a letter and
13 told some of your concerns that you have. I am
14 going to give you an opportunity to ask some
15 limited questions. So don't worry, ma'am.
16 Once the board has asked questions, I am going
17 to give you an opportunity to ask questions.
18 I'm not just going to allow you to sit here.
19 This is important to the community. This is the
20 last hearing that we have for the day. So we do
21 have some time to provide. I see that there's
22 somebody in the chat from Levy. If they need
23 to be elevated, they can.

24 MEMBER SHORT: My last statement, Mr.
25 Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
2 Short.

3 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you for your
4 clarifications. And I would just simply say
5 each one of us board members have a vote and
6 the information I asked for would influence my
7 vote.

8 So the bottom line is I'd like to see
9 this event take place, and take place safely
10 and to the satisfaction of public safety
11 concerns and the people that live in the high-
12 rise that are one hundred feet away from Parcel
13 B. Thank you for allowing me to speak Mr.
14 Chairman. That's all I have at this time.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.
16 Short, Mr. Grant? Mr. Green, I'm not sure who
17 you're with, but you'll get an opportunity. Go
18 ahead, Mr. Grant.

19 MEMBER GRANT: Thank you so much, Mr.
20 Chair. Ms. Stokes, it may be a moot point now,
21 but I had a question about the cannabis process
22 in the event that it was going to take place.
23 In the event that someone made an order for a
24 certain portion of cannabis, and that person
25 did not pick up that order, are you aware of

1 what would have happened with the product in
2 the event that it was not picked up?

3 MS. STOKES: Yes. It's my
4 understanding that through DC law, it would not
5 have been distributed or sold to anyone except
6 for who made the original purchase whether they
7 use their medical marijuana card, or however
8 the order was placed onsite. Whatever wouldn't
9 have been picked up would have been returned to
10 the dispensary, and they would then deal with
11 whomever the purchaser was in terms of
12 additional arrangements or kind of whatever
13 happened there. So there were not going to be
14 any sales or distribution onsite to any other
15 individuals other than those who did their
16 orders in advance.

17 MEMBER GRANT: And just one follow up
18 question. In the event that a patron made the
19 order, they made the order again a day before,
20 two days before they didn't pick up, was there
21 an idea of determining when the product would
22 be deemed unclaimed? Would it be sent back
23 immediately or at the end of the event? What's
24 the timeline for turning it back?

25 MS. STOKES: That's not a system that

1 I'm familiar with. That would really have been
2 run through the organization that handled it.
3 I can work to try to find that information out,
4 but I don't have anything that I could respond
5 to intelligently at this moment.

6 MEMBER GRANT: Those are the only
7 questions I had. Thank you, Ms. Stokes. Thank
8 you, Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.
10 Grant. I'm sorry. Mr. Green, can you identify
11 yourself for the record, please?

12 MR. GREEN: I'm Justin Green. I'm the
13 regional vice president in the East Coast with
14 Levy Restaurants.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I guess you
16 said you have some clarification you want to
17 put on the record?

18 MR. GREEN: Yes. I appreciate the
19 opportunity to speak. Just for clarification,
20 I am in town now in DC. We are going to be
21 bringing in other folks as well, regionally, as
22 well as up and down the East Coast with Levy
23 Restaurants. We operate everything from
24 festivals of thousands and thousands of people,
25 all the way to obviously very large venues up

1 and up and down all of the United States with
2 very large concerts, very large layouts. And
3 we're coming in specifically to help support
4 and make sure this is done in a safe way. I
5 want to make sure that everyone understands
6 that not only is it the reputation of your
7 city, but also the reputation of Audi Field,
8 along with Levy Restaurants, to make sure that
9 we're serving in a very safe manner.

10 We are working with the Broccoli Fest
11 production company as well as the security team
12 at Audi Field to make sure that everything is
13 laid out in a way that we're able to control
14 access to alcohol throughout the entire event.
15 We would not continue to be part of this or
16 want our or Audi Field's name on it if we were
17 unable to support Broccoli Fest in that way.
18 To know that we're bringing in multiple
19 regionals as well as other support folks that
20 will be policing and making sure that alcohol
21 is served appropriately.

22 If there are, and listen, people will
23 and I don't want to be, I can't say that
24 somebody is not going to share a drink with
25 someone. What I can say is that we're watching

1 those things. We are very good and trained at
2 making sure that we do that. Every single one
3 of our bartenders is trained on proper alcohol
4 service, on how to cut somebody off or elevate
5 if it needs to be, to make sure that underage
6 folks are not served. And if it does happen or
7 we receive fake IDs, everyone is trained on how
8 to address and what to do with those things.

9 So please know that we do these all
10 over the country. We are here to support Audi
11 Field and Broccoli Fest in a way that keeps
12 everyone safe. And if there are any other
13 direct questions around the alcohol service or
14 any service within the perimeter, I'm happy to
15 answer those specifically.

16 Do know that the entire perimeter of
17 this is closed in. I'm very familiar with Audi
18 Field as it is one of my locations that I work
19 with, and know that Audi Field is just as close
20 to these apartments that are out there as this
21 perimeter is. We're not necessarily getting
22 closer in some areas. Some are already very
23 close.

24 So I just want to make sure everybody
25 understands that we do this on a regular basis

1 all over the country, and we will continue to
2 make sure that we're secure in doing it in a
3 way that needs to be done.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.
5 Green. I'm going to have the investigator
6 speak, and then once the investigator speaks,
7 then everyone will be allowed to ask questions.
8 And I'll have you go first, Ms. Kramer. You
9 can ask questions, but once I have the
10 investigator.

11 So, Mr. Miller, just let us know, what
12 do you know about this event and what has been
13 your involvement to date, sir?

14 MR. MILLER: Good afternoon, Mr.
15 Chair. My involvement with this event was to
16 investigate the concerns of the ANC that they
17 brought forward towards the board and the
18 letter they provided to you guys. Fortunately,
19 a lot of these questions that were in concern,
20 I believe, were answered for the most part.
21 There are a few that we kind of skipped over,
22 which is talking about EMS and the medics a
23 little bit more in detail. Also, I know you
24 guys mentioned about 18 and over. If you guys
25 can just elaborate a little bit more on ID

1 checks. Is this government-issued IDs? Is
2 this passports? You just elaborate a little
3 bit more on that.

4 And just a few other questions that I
5 feel like just need to be answered. But for
6 the most part, a lot of the concerns that the
7 ANC brought forward, the board has already
8 asked of the organizers, to be honest. So is
9 it all right if I ask them to answer a few more
10 questions? Is that all right?

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr.
12 Miller, go and ask whatever. That's why I have
13 you here. But let me ask you a question,
14 because I think Mr. Short had asked some
15 questions. So why don't you tell us, what were
16 the ANC's concerns? What were raised in ANC's
17 letters, because I know that you wrote a memo.
18 So what were some of the concerns that were
19 raised by the ANC and in your investigation and
20 your question to the organizers, what
21 information was provided to you? And are you
22 satisfied with what was provided to you?

23 MR. MILLER: Yes, sir. Some of the
24 concerns that, of course, Ms. Kramer can
25 elaborate a little bit more, but this is what I

1 received from the information. No security
2 detail have been provided, including
3 checkpoints, rules for alcohol and cannabis
4 sales and consumption, how many security
5 personnel and where they will be stationed or
6 located, not having adequate amount of police
7 presence, not having adequate amount of
8 coordination between agencies, I'm guessing MPD
9 and et cetera. Details on the sound system,
10 including hours of operations, ingress and
11 egress for patrons and emergency vehicles, and
12 concerns about traffic flow. That sounds about
13 right, Ms. Kramer?

14 MS. KRAMER: It's about right. I will
15 clarify what we still think are issues, but
16 yes, thank you.

17 MR. MILLER: All right, so for
18 majority of these questions, besides speaking
19 about the egress, a little bit more in detail
20 for patrons and emergency vehicles, and I think
21 that's one question that I just need a little
22 bit more details on. If you guys would just
23 elaborate for the record, I would greatly
24 appreciate that. Is that Mr. Witt?

25 MR. MCGUIRE: I'll jump in. It's

1 Scott McGuire. Our current plan that we've
2 worked with DDOT, MPD and SOD. To answer a
3 couple of the questions you had, we will have
4 53 staff from LifeGuard GW on site for all
5 medical needs. We'll have at least five
6 ambulances closer to probably seven parked on T
7 Street to the south. Around the building, we
8 will have 29 officers from the public SOD
9 division of MPD, which is very similar to what
10 we do for enhanced event at the Audi Field.
11 This is what we did for MLS All-Star that we
12 hosted last July.

13 For egress, we worked with DDOT and
14 MPD yesterday in a really long meeting we had
15 here at the venue where they won't close
16 streets. That's been a request that we've had.
17 They've pushed back on that one. So we've come
18 up with a plan with their support that they'll
19 be monitoring fans leaving the building. We're
20 encouraging fans to head towards Nats Park to
21 go to the Metro, which is the Navy Yard stop.
22 That's also where we have geofenced all of the
23 Lyft and Uber vehicles as well.

24 So what they're going to do in real
25 time is monitor the streets. If a street

1 starts to get overloaded with people, they will
2 close the roads. I think it's about 15 minutes
3 before the event is supposed to end, they will
4 start closing the roads. Other roads that they
5 have attached to through the TCOs. They'll
6 also help close those roads temporarily if they
7 get overrun with people will be immediately
8 leaving the venue. Again, we have worked with
9 DDOT and MPD to encourage everybody to head
10 towards the Navy Yard and not up to the SW
11 Metro station.

12 MR. MILLER: I appreciate that answer.
13 Just to elaborate a little bit on, you talk
14 about patrons leaving the venue. Can you just
15 talk about the approach of how these patrons
16 are getting to the event and parking situation?

17 MR. MCGUIRE: So parking is always a
18 difficult one, unfortunately, for the venue.
19 Since we are on a point, we don't have a lot of
20 options. What we have in our traffic plan
21 includes locations in the Navy Yard as well as
22 -- James Creek which is the south of the venue.
23 But again, a lot of the Know Before You Go is
24 encouraging public transportation through the
25 Metro. And we have shared parking lots that

1 will be open and accessible within the Navy
2 Yard for people to park their vehicles, which I
3 forget the exact name, but the similar ones
4 that Nats Park uses, I think Lot G or I just
5 can't think of the names. But it's those lots
6 a little further east of Nats Park that we've
7 encouraged as well if you're driving to park in
8 there and then walk across South Cap to come to
9 the venue.

10 MR. MILLER: And just elaborate for
11 the record and for the board's knowledge, can
12 you just elaborate on the Get-Around Guide?

13 MR. MCGUIRE: The Get-Around Guide?

14 MR. MILLER: It was a guide, I guess,
15 for the attendees.

16 MR. MCGUIRE: Deborah, do you have
17 that one?

18 MS. STOKES: I can, yes. Deborah
19 Stokes. Yes. The Get-Around Guide is just
20 really our attempts to provide a little bit
21 more detail, much to what Scott described in
22 giving festival goers options of how to get in
23 and out of the area, really encouraging them to
24 use Metro, letting them know about, I believe
25 it's called the Circuit, as an option that

1 picks up from the Metro stations and is able to
2 kind of move people in and around this
3 neighborhood and just really working to
4 encourage everything, stay in the Navy Yard
5 area.

6 Similar to what happens at the close
7 of soccer matches. Uber ride, Rideshare, Uber
8 and Lyft are geolocated, so they're not even
9 able to come and are not permitted to pick up
10 in this zone. So anyone who needs to catch a
11 ride kind of has to walk a little farther out
12 before they're even engaged in that way.

13 One thing I'd also like to note, Nats
14 Park is dark over those days, and we've been in
15 communication with their individual, working
16 with their parking garages, and they are
17 looking to open and provide parking for a price
18 for attendees.

19 So for as much as we can, we are just
20 trying to give people the options of what's
21 available. But again, in terms of our
22 audience, we are not exceeding the limits that
23 Audi Field is currently set at. So we are not
24 bringing any more bodies into the area than a
25 normal soccer match would.

1 MR. MILLER: Perfect. Just for
2 clarity, a lot of these questions that you
3 might have asked are answered already. But I
4 want to backtrack. No one answered the question
5 about the 18 year old and ID check. How are we
6 checking government IDs? Are we doing
7 passports?

8 MR. GREEN: I can take that. This is
9 Justin Green. We're going to have multiple
10 stations set up for checking IDs, as well as
11 for wristbanding, as well as the fact that
12 there will be anybody that is questionable of
13 age, even if -- even with a wristband, will be
14 ID'd again at each bar. Those are going to be
15 done with government issued IDs only. We don't
16 accept anything outside of that. So if they
17 don't have a government issued ID, they would
18 not be able to. They would not be able to
19 drink. That includes a state driver's license,
20 a state verification of age license, depending
21 on their state, as well as a passport.

22 Now we will verify and make sure that
23 they are real. We know and have taught our
24 teams how to catch fakes and licenses that
25 don't belong to certain people, obviously. And

1 we will be doing a retraining with those things
2 for safety on both Friday when we bring in
3 those teams, and Saturday again prior to the
4 start of the event.

5 MR. MILLER: I appreciate that.

6 MR. GREEN: Yes, sir.

7 MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I believe most
8 of the rest of the questions were answered
9 already. They did provide me with a security
10 plan in detail. I don't want to bore you with
11 it because it's pretty extensive and really
12 long, but I can provide that to the board as
13 well.

14 I did want to put on the record,
15 though, I did check their history for Levy, for
16 the liquor license. Their only violation
17 history was back in 2014. That was for not
18 posting and carrying a license. And that was a
19 warning.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And that's for
21 the licensee. Is that correct?

22 MR. WITT: Yeah. And that was a
23 different venue. That was not --

24 MR. MILLER: That was at the Verizon
25 Center.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you're part
2 of Enforcement. So is the Enforcement branch
3 satisfied with the security procedures that was
4 put forth by the organization?

5 MR. MILLER: Yes, sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Ms.
7 Kramer, as I stated before, our job is they're
8 asking for a substantial change just because
9 they want to sell and serve alcohol outside of
10 the confines of Audi Stadium. So the only
11 reason we're having this hearing is because
12 they're asking for change. So I just want you
13 to keep that in mind in the limited questions
14 that you can ask. I know that a lot of issues
15 that you had in your letter to the board, those
16 are not issues that this board can address
17 because it's not within our purview. So you're
18 seeing the kind of questions that the board
19 have asked so far. So your question should be
20 similar to those line of questions, ma'am. So
21 whatever questions you have, you're welcome to
22 ask.

23 MS. KRAMER: I'd like to say,
24 actually, is that we have had a lot of
25 questions answered. The context in which these

1 questions are answered were because we and all
2 of the District agencies came into this
3 absolutely at the last minute and have all been
4 playing catch up. So I think the board needs
5 to appreciate that. And we have had, and
6 continue to hear contradictions and sort of
7 muddy responses. So some of them are
8 questions, a lot of them are clarifications.

9 In terms of the noise abatement issues
10 and six or seven points. In terms of the noise
11 abatement issues, it is true that the Verge is
12 across the street. The community of Buzzard
13 Point completely surrounds the stadium. The
14 community deals with loud soccer games and so
15 forth, but this is an event of a very different
16 nature. Across the street, catty corner to the
17 Verge is the Watermark, which one of the
18 officials noted. On B Street is the River
19 Point and the Peninsular. And immediately
20 across the street, across Potomac Avenue, is
21 all of Old Southwest. So the stadium and the
22 venue are basically now surrounded by several
23 thousand new residents, as well as all the old
24 residents in Old Southwest. That needs to be
25 clear. That said, I do not hear, and if the

1 applicant wants to suggest further, I do not
2 hear any specifications for the level of sound
3 other than the fact that inside the stadium,
4 the speakers, we understand, will be directed
5 inside the stadium. No clarifications about
6 what goes on in Parcel B. This is about, as
7 you said correctly, this is about Parcel B.

8 The second point or question is in
9 terms of street closures. We've had multiple
10 meetings with DDOT and with all of the
11 principals since our July 15th letter to ABCA.
12 We were informed there would be no street
13 closures. So if they're literally talking
14 about street closures, we'd like to know what
15 those are explicitly.

16 The third point, in terms of cannabis
17 and alcohol, maybe a combined question. I'm
18 actually astonished to hear that at other
19 venues, they would have permitted delivery of
20 cannabis at the event. I don't understand. I'd
21 like to know what ABCA says about that with
22 respect to DC laws. As I understood, a DC law
23 for cannabis is in your own home. There's no
24 street. I'm not asking about enforcement. I
25 understand that's a complicated question, but

1 in terms of how this could ever have been
2 messaged at all, that there would be not only
3 first, cannabis permitted, but then secondly,
4 at other venues, that cannabis would have been
5 actually delivered to the site. There was some
6 reference to DC Kitchen. I don't know what
7 that means. DC Kitchen? There's a training
8 and catering facility in Buzzard Point. I
9 assume that's not what they're talking about.

10 Related to the cannabis, since there
11 have been lots of questions from the board,
12 from ABCA on cannabis and drinking and how it's
13 going to be controlled, is there any limitation
14 on the number of drinks? I have actually
15 provided drinks as a part of nonprofit
16 fundraising, served drinks at Audi Stadium.
17 And I know that we were told at that time we
18 were allowed, I believe, if my memory is
19 correct, we were allowed to serve two drinks
20 per patron. That was it. So I'd like to know
21 what there are. As we saw in the layout,
22 you've not seen in details still, there were
23 about five different vendors in Parcel B.
24 Hennessey was set up. I can't remember which
25 brands were set up, but there were stations set

1 up for multiple brands. I would like to know
2 what the specific plan is for distributing
3 alcohol in Parcel B, given the fact that there
4 are stations for various brands, distributors.

5 In terms of seeing the layout and the
6 details, ANC 6D had the same problems or
7 frustrations with exactly what was going to be
8 done where. We have heard the Mayor's Task
9 Force, to be clear, our understanding is, and
10 my understanding from trying to track this
11 down, was that the Mayor's Special Events Task
12 Force was not involved in this. If they are
13 now, it's another county, so to speak, doing
14 catch up.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, Ms.
16 Kramer. You're putting a whole lot of
17 questions, and let me try to get some answers
18 for you. So let me --

19 MS. KRAMER: We have two more if you
20 want to lay them out.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead,
22 ma'am. Go ahead.

23 MS. KRAMER: Sure. What was asked by
24 one of your board members was, what's the flow
25 back and forth? It's a very important

1 question. What is the flow back and forth
2 between, since you're talking about somewhere
3 upwards to 20,000 people, moving back and forth
4 between acts. What is the flow? Who's
5 handling that? And related to that? I have
6 multiple numbers on security. I have 325
7 security personnel, I don't know what that
8 means, that normally deployed at Audi Stadium.
9 Someone, I think it was Deborah Stokes,
10 mentioned 30. In the written material, it's 50
11 to 60. We have no specification on who those
12 are, where they are? In the 50 to 60 in Parcel
13 B or in Audi? What are they supposed to do?
14 Are they deployed at stations? Are they roving
15 around? And I'd like to know what that is.

16 My last point which was just mentioned
17 about parking. And this may be beyond ABCA's
18 concern, but it is part of the peace and order
19 sort of contextual concerns, is what
20 arrangements have been made with DPW for
21 towing? Should we have multiple vehicles that
22 don't have prepaid parking, that have no place
23 to park? And we've had chaos in other events,
24 and we don't want to have that chaos now.

25 So thank you for the time, I had

1 prepared testimony, but this is probably, I
2 hope, more helpful and more efficient to you by
3 me trying to catch up with these questions and
4 clarifications.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
6 thank you, Ms. Kramer. I'm going to answer the
7 cannabis question. Cannabis can be delivered
8 within the District of Columbia to a medical
9 cannabis patient who has a card. And cannabis
10 can be delivered in any commercial space or in
11 a residential space. Cannabis, however, cannot
12 be delivered in a public space.

13 From what I'm being told, Parcel B is
14 not a public space. I think what I was told
15 that Parcel B is a commercial space, or I
16 guess, private residential commercial space.
17 And so if cannabis is going to be delivered, it
18 can be delivered to an individual who has a
19 card, and it can be delivered in a commercial
20 space or residential space. And as long as
21 it's delivered to someone who has a card,
22 there's really nothing that this board can do
23 to prevent that from occurring. So if they
24 allow folks to have cannabis delivered, if they
25 have a medical card, the law states that it can

1 be delivered.

2 Now, we all know that cannabis cannot
3 be legally consumed in public spaces or
4 commercial spaces, in public spaces, it has to
5 be a residential. You can legally consume
6 cannabis in the District of Columbia within the
7 confines of your residence. Okay? That's as
8 far as cannabis is concerned.

9 Now, whoever wants to address the
10 other issues that were raised by Ms. Kramer,
11 you're welcome to. But as I stated before, I
12 probably will allow this hearing to go on for
13 another 10 to 15 more minutes, because I know
14 everyone's time is precious. So within the
15 confines, whoever wants to jump in, please go
16 ahead and jump in.

17 MR. GREEN: Mr. Anderson, this is
18 Justin Green. Ms. Kramer, I appreciate your
19 questions. As far as the delivery of alcohol,
20 you are correct. We, as an organization, only
21 serve two alcohol beverages per ID when they
22 come up to the bar. That does not mean two
23 alcohol beverages for the entire event. It
24 means two alcohol beverages per ID. So if
25 somebody walks up and they are the person with

1 the ID, we will serve them two beverages in
2 hand. If they come up and they have someone
3 else's ID, we will not serve them four
4 beverages. We will only serve the person that
5 is there with the proper ID.

6 We then, throughout the event,
7 continue to, as our training does, I heard
8 somebody mention TIPS earlier, we also do other
9 ServSafe training for alcohol. The we continue
10 to watch for signs of intoxication. If those
11 signs are seen, we will cut off that individual
12 and note that. And then we document anytime
13 someone is cut off or anytime there's an
14 incident regarding alcohol for ourselves. So I
15 hope that answers your question.

16 MS. KRAMER: Well, sort of does. So
17 they can get alcohol at multiple stations.
18 They can continue to get alcohol at multiple
19 stations. And the only safeguard about that is
20 whether your trained security, which I don't
21 have the answer to yet, would be able to notice
22 that they're intoxicated.

23 MR. GREEN: No, ma'am, not just our
24 security, it's our bartenders as well. Our
25 bartenders are fully trained on that as well.

1 And our bartenders are watching for those
2 things, as well as the managers and the
3 hundreds of other team members that are in the
4 food and beverage side of the business
5 throughout the building are watching for that.

6 Obviously, security and that side will
7 see if somebody is intoxicated and will
8 communicate to make sure those people are not
9 continued to be served or if need be removed
10 from the property.

11 But to answer your question, yes, you
12 will be able to go, I could go to one stand,
13 buy two beverages, drink those, and then go to
14 another stand later and buy two more beverages
15 and drink those. This is a very long event.
16 Gates open at 2:00 p.m. and ends later in the
17 night. So we will watch, obviously for those
18 signs of intoxication.

19 But it's no different than what we do
20 at any other place, whether it be Nationals
21 Park across the way or at a D.C. United game.
22 I would be able to walk up to a bar or a
23 concession stand, buy a beverage or my allotted
24 two beverages, and then come back later and buy
25 beverages again. That rule is exactly the same

1 and how we would follow it the same way for
2 this event.

3 MR. MCGUIRE: Scott McGuire. I'll
4 jump in on the security question. I'll give
5 you the numbers very specifically. We have 325
6 CSC and APEX. Their sole purpose is access
7 control and they're security roam teams. So
8 they will be part of the stage crew, they'll be
9 part of entry, and they'll have other access
10 points throughout the venue. We have a
11 detailed DOT map that was shared with the
12 investigator.

13 So we have 325 CSC and APEX. We have
14 29 SOD. So those will be SOD and ERT teams
15 outside the venue. And we also have requested
16 12 off-duty MPD to be within the venue for the
17 duration of the event.

18 MS. KRAMER: Where are the SODs
19 deployed?

20 MR. MCGUIRE: The bulk of it will be
21 surrounding directly around the building.
22 There will be a couple that will stretch
23 towards South Cap. And I think one or two are
24 going to stretch towards P Street. But the
25 bulk of it will be like they do on normal match

1 days in the four corners of the venue.

2 MS. KRAMER: And the MPD are inside,
3 is that what you just said?

4 MR. MCGUIRE: Correct. And --
5 (Simultaneous speaking.)

6 MS. KRAMER: In both Parcel B and in
7 the stadium.

8 MR. MCGUIRE: Twelve throughout the
9 venue. Typical D.C. United match, we do four
10 to six. So we have doubled that just to fit
11 the footprint.

12 MS. KRAMER: Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
14 questions?

15 MS. KRAMER: I'm sorry, can I just
16 clarify what Scott McGuire just said? Is the
17 special ops personnel are at the, as it was
18 described to us, at the stations that are
19 basically south of M, they're controlling entry
20 into the whole area. Is that correct?

21 MR. MCGUIRE: They'll be part of that
22 team as well. And then --

23 MS. KRAMER: Okay, and maybe, Scott,
24 you know the answer to this. Is the street
25 closures, which we were told there will not be

1 street closures and I hear something that's a
2 little bit ambiguous.

3 MR. MCGUIRE: There's no official
4 street closers. We're not going to close the
5 roads.

6 MS. KRAMER: That's consistent with
7 what I know, yes.

8 MR. MCGUIRE: The only way they're
9 going to close it is if they see a lot of
10 people in the road, they'll temporarily close
11 it until that group of people --

12 (Simultaneous speaking.)

13 MS. KRAMER: Okay. That's consistent
14 with what we were told. Thank you. So to go
15 back to the security, your security people,
16 Deborah Stokes said 30. Your materials say 50
17 to 60. What is that about? Who are those 50
18 to 60 compared to what you've just talked
19 about, 325?

20 MR. MCGUIRE: I honestly have no idea.

21 MS. KRAMER: Well, that's -- can you
22 just give a little --

23 (Simultaneous speaking.)

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold up, Ms.
25 Kramer. Ms. Kramer, the representation that we

1 have here, we have the representation both by
2 Audi Field and they have informed us the
3 security that's in place for the event this
4 weekend. So that's what I'm going to go with.
5 Ms. Stokes doesn't work for Audi Field and Levy
6 is the one who is requesting a substantial
7 change. So as far as security is concerned,
8 the board is holding them accountable to have
9 the proper security for the venue. So whatever
10 information that Levy provided today with the
11 staff from Audi, that is the information that
12 the board is going to move forward with based
13 on that representation that's made today.
14 Okay?

15 MS. KRAMER: I appreciate that. The 50
16 to 60 is from the Levy application. It's in
17 writing. That's what I was referring to. It's
18 10,000 people expected, which is, I assume, is
19 only for Parcel B and 50 to 60 private security
20 CSC. That's what I'm quoting. That's from
21 their document to ABCA.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And they
23 provided information to us and clearly the
24 information that was provided to us was not
25 sufficient. That's one of the reasons why

1 we're having a Fact Finding hearing today. And
2 that's also one of the reasons why we had an
3 investigator who used your letter to question
4 the organizer. So for the board to grant the
5 substantial change, it's based on the
6 information that's provided to us as a result
7 of the Fact Finding hearing. Okay. So we're,
8 we're basing the information on what's
9 presented to us, not in the application, but
10 what's presented on the record.

11 MS. KRAMER: I see. Well, I'm still
12 confused, but I don't want to belabor this.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry,
14 ma'am. What are you confused about?

15 MS. KRAMER: What is the 50? How does
16 the 50 or 60, since I didn't understand for Mr.
17 --

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This 50 or 60,
19 what?

20 MS. KRAMER: The 50 or 60 security.
21 What does that relate to?

22 MR. WITT: I can answer that question.

23 MS. KRAMER: Thank you.

24 MR. WITT: When this was originally
25 submitted, we thought that the questions were

1 strictly related to the Parcel B area. In
2 discussions with the investigator, we were
3 asked to provide these numbers for the entire
4 footprint, including outdoor and indoor, not
5 just specifically for the outdoor. So I think
6 that might be where the confusion's coming in.

7 MS. KRAMER: Okay. And what's that
8 number then? That's the 325. Those are all
9 security?

10 MR. WITT: That's correct. Those are
11 the numbers that Scott just provided.

12 MS. KRAMER: Okay, thank you. I don't
13 want to belabor it, though. I appreciate the
14 clarification. I very much appreciate ABCA
15 having had the special investigation. I want
16 the record to show that as well, that you took
17 our concerns very seriously. So I do
18 appreciate that, for the record.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms.
20 Kramer. The board, as always, we give great
21 weight to reports that we receive from the ANC,
22 meaning that we listen to it, we might not
23 necessarily agree with it, but we do consider,
24 and we thought this was important enough to
25 have a Fact Finding hearing to get further

1 information. So based on your request to us,
2 but not for your request to us, the board would
3 not have had this Fact Finding hearing
4 generally. And so we took it at heart to say
5 that this is of great importance to the
6 community and so let's have a public Fact
7 Finding hearing so the organizers can answer
8 our questions and the ANC's questions. And as
9 I stated before, normally we have Fact Finding
10 hearings, it's just between the board, the
11 licensee. But we are allowing you to
12 participate so you can have questions. The
13 board is not able to answer all your questions
14 because some of the questions that you have
15 raised is not within our jurisdiction, however,
16 the parties are here and I do give you some
17 leeway to ask some questions.

18 Any other questions anyone wants to
19 ask because I know everyone's time is important
20 and I don't necessarily want to belabor and
21 hold this hearing out as long as possible. Mr.
22 Witt?

23 MR. WITT: Ms. Kramer, thank you so
24 much for bringing your concerns. If you'd like
25 to ever reach out to us, we're happy to have

1 those discussions. I worked directly with
2 Coralie Farley. When we set this up, it was at
3 60 originally. So we're happy to have any
4 discussions that you'd like about any of our
5 events. If you'd like to reach out direct as
6 well, we're happy to help.

7 Mr. Short, I think you had some
8 questions and I know there's been a lot of
9 discussion. I just wanted to ensure that you
10 had clarity on all the questions that you had
11 today before we move forward and see if there
12 was anything that was unanswered that we still
13 need to provide to you, sir?

14 MEMBER SHORT: May I speak?

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're always
16 welcome to speak, Mr. Short.

17 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you very much.
18 Now that I'm allowed to speak. Yes, I asked
19 these questions and I really want to say this.
20 It just upsets some people when I say it but I
21 served 33 years to DC Fire Department. I was
22 in charge of the Million Man March for the DC
23 government. I've also seen a lot of issues
24 that happen when we don't do due diligence and
25 ask the appropriate questions beforehand

1 because once it hits the Washington Post and
2 something goes wrong, people want to know what
3 did responsible people do. And so I always try
4 to act responsible. So the questions I was
5 asking weren't to irritate or cause anybody any
6 issues, but to make sure that they're asked in
7 the front and not in the rear of the event.

8 Thank you very much for the answers
9 that you gave and the answers that the rest of
10 you who testified today have given. And we
11 pray that the event turns out very safely and
12 prosperous for you. But it is concerning for me
13 that it's in such a densely populated
14 community, Buzzard Point.

15 But I'll leave that for the record.
16 And again, thank you, Mr. Chairman, for
17 allowing me to speak and I wish everybody have
18 a good time at the event at Audi Field.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for
20 your statement, Mr. Short. Any other questions
21 by anyone? This event is scheduled for this
22 weekend and I think that members of the board
23 should vote to grant the substantial change.
24 Was there a second?

25 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chairman?

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short?

2 MEMBER SHORT: Can we go into
3 executive section just for about five minutes
4 please?

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, Mr.
6 Short. Sure.

7 MS. KRAMER: Could I ask --

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who's speaking?
9 Ms. Kramer? Yes. Ms. Kramer?

10 MS. KRAMER: Yes. If you do not vote
11 this afternoon, can we submit anything else or
12 you expect to vote this afternoon?

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Today's
14 Wednesday and this event is Saturday and
15 Sunday. The unfortunate thing is that this
16 request was made, it was made timely and it was
17 on our schedule for last week, but we decided
18 that we need to have a Fact Finding hearing and
19 so the only time available to have the hearing
20 was today. So therefore the board has to make
21 a decision on that issue.

22 And before the board goes into
23 executive session, is there anything that
24 anyone else wants to state? Since I have not
25 heard anything, give me a minute, please. As

1 chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage and
2 Cannabis Board for the District of Columbia, in
3 accordance with DC Official Code Section 2575
4 of the Open Meetings Act, I move that ABCA
5 Board hold a closed meeting for the purpose of
6 seeking legal advice from our counsel on the
7 substantial change request for 24-SC-00777
8 pursuant to DC Official Code Section
9 2575(b)(4)(a) of the Open Meetings Act. Is
10 there a second?

11 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
13 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll
14 call vote. Mr. Short?

15 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?

17 MEMBER GRANT: (No audible response.)

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.

19 I agree. As it appears that a motion has
20 passed, I hereby give notice that the ABCA
21 Board will recess this proceeding to hold a
22 closed meeting pursuant to Section 2575 of the
23 Open Meetings Act. The board will be back
24 shortly. Please don't go anywhere. You can
25 turn your camera off. You can mute your phone.

1 The board will go into executive session and we
2 will be right back. Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
4 went off the record at 3:12 p.m. and resumed at
5 3:19 p.m.)

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
7 we're back on the record. The board went into
8 executive session. The board went into
9 executive session to discuss a legal issue and
10 I just want the public to know that what we did
11 is that anytime any board member has a
12 question, and if we are going to leave the
13 public session and have to go into executive
14 session, I have to do that reading. So that's
15 required by me as Chair that anytime we're
16 leaving a public session to discuss any issue,
17 I have to do that reading and to come back and
18 to state that we went to an executive session
19 to discuss some legal concerns.

20 So the concerns have been addressed.
21 And so therefore the board will now take a
22 vote. And so therefore I make a motion that we
23 approve the substantial change. Is there a
24 second?

25 MEMBER SHORT: (No audible response.)

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
2 second the motion. We'll now have roll call
3 vote. Mr. Short.

4 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?

6 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant. I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
8 Anderson? I agree. The matter passed 3-0.
9 And I'm also going to direct that this matter
10 be monitored by our enforcement. I know that's
11 contemplated anyway because enforcement has
12 interviewed the parties, but we're going to ask
13 that enforcement monitor this event.

14 As you know, this is an event that is
15 of major concern to the community. We had this
16 Fact Finding hearing because the community was
17 concerned. The board is concerned, all board
18 members are concerned about the success of the
19 event and also the safety of the community. So
20 I wish that this event occurs without any, that
21 it becomes routine in a sense that we don't
22 have events, we don't have Fact Finding
23 hearings after there's been an event at D.C.
24 United, at Audi Field. So I'm hoping that this
25 event that will occur at Audi Field is just a

1 regular event that you always have. That we
2 never hear about it again, when I said don't
3 hear about it, meaning that as far as the board
4 is concerned, no news is excellent news. So
5 good luck, everyone.

6 I ask the parties to continue talking.
7 You have two more days. You can have further
8 conversation. I believe that the organizers,
9 they have a good idea what are the concerns are
10 of the community, and if there's anything that
11 can be done to assist the community, it would
12 be appreciated. Okay? So thank you very much
13 for your present. Everyone, have a great day.

14 MR. WITT: Thanks, everyone.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, and
16 now I need to close the record. The board has
17 dispensed with its agenda for the day, so let
18 me close the record officially for the day.

19 As chairperson of the Alcoholic
20 Beverage and Cannabis Board for the District of
21 Columbia, in accordance with Title III, Chapter
22 45, Office of Open Government, I move that ABCA
23 Board hold a closed meeting on July 31 for the
24 purpose of discussing in hearing reports
25 concerning ongoing or planned investigations of

1 alleged criminal or civil misconduct or
2 violations of law or regulations. And seeking
3 legal advice from our legal counsel on the
4 board's investigative agenda, legal agenda and
5 licensing agenda for July 31 as published in DC
6 Register on July 26. Is there a second?

7 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant. I second
8 the motion.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has
10 second the motion. I will take a roll call
11 vote in a motion before us now that has been
12 second. Mr. Short.

13 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant.

15 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant. I agree.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson.
17 I agree. As it appears that the motion has
18 passed, I hereby give notice that ABCA Board
19 will hold this closed meeting pursuant to the
20 Open Meetings Act. Notice will also be posted
21 on the ABCA Board Hearing Room bulletin board,
22 placed on electronic calendar on ABCA's website
23 and published in DC Register in as timely a
24 manner as practical.

25 We are now officially adjourned for

1 the day. We'd like to thank the members of the
2 public who participated in our hearings today
3 and also the board members who participated in
4 our hearings. Thank you very much. And I now
5 ask all board members return to executive
6 session for further action. Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
8 went off the record at 3:24 p.m.)
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