

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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BHG Waterfront, LLC                :  
t/a TBD                               :  
715 Wharf Street, NW               : Roll Call  
License #118143                     : Hearing  
Retailer CT - ANC 6D               :  
Case #21-PRO-00056                :  
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(Application for a New               :  
License)                               :  
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Monday  
August 2, 2021

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

- PRESENT:  
LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent  
ALSO PRESENT:  
KAREN ANDERSON, Protestant  
EDWARD DANIELS, ANC 6D  
TODD GARTH, Protestant  
CLARE ROWLAND, Protestant  
JOSHUA MIKHAEL SCHLOSSMAN, Protestant,  
Representative of Group of 12  
MARTIN WELLES, Protestant  
DALTON WILLIAMS, Protestant  
SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant's Counsel  
LAURA ZYLSTRA, Protestant

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

2 10:03 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: I am calling the case  
4 of BHG Waterfront, LLC, trading as to be  
5 determined, 715 Wharf Street, NW, License Number  
6 ABRA-118143. This is a Retailer Class CT new  
7 application. The protest issues are adverse  
8 impact on peace, order, and quiet. Present on  
9 behalf of the applicant?

10 MS. YOHANNES: Hello. Sidon Yohannes  
11 on behalf of the applicant, and that's S-I-D-O-N,  
12 Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-S.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.  
14 Yohannes. Is the applicant present today?

15 MS. YOHANNES: No, he's not.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. And  
17 who is present on behalf of the Group of 12?

18 MR. SCHLOSSMAN: That would be me,  
19 Joshua Mikhael Schlossman.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. If you would  
21 just state your name one more time and spell it  
22 for the record?

23 MR. SCHLOSSMAN: Sure. Joshua Mikhael  
24 Schlossman. It's Joshua, J-O-S-H-U-A, Mikhael, M-  
25 I-K-H-A-E-L, Schlossman, S-C-H-L-O-S-S as in Sam-

1 M-A-N.

2 MS. FLETCHER: And Mr. Schlossman, are  
3 there any other members from your group present  
4 today?

5 MR. SCHLOSSMAN: Yes. I have Karen  
6 Anderson, Martin Welles, Laura Zylstra, Todd  
7 Garth, Dalton Williams. I also have on the phone  
8 at least one other.

9 MS. FLETCHER: If those individuals  
10 would state their names and spell them for the  
11 record, please? We can start with Karen  
12 Anderson.

13 MS. ANDERSON: Sorry about that.  
14 Karen Anderson, K-A-R-E-N, last name A-N-D-E-R-S-  
15 O-N.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.  
17 Anderson. And there -- and someone else.  
18 There's a few other people?

19 (Simultaneous speaking.)

20 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Welles?

21 (Audio interference.)

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Ms. Zylstra, I  
23 think you're trying to speak but you're breaking  
24 up right now. You want to try again? Okay.  
25 Laura -- Mr. Schlossman, is Laura Zylstra part of

1 your group?

2 MR. SCHLOSSMAN: Yes, she is and the  
3 name that (simultaneous speaking) --

4 MS. ZYLSTRA: Yeah, Laura Zylstra --  
5 (Simultaneous speaking.)

6 MS. ZYLSTRA: Yes. Laura Zylstra.  
7 It's Z as in Zebra-Y-S as in Sam.

8 MS. FLETCHER: And so Ms. Zylstra,  
9 you're breaking up. I'm going to spell your name  
10 for the court reporter. I have it spelled as L-  
11 A-U-R-A, Z like Zebra-Y-L-S-T-R-A. If that's  
12 incorrect --

13 MS. ZYLSTRA: Correct.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Is that correct? Okay.  
15 Good. Okay. Mr. Welles --

16 MS. ZYLSTRA: Yes. Thank you.

17 MS. FLETCHER: -- you can go ahead.

18 MR. WELLES: Good morning. My name is  
19 Martin Welles, M-A-R-T-I-N, W-E-L-L-E-S.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Welles.  
21 And the next person?

22 MR. GARTH: Hi. My name is Todd  
23 Garth, and my name is spelled T-O-D-D, G-A-R-T-H.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.  
25 Anyone else from a Group of 12?

1 MS. ROWLAND: My name is Clare  
2 Rowland, C-L-A-R-E, R-O-W-L-A-N-D.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Rowland.  
4 Anyone else?

5 MR. WILLIAMS: Dalton Williams, D-A-L-  
6 T-O-N, Williams, W-I-L-L-I-A-M-S.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone  
8 else?

9 (No audible response.)

10 MS. FLETCHER: Seven individuals --  
11 I've counted seven individuals present from the  
12 Group of 12, which means that the Group of 12 is  
13 granted full standing as a protestant. Mr.  
14 Schlossman, you and Ms. Anderson are the  
15 designated representatives for the group; is that  
16 correct?

17 MR. SCHLOSSMAN: That's correct, we're  
18 the designated representatives for the group.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Well, what that means  
20 is that at the upcoming status hearing, either  
21 one of you may appear -- either one of you may  
22 appear, just either one of you. The rest of the  
23 members of the group do not need to appear.

24 MR. SCHLOSSMAN: Perfect. Thank you.

25 MS. FLETCHER: And -- you're welcome.

1 And present on behalf of ANC 6D?

2 MR. DANIELS: Good morning, Ms.  
3 Fletcher. My name is Edward Daniels, E-D-W-A-R-  
4 D, D-A-N-I-E-L-S, and I am the Chair of ANC 6D.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Daniels.  
6 ANC 6D does have standing as a protestant. We're  
7 going to need to set some dates now for a  
8 mediation, status hearing, and I'll check the  
9 availability of the protest hearing date for you.  
10 I'm going to have to place you on hold for just a  
11 second. I'm going to disappear for a moment.  
12 I'll be right back. Thank you.

13 (Pause.)

14 MS. FLETCHER: I'm still here, be  
15 right with you.

16 (Pause.)

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So I'm going to  
18 give you the date for your status hearing and  
19 your protest hearing. The day for the status  
20 hearing is August 18 at 10:30 a.m. That's August  
21 18 at 10:30 a.m. for the status hearing. The  
22 protest hearing is set for October 6 at 1:30 p.m.  
23 That's October 6 at 1:30 p.m. for the protest  
24 hearing. And you'll receive WebEx invitations  
25 for those hearings as well.

1                   We need to set a date for mediation.  
2                   Ideally, it will occur before the 18th of August.  
3                   I'll give you the next available day for  
4                   mediation. The next available day is Tuesday,  
5                   August 10, pretty much anytime between 9:00 a.m.  
6                   and 2:00 p.m., so that can be actually, 10:00,  
7                   11:00, 12:00, anytime between 10:00 and 2:00.

8                   MS. YOHANNES: I'm available 11:00 to  
9                   1:00 on Tuesday.

10                  MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Mr. Schlossman  
11                  or Ms. Anderson, are you available on August 10?

12                  MR. SCHLOSSMAN: I'm checking my  
13                  calendar now.

14                  MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

15                  MR. SCHLOSSMAN: Let's see, I am  
16                  available at 11:00 Eastern Time.

17                  MS. FLETCHER: Okay. What -- Mr.  
18                  Daniels, what about you?

19                  MR. DANIELS: I'm actually available  
20                  all day that day, so anytime that works for  
21                  everyone else.

22                  MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, that's  
23                  perfect. We can set the mediation then for  
24                  Tuesday, August 10 at 11:00 a.m., and you'll see  
25                  a WebEx invitation from me to attend the

1 mediation. Any questions at all?

2 MR. WELLES: Ms. Fletcher, I have a  
3 question. Martin Welles here. Is anybody  
4 invited to the mediation, or is that just the  
5 points --

6 MS. FLETCHER: Well, normally -- Mr.  
7 Welles, normally, the designated representative  
8 appears but you're welcome to attend because you  
9 are a protestant. It's -- normally, it's the  
10 designated representative but it's up to you. If  
11 you decide you're going to come, let me know so I  
12 can send you an invitation. Otherwise, the  
13 invitations would go to the two designated  
14 representatives, Mr. Schlossman and Ms. Anderson.

15 MR. WELLES: Thank you. Let me check  
16 with my designated reps and we'll make a  
17 decision.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Just let me  
19 know. Okay.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: This is Dalton  
21 Williams. If you'd include me in that, I'd  
22 appreciate it.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, Mr. Williams. I  
24 just made a note to send you an invitation to the  
25 mediation.



1 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

2 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

3 MS. YOHANNES: I just wanted to make  
4 one comment. Ms. Fletcher, if you could advise  
5 the parties about entering a settlement agreement  
6 prior to the mediation, what that would do to the  
7 mediation date.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. If the parties  
9 are able to enter into a settlement agreement  
10 prior to the mediation date, then we can cancel  
11 the mediation. If the parties submit a  
12 settlement agreement prior to the status hearing,  
13 we'll cancel the status hearing. And if the  
14 Board approves the settlement agreement, then  
15 we'll cancel the protest hearing as well.

16 One other thing I'll mention, because  
17 this is a protest filed by the ANC in addition to  
18 a Group of 12, if the ANC enters into a  
19 settlement agreement, then the ABC Board  
20 dismisses the Group of 12 and ideally, a  
21 settlement agreement entered into with the ANC  
22 will include the interest of the community. But  
23 we're not there yet. That's just for your  
24 information. The mediation will include the  
25 Group of 12 and ANC 6D.

1 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

2 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

3 Anybody else have any questions at all?

4 (No audible response.)

5 MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you for  
6 coming. The roll call hearing is concluded in  
7 the matter of BHG, and I'll call the next case.

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

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