

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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 Hersha Hospitality :  
 Management L.P./Morrow :  
 DC LLC :  
 t/a Morrow Hotel/Le Clou/:  
 Vesper/Upstairs at the :  
 Morrow :  
 222 M Street, NE : Roll Call  
 Retailer CH - ANC 6C : Hearing  
 License No. 121709 :  
 Case #22-PRO-00081 :  
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 (New Application) :  
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Monday  
 August 29, 2022

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

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant Counsel

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

2 10:02 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, everyone.  
4 I'd like to thank you for participating in ABRA's  
5 roll call hearing via the Webex platform provided  
6 by the DC Government of Open Government. My name  
7 is LaVerne Fletcher, I'll be conducting the roll  
8 call hearing as the Board's agent.

9 There is one case on the calendar for  
10 today. This matter of Morrow Hotel. I'm not  
11 sure of the pronunciation of much of this trade  
12 name, but it's Morrow Hotel, and then it's L-E C-  
13 L-O-/Vesper/Upstairs at the Morrow. The  
14 corporate name is Hersha Hospitality Management  
15 L.P.

16 This is Case No. 22-PRO-00081. The  
17 address is 222 M Street, NE, License No. ABRA  
18 121709. This is a Retail Class CH application.

19 The protest issues are adverse impact  
20 on peace, order, and quiet, real property values,  
21 and residential parking, and vehicular and  
22 pedestrian safety.

23 Is anyone present on behalf of the  
24 Applicant?

25 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, good morning,

1 Sidon Yohannes here on behalf of the Applicant.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.

3 Yohannes. Spell your name for the record,  
4 please.

5 MS. YOHANNES: S-I-D-O-N -Y-O-H-A-N-N-  
6 E-S.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And present  
8 on behalf of ANC 6C? Is anyone present on behalf  
9 of ANC 6C? Ms. Yohannes, is the Applicant  
10 present as well?

11 MS. YOHANNES: I'm looking on the  
12 screen, I can't tell who exactly is present.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Who's David  
14 Moreno?

15 COURT REPORTER: Hi, I'm a trainee  
16 for, as a general court reporter.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, okay, Mr. Moreno,  
18 you're the Court Reporter?

19 COURT REPORTER: Yes.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. Whose  
21 telephone number ends in 46?

22 COURT REPORTER: That is also mine.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. The time is  
24 approximately 10:05. We allow at least ten  
25 minutes for a party to appear for a hearing.

1 Ms. Yohannes, we'll wait for another  
2 five minutes to give ANC 6C an opportunity to  
3 appear.

4 MS. YOHANNES: Sure. Thank you.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Yohannes, any  
6 communication with ANC 6C prior to today related  
7 to a settlement agreement?

8 MS. YOHANNES: No, there has not been.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Yohannes, I'm going  
10 to check to see if I have received any email  
11 communication from ANC 6C this morning.

12 MS. YOHANNES: Sure.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, I haven't  
14 received any emails from ANC 6C this morning.

15 Ms. Yohannes, did you get a chance to  
16 check and see if you received the initial invite  
17 that I sent?

18 MS. YOHANNES: I did not receive the  
19 initial invite, and I don't know if -- I did not.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

21 MS. YOHANNES: So I'm going to go --  
22 I'll go back after this, but I did not.

23 MS. FLETCHER: I'll make sure.

24 MS. YOHANNES: Okay.

25 MS. FLETCHER: I'll double check. The

1 time is 10:10. ANC 6C has not appeared for the  
2 roll call hearing. Therefore, the protest is  
3 dismissed.

4 Ms. Yohannes, you'll receive a copy of  
5 the court order dismissing the protest, and  
6 you'll have an opportunity to respond if ANC 6C  
7 seeks reinstatement.

8 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you, Ms.  
9 Fletcher.

10 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.  
11 Thanks, everybody, for coming, have a great day.

12 MS. YOHANNES: You too, bye.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Bye bye.

14 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
15 went off the record at 10:10 a.m.)  
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In the matter of: Morrow Hotel

Before: DC ABRA

Date: 08-29-22

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