

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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Via Umbria, LLC             :
t/a Via Umbria              :
1525 Wisconsin Ave NW     : Roll Call
Retailer CR - ANC 2E       : Hearing
License No. 100387         :
Case #22-PRO-00071        :
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(License Renewal)         :
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Tuesday  
 September 6, 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:

MANALLE MAHMOUD, Applicant Counsel  
 KAREN CRUSE, Citizen's Association of Georgetown  
 RICHARD MURPHY, ANC 2E  
 JUDITH BUNNELL, Protestant, Group of 11  
 SUSAN RUTLEDGE, Protestant

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

2 10:04 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: I will call the next  
4 case on the calendar, which is Via Umbria. This  
5 is Case No. 22-PRO-00071. Via Umbria, LLC. 1525  
6 Wisconsin Avenue NW. License No. ABRA-100387.  
7 This is a Retailer Class CR license renewal. The  
8 protest issues are adverse impact on peace,  
9 order, and quiet, residential parking, and real  
10 property values.

11 My name is LaVerne Fletcher,  
12 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's  
13 agent. Is anyone present on behalf of the  
14 establishment?

15 MS. MAHMOUD: Hi, good morning, Ms.  
16 Fletcher. Manalle Mahmoud with Mallios O'Brien &  
17 Sandground on behalf of the Applicant.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, Ms. Mahmoud.  
19 Would you please spell your name for the record.

20 MS. MAHMOUD: Of course. M-A-N-A-L-L-  
21 E, M-A-H-M-O-U-D.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.  
23 And present on behalf of the Citizen's  
24 Association of Georgetown?

25 MS. CRUSE: Karen Cruse.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Cruse --

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

3 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Cruse, did you give  
4 the Applicant at least seven days notice of your  
5 meeting concerning this application?

6 MS. CRUSE: I couldn't find the  
7 Applicant. There's a problem. I noticed that on  
8 the renewal forms, there is nobody listed as a  
9 contact. That was the same situation with  
10 Sandbox, except for the fact that I was able to  
11 find somebody at Sandbox. I went past Via  
12 Umbria. It is closed. It had been used by  
13 officina. It was closed. The website tells you  
14 it is closed. So I tried. But there was  
15 absolutely nobody with whom I could speak.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Cruse.  
17 Anyone present on behalf of ANC 2E?

18 MR. MURPHY: Once again, this is Rick  
19 Murphy on behalf of ANC 2E.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Murphy.  
21 Ms. Mahmoud, I have a question for you regarding  
22 the establishment. Is it open and operating? Do  
23 you know?

24 MS. MAHMOUD: It is not open nor  
25 operating.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. I will  
2 update our records. Do you know if it'll be  
3 reopening or if it's closed permanently?

4 MS. MAHMOUD: That's still being  
5 discussed with ownership.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. And  
7 so what I've done is noted the presence of  
8 Citizen's Association of Georgetown and ANC 2E.  
9 Both have standing as protestants. But, of  
10 course, we can't proceed with the next steps  
11 because the establishment is closed. And so I'm  
12 just going to make a record of the fact that  
13 everybody appeared and get with the licensing  
14 division regarding the closure.

15 And, if there's anything you need to  
16 know, I will let you know. But for the purpose  
17 of the roll call hearing today, the Citizen's  
18 Association and ANC 2B have standing as  
19 protestants. And we'll see what happens at the  
20 next step.

21 MS. RUTLEDGE: Ms. Fletcher, excuse me  
22 for interrupting. My name is Susan Rutledge.  
23 And I'm an abutting property owner.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, Ms. Rutledge, you  
25 know what? I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I didn't fit

1 my page. Yes, you are an abutting property  
2 owner.

3 MS. RUTLEDGE: So I would like to --

4 MS. FLETCHER: I would have noticed in  
5 a minute. Thank you. Can you spell your name  
6 for the record.

7 MS. RUTLEDGE: Yes. My name is  
8 spelled S-U-S-A-N. Rutledge is R-U-T-L-E-D-G-E.  
9 I'm a property owner at 1532 32nd Street NW.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.  
11 Rutledge. And, according to the DC Geographic  
12 Information System, your property does abut that  
13 of the establishment. And so you are granted  
14 standing as a protestant. Is anyone present on  
15 behalf of the Group of 11?

16 MS. BUNNELL: I am, Ms. Fletcher.  
17 Judith Bunnell. That's J-U-D-I-T-H. Bunnell is  
18 B, as in Boston, U-N-N-E-L-L.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Bunnell, is anyone  
20 else present from your group today?

21 MS. BUNNELL: I don't think so, ma'am.

22 MS. FLETCHER: It's okay. It's not a  
23 requirement. I just wanted to check. If they  
24 were, I would ask them to state their names. Ms.  
25 Bunnell, your group is granted conditional

1 standing today, which means that at the, well, at  
2 this point, there's not going to be an upcoming  
3 status hearing because the establishment is  
4 closed. But if there becomes a date for a status  
5 hearing, at least four additional people would  
6 need to appear in person for the status hearing.

7 MS. BUNNELL: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you  
9 for coming. And, Ms. Rutledge, thanks for  
10 letting me know that, I actually hadn't fit the  
11 page yet. So thanks for letting me know that  
12 you're present. And thank you for coming. Any  
13 questions at all?

14 MR. MURPHY: No. Thank you, Ms.  
15 Fletcher.

16 MS. FLETCHER: No? Have a nice day.

17 MS. MAHMOUD: You too.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Bye, Ms. Cruse.

19 MS. CRUSE: Bye, Ms. Fletcher.

20 MS. FLETCHER: We have the roll call  
21 hearing in this matter is concluded.

22 (Whereupon, the matter in the above-  
23 entitled proceedings were concluded at 10:10  
24 a.m.)

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