

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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2815 M Street, LLC         :
t/a Villa Yara             :
2815 M Street NW          : Roll Call
Retailer CR - ANC 2E       : Hearing
License No. 121278        :
Case #22-PRO-00073        :
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(New Application)          :
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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:

MAJED SAADI, Applicant
 MAKAN SHIRAFKAN, Applicant Counsel
 KAREN CRUSE, Citizen's Association of Georgetown
 GWENDOLYN LOHSE, ANC 2E

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

2 10:04 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: We have one last case
4 on the calendar for today. This case is Villa
5 Yara. This is Case No. 22-PRO-00073. 2815 M
6 Street NW. License No. ABRA-121278. This is a
7 Retailer Class CR, a new application. The
8 protest issues are adverse impact on peace,
9 order, and quiet.

10 Is anyone present on behalf of the
11 Applicant?

12 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Good morning, Ms.
13 Fletcher. Coming to you live from hallways of
14 the courthouse, Makan Shirafkan. I had to step
15 out to get on this. Nice seeing everyone.

16 MS. FLETCHER: All right. Nice to you
17 see you too. Mr. Shirafkan, can you spell your
18 name for the record, please.

19 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Absolutely. Last name
20 is S-H-I-R-A-F, as Frank, K-A-N, as Nancy. First
21 name is Makan, M-A-K-A-N, as Nancy. And I would
22 note that one of the owners, Majed Saadi, which
23 is M-A-J-E-D, last name, S-A-A-D-I, is also
24 present via web cam.

25 MR. SAADI: Good morning.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very
2 much. And on behalf of ANC 2E?

3 MS. LOHSE: Good morning, Ms.
4 Fletcher. Gwendolyn Lohse. G-W-E-N-D-O-L-Y-N,
5 Lohse, L-O-H-S-E.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Lohse.
7 Mr. Murphy, are you still present?

8 MS. LOHSE: I don't think he is.

9 MS. FLETCHER: I saw him a moment ago.
10 I just wanted, he's not now. But I know that
11 you're representing the ANC in this matter, Ms.
12 Lohse, so that's fine. On behalf of the
13 Citizen's Association of Georgetown, please?

14 MS. CRUSE: Karen Cruse. K-A-R-E-N,
15 C-R-U-S-E.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Cruse.
17 If you would spell your name for the record.

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

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. ANC 2E and
20 the Citizen's Association of Georgetown have
21 standing as protestants. Let me see here. I'm
22 going to give you the date for a status hearing
23 and a protest hearing and a date for mediation if
24 it's necessary.

25 MS. LOHSE: So we, Ms. Fletcher, we

1 all have agreed to a settlement. And we started
2 to sign it. So you should be receiving that
3 today or tomorrow.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Well, then I will, just
5 because it's a requirement, I'm going to give you
6 these dates. I'm sure they're going to be
7 canceled. But I'm going to make a note of that,
8 that the dates are not going to be necessary.
9 And then we'll cancel the dates. You won't
10 receive any notices for these dates. I'm just
11 going to give them to you so you have them.

12 The date scheduled for the status
13 hearing is October 5 at 10:30 a.m. The day for
14 the protest hearing is November 2nd at 1:30. I'm
15 not going to give you a day for mediation. I'm
16 just going to hold that in abeyance to give you
17 time to send in the settlement agreement and, if
18 necessary, I'll schedule the date for mediation.

19 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Thank you very much.
20 And I wanted to thank everyone here for working
21 together so fast and getting this done. So we
22 appreciate it.

23 MS. CRUSE: I think the hold up on the
24 signatures, and our president is out of town
25 right at the moment, out of the country. But

1 we're trying to get it through, as Commissioner
2 Lohse said, within the next 48 hours.

3 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Thank you.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you,
5 Ms. Cruse. Nice to see everybody anyway. And
6 enjoy the rest of your day.

7 MR. SHIRAFKAN: Take care. And watch
8 out for traffic. Apparently today was everybody
9 going back, and I got surprised, so I was sitting
10 in traffic.

11 MS. LOHSE: It was the first day of
12 school, and the parking lot got so overloaded,
13 there was like 60 cars stuck in the parking lot.

14 MS. FLETCHER: It was a mess. Glad we
15 all --

16 MR. SHIRAFKAN: It's a short week.
17 That's the good thing. It's a short week. I'll
18 go back in before the sheriff takes me in. I'll
19 see you all later. Bye.

20 MS. LOHSE: Thank you. Bye, bye.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Bye everybody.

22 MS. CRUSE: Thank you very much.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. You're welcome.

24 (Whereupon, the matter in the above-
25 entitled proceeding was concluded at 10:15 a.m.)

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