

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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 YFE, Inc., t/a :
 Eighteenth Street Lounge :
 1230 9th Street, NW : Roll Call
 License #118846 : Hearing
 Case #21-PRO-00079 :
 Retailer CT - ANC 2F :
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 (New Application) :
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Monday
 November 1, 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:

FARAH AHMED, Protestant
 JELENA BUDJEVAC, Protestant
 MINORS CAMEROS, Protestant
 VINCENT EASLEY, Protestant
 CANDACE FITCH, Applicant's Counsel
 ROBERT GOLDBERG, Protestant, Blagden Alley/Naylor
 Court Association
 COHRRADA GONZALEZ, Protestant
 JOHN GUGGENMOS, ANC 2F
 KEN MERCER, Protestant
 MARIO HERNANDEZ, Protestant
 JORDAN NABER, General Manager for Applicant
 JUAN NOLASCO, Protestant
 FARID NOURI, Applicant

HECTOR PINTO, Protestant

MEGAN POLICICCHIO, Protestant

FLORINDO ROZANTE, Protestant

AMIR SHAIKH, Protestant

RICHARD URBAN, Protestant

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

2 10:29 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. The next case on
4 the calendar is Eighteenth Street Lounge, Case
5 No. 21-PRO-00079, YFE, Inc., 1230 9th Street,
6 Northwest, License No. ABRA-118846. This is a
7 Retailer Class CT New Application. The protest
8 issues are adverse impact on peace, order, and
9 quiet, residential parking, vehicular and
10 pedestrian safety, real property values,
11 overconcentration, and proximity to schools,
12 recreation centers, day care centers, and public
13 libraries. Is anyone present on behalf of ANC
14 2F?

15 MR. GUGGENMOS: Yes. Good morning,
16 Ms. Fletcher. It's John Guggenmos present on
17 behalf of ANC 2F.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning Mr.
19 Guggenmos. Could you spell your name for the
20 record, please?

21 MR. GUGGENMOS: Sure. It's John, J-O-
22 H-N, Guggenmos, G as in George, U as in --
23 whatever a U word is -- G as in George, G as in
24 George, E as in Edward, N as in Nancy, M as in
25 Mary, O as in Oscar, S as in Sam. And how about

1 umbrella for a U.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, yeah. That's a
3 good one. Is anyone present on behalf of Blagden
4 Alley Naylor Court Association?

5 MR. GOLDBERG: Yes. Yes, Ms.
6 Fletcher.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Goldberg, is that
8 you?

9 MR. GOLDBERG: Yes, Robert Goldberg,
10 R-O-B-E-R-T, last name, G-O-L-D-B-E-R-G.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
12 Mr. Goldberg, I have a question for you.

13 MR. GOLDBERG: Yes.

14 MS. FLETCHER: I read your protest
15 letter. And in your letter, you state the
16 requirements. You mentioned that you held duly
17 convened meeting where you invited your body and
18 the applicant with a seven-day notice concerning
19 the meeting. You also mentioned that your
20 association is located in the affected area.

21 MR. GOLDBERG: Yes.

22 MS. FLETCHER: And there's one other
23 thing you noted. Okay. So you got the duly held
24 meeting. You gave the seven-day notice, and
25 you're located in the affected area. The one

1 thing missing from your protest letter is whether
2 or not you're incorporated in the District of
3 Columbia.

4 MR. GOLDBERG: We are, yes.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Will you be able
6 to provide us with your articles of
7 incorporation?

8 MR. GOLDBERG: Absolutely.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. At this stage,
10 I'm going to go ahead and grant standing to ANC
11 2F. And Mr. Goldberg, I'm going to grant
12 conditional standing to your group until you
13 provide all the articles of incorporation. And
14 when you submit those, can you submit those to
15 ABRA as well as send the copy to Ms. Fitch --
16 Candace Fitch? You all can share your contact
17 information beyond the roll call hearing. Ms.
18 Fitch, do you by any chance have contact
19 information for Blagden Alley?

20 MS. FITCH: I do. Mr. Goldberg and I
21 have had communications, yes.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, good. Then Mr.
23 Goldberg, if you will provide Ms. Fitch with a
24 copy of your articles of incorporation of proof
25 that you incorporated?

1 MR. GOLDBERG: Yes.

2 MS. FLETCHER: And also provide a copy
3 to ABRA so that we can put it in the file.

4 MR. GOLDBERG: Absolutely.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

6 We also have a group of 6 individuals. Is Ms.

7 Jelena Budjevac present?

8 MS. BUDJEVAC: Yes, I am.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Did I pronounce that
10 almost correctly?

11 MS. BUDJEVAC: You did a great job.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

13 MS. BUDJEVAC: It's Jelena Budjevac.

14 And you need me to spell it, it's --

15 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

16 MS. BUDJEVAC: -- J as in John, E as
17 in Edward, L as in Larry, E as in Edward, N as in
18 Nancy, A as in apple. Last name is Budjevac, B
19 as in boy, U as in Utah, D as in Denver, J as in
20 John, E as in Edward, V as in Victor, A as in
21 apple, C as in Charlie.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

23 Are any other individuals present from your group
24 today?

25 MS. BUDJEVAC: Yes, they are. And

1 I'll let them announce themselves.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I'm ready.

3 MS. POLICICCHIO: Hi, I'm here. My
4 name is Megan Policicchio. It's Megan, M-E-G-A-
5 N. And the last name is Policicchio, P-O-L-I-C-
6 I-C-C-H-I-O.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

8 MS. POLICICCHIO: Thank you.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Anyone else?

10 MS. AHMED: Hi, my name is Farah
11 Ahmed.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Sorry, what is it
13 again?

14 MS. AHMED: Farah Ahmed, and it's
15 spelled F as in Frank, A-R-A-H, last name Ahmed,
16 A-H-M-E-D.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Anyone else?

18 MR. URBAN: My name is Richard Urban.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Richard, what's your
20 last name again?

21 MR. URBAN: Urban, U-R-B-A-N, U like
22 in Uganda, R like in rush, B like in boy, A like
23 in apple, N like in Nancy. First name, Richard.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone
25 else?

1 MR. ROZANTE: Florindo Rozante.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Can you spell that for
3 the record, please?

4 MR. ROZANTE: F-L-O-R-I-N-D-O, last
5 name Rozante, R-O-Z-A-N-T-E.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Anyone else?

7 MR. SHAIKH: Amir Shaikh.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Spell it for the
9 record.

10 MR. SHAIKH: A-M-I-R S-H-A-I-K-H.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Is there anyone else?

12 MR. MERCER: Ken Mercer.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Mercer, what's your
14 first name?

15 MR. MERCER: It's Ken, Kilo, Echo,
16 November. And Mercer --

17 MS. FLETCHER: You said M-E-R-C-E-R
18 for Mercer?

19 MR. MERCER: That's correct.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone
21 else? Thank you.

22 (Pause.)

23 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Budjevac, I counted
24 six members in you protest group. But there are
25 more than six individuals present today. Is

1 there anyone present that did not sign the
2 protest letter?

3 MS. BUDJEVAC: No, I thought there
4 were six people who came forward.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Let me make sure I
6 counted correctly. Let me see. I'm counting
7 you.

8 MS. BUDJEVAC: Right.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Right. Megan?

10 MS. BUDJEVAC: Megan, correct.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Farah, Richard. Is it
12 Florindo?

13 MS. BUDJEVAC: Florindo did not sign.
14 That's right.

15 MS. FLETCHER: And then I have Amir.

16 MS. BUDJEVAC: Correct.

17 MS. FLETCHER: And Ken.

18 MS. BUDJEVAC: Correct.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Excellent. Let me
20 count again.

21 MS. BUDJEVAC: Thanks for doing that.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Now we have six. Your
23 group is granted standing.

24 MS. FITCH: Ms. Fletcher? I'm sorry.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Who's speaking?

1 MS. FITCH: This is Candace on behalf
2 of the applicant. I didn't receive the addresses
3 to confirm that these folks share common ground
4 to protest.

5 MS. FLETCHER: You didn't receive the
6 addresses? Hold on one second, Ms. Fitch.

7 MS. FITCH: I did not.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Hold on one
9 second.

10 MR. GOLDBERG: Ms. Fletcher, the
11 addresses were not provided to Ms. Fitch for
12 concerns of safety of the residents in the
13 neighborhood. That was --

14 (Simultaneous speaking.)

15 MS. FLETCHER: So who's speaking?

16 MR. GOLDBERG: This is Robert
17 Goldberg.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, so Mr. Goldberg, I
19 was going to let Ms. Fitch know about that note
20 in your protest letter. But Ms. Fitch, we'll get
21 the addresses to you. There was a notation in
22 the protest letter that the protestants did not
23 want to provide their email addresses publicly.
24 But they will get you a list of the addresses.

25 MS. FITCH: Thank you.

1 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. Let me
2 just make a note to provide you with the
3 addresses. There was a notation on the protest
4 letter that they preferred to not provide the
5 addresses publicly. But I'll make sure that you
6 get those.

7 We have one more group of protestants.
8 This group appears to be a group of 16. They are
9 identified as the Picnic Benchers. Is Mr. Easley
10 present?

11 MR. EASLEY: Yes.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Easley, would you
13 state your name and spell it for the record,
14 please?

15 MR. EASLEY: Vincent, V-I-N-C-E-N-T.
16 Last name Easley, E-A-S-L-E-Y.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
18 Is anyone else present from your group today?

19 MR. PINTO: Yeah, Hector Pinto,
20 Hector, H-E-C-T-O-R, Pinto, P-I-N-T-O.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone
22 else?

23 MS. GONZALEZ: Yes.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. If you could
25 state your name and spell it for the record,

1 please.

2 MS. GONZALEZ: Cohrrada Gonzalez, C-O-
3 H-R-R-A-D-A G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
5 Let me do this before we go any further. Mr.
6 Easley --

7 MR. EASLEY: Yes.

8 MS. FLETCHER: -- you've requested a
9 Spanish language interpreter for today. Is
10 Suzanna Martin present?

11 (No audible response.)

12 MS. FLETCHER: Is Suzanna Martin
13 present, the Spanish language interpreter?

14 MR. PINTO: I'm Hector. I could help
15 with that if you all need some help.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Hector.
17 We'll let you know. Thank you very much.

18 MR. PINTO: All right then. All right
19 then.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Appreciate that.

21 MR. PINTO: All right.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone else present
23 from the group?

24 MR. CAMEROS: Yes, my name is Mynor
25 Cameros, M-Y-N-O-R and C-A-M-E-R-O-S.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I can't hear you
2 too well. Can you state your name one more time?

3 MR. CAMEROS: Yeah, my name Mynor
4 Cameros, M-Y-N-O-R. And my last name is Cameros,
5 C-A-M-E-R-O-S.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
7 Anyone else?

8 MR. NOLASCO: My name is Juan Nolasco.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Can you spell
10 that for the record, please?

11 MR. PINTO: Listen, he's going to tell
12 you in Spanish because he doesn't know his
13 letters in English. He's going to say it in
14 Spanish.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Is that Juan
16 Nolasco?

17 MR. NOLASCO: Yes.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. You can spell it
19 in Spanish, Mr. Nolasco.

20 MR. NOLASCO: Juan Nolasco, J-U-A-N N-
21 O-L-A-S-C-O.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Thank you
23 very much. Thank you, Hector. Anyone else?

24 MR. ROZANTE: I signed -- I signed the
25 BANCA letter.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So we broke up
2 just a little bit. Can you say your name one
3 more time?

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Mario Hernandez, my
5 name -- my first is M-A-R-I-O.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Hernandez, H-E-
8 R-N-A-N-D-E-Z.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: You're welcome. Mr.
11 Ramirez, what's your first name?

12 MS. FLETCHER: Could you repeat the
13 question, please?

14 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Ramirez, what's
15 your first name? Hector?

16 MR. PINTO: What's up?

17 MS. FLETCHER: Can you ask Mr. Ramirez
18 his first name, please?

19 MR. PINTO: Whose?

20 MS. FLETCHER: Was it Mr. Ramirez?

21 MR. PINTO: Mr. Ramirez?

22 MS. FLETCHER: What did he -- I
23 thought that's what he spelled.

24 MR. PINTO: He spelled Mario
25 Hernandez.

1 MS. FLETCHER: He spelled Hernandez.
2 Just a second.

3 (Simultaneous speaking.)

4 MR. PINTO: That's why we need a
5 Spanish translator. H-E-R-N-A-N-D-E-S,
6 Hernandes.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I completely --
8 I didn't understand what he said. Thank you.

9 MR. PINTO: And I'm saying (inaudible)
10 give me an application, ma'am. You all need a
11 Spanish interpreter.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone else present?

13 MR. ROZANTE: I signed the BANCA
14 letter.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Can you say that again?

16 MR. ROZANTE: I did sign the BANCA, B-
17 A-N-C-A, letter.

18 MS. FLETCHER: You signed the BANCA
19 letter?

20 MR. ROZANTE: Yes.

21 MS. FLETCHER: So you're not a part of
22 this group?

23 (No audible response.)

24 MS. FLETCHER: You're not a part of
25 this group of 16? Can you just give me your

1 name, please?

2 MR. ROZANTE: Florindo Rozante, F-L-O-
3 R-I-N-D-O, Rozante, R-O-Z-A-N-T-E.

4 MS. FITCH: Yeah, Ms. Fletcher. This
5 is Candace. He was part of the other letter, the
6 group of 6.

7 MR. ROZANTE: Yes.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Represented by Ellen
9 Jaffe?

10 MS. FITCH: Correct.

11 MS. FLETCHER: No, represented by
12 Blagden Alley?

13 MS. FITCH: Right, by Jelena and Amir.

14 MR. GOLDBERG: Ms. Fletcher, Florindo
15 cosigned the letter for the Blagden Alley/Naylor
16 Court Association.

17 MS. FLETCHER: So who's speaking?

18 MR. GOLDBERG: This is Robert
19 Goldberg.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And so what did
21 you say again?

22 MR. GOLDBERG: Florindo signed the
23 Blagden Alley/Naylor Court Association protest
24 letter -- cosigned it with myself.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So it wasn't

1 with Ms. Budjevac. That was with --

2 MS. BUDJEVAC: No.

3 MS. FLETCHER: -- the Blagden Alley?

4 MR. GOLDBERG: Correct.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. Mr.
6 Easley, is any questions from your group today?

7 MR. EASLEY: No, ma'am. No, ma'am.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

9 MR. EASLEY: Do you need anything
10 else?

11 MS. FLETCHER: I have counted 13
12 people from your group present today.

13 MR. EASLEY: Yes.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Which means that your
15 group has standing as a protestant because at
16 least 5 of you were present today.

17 MS. FITCH: Ms. Fletcher, this is
18 Candace Fitch on behalf of the applicant.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

20 MS. FITCH: I have multiple addresses
21 from this group. Can you please let us know how
22 you established they have common ground to
23 protest?

24 MR. PINTO: We all live in the same
25 neighborhood, same block radius, same two-block

1 radius. We all live in the neighborhood. That's
2 why because we live all together in that same
3 neighborhood.

4 MS. FLETCHER: I'm going to ask you a
5 question. That's going to be the answer --

6 (Simultaneous speaking.)

7 MS. FLETCHER: And Ms. Fitch, Did you
8 receive a copy of the protest letter that had the
9 addresses included?

10 MS. FITCH: On this letter, I did,
11 yes.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Did you have some
13 reason to think that these addresses were not
14 located in the affected area?

15 MS. FITCH: I don't know that I agree
16 that they have common ground because the
17 addresses range from all the way up to 11th
18 Street.

19 MR. PINTO: Exactly, because that's
20 the community, 11th Street --

21 (Simultaneous speaking.)

22 MS. FLETCHER: Let me -- excuse me.
23 Excuse me. Hold on. Hold on everybody. Just a
24 minute. So let's do this. Ms. Fitch, I have
25 granted standing to this group based on my

1 understanding that they live within the affected
2 area. If you have any addresses that you are
3 concerned about, send me an email and I will
4 provide you with additional information. Just
5 let me know which addresses you believe are not
6 located in the affected area or proximity --

7 MR. PINTO: Tell her come to the
8 neighborhood.

9 MS. FLETCHER: -- to the
10 establishment.

11 MS. FITCH: Thank you, Ms. Fletcher.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Let's do it that way.

13 MS. FITCH: Thank you.

14 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

15 For the purpose of the roll call hearing today,
16 standing is granted to the group of --

17 MR. EASLEY: Thank you.

18 MR. PINTO: Thank you.

19 MS. FLETCHER: -- 16 represented by
20 Mr. Easley and Mr. Pinto. So in this case, we
21 have ANC 2F as a protestant. The Blagden
22 Alley/Naylor Court Association is granted
23 conditional standing until they provide the
24 articles of incorporation. And once they do that
25 and appear for the status hearing before the

1 Board, the Board will grant full standing to the
2 association. We have the group of 6 represented
3 by Ms. Budjevac who has standing and the group of
4 16 represented Vincent Easley and Hector Pinto
5 who has standing.

6 MR. PINTO: Thank you very much.

7 Thank you very much.

8 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

9 MR. PINTO: Thank you. Thank you very
10 much.

11 MS. FLETCHER: So I'm going to give
12 you dates for the upcoming proceedings now. We
13 got to have a mediation, a status hearing, and a
14 protest hearing. We're going to have a mediation
15 so that the protestants have an opportunity to
16 meet with the protestants to try to resolve your
17 concerns. Do you have any questions about Mr.
18 Easley or Mr. Pinto, the purpose of the
19 mediation?

20 MR. EASLEY: Can you repeat that,
21 please?

22 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, we're going to
23 have -- we're going to schedule a mediation, a
24 status hearing, and a protest hearing. The
25 purpose of the mediation is to give the parties

1 an opportunity to meet with the Board's mediator
2 to try and result the concerns that you have
3 regarding the application.

4 MR. EASLEY: Okay.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Do you have any
6 questions regarding that? It's an opportunity to
7 settle this matter, to resolve your concerns.

8 MR. EASLEY: No questions at this
9 point. Just need the dates.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. And
11 so you'll receive a Webex invitation from me the
12 same as you did to appear for this hearing. Any
13 questions about that?

14 MR. EASLEY: What are the dates?

15 MS. FLETCHER: We're going to set one
16 in a minute.

17 MR. EASLEY: Okay. Thank you.

18 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. Before
19 we set a date for the mediation, I'm going to
20 give you a date for a status hearing. And the
21 purpose of the status hearing is for you to
22 inform the ABC Board regarding the status of this
23 case which means you will let the ABC Board know
24 that you participated in mediation and the
25 results. That's what happens at a status

1 hearing. The day for the status hearing is
2 December the 1st.

3 MR. EASLEY: December 1st.

4 MS. FLETCHER: December the 1st at
5 10:30 a.m. There's going to be a protest hearing
6 set for January 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. That's the
7 protest hearing set for January 12, 2022 at 1:30
8 p.m.

9 The protest hearing is scheduled in
10 case the parties are not able to resolve their
11 concerns during mediation. If you're able to
12 resolve your concerns in mediation, there is a
13 settlement agreement that all the parties sign.
14 And once the Board approves that, the protest
15 hearing is canceled because the matter has been
16 resolved. If the case is not resolved in
17 mediation, there's a protest hearing.

18 MR. PINTO: What happened to the
19 sandwich lady that came through in our
20 neighborhood?

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Who's speaking?

22 MR. PINTO: Hector. I'm sorry. It's
23 Hector Pinto.

24 MS. FLETCHER: And what did you say,
25 Hector?

1 MR. PINTO: I was asking about the
2 sandwich lady. I don't know her name. It came
3 in my neighborhood giving out sandwiches, trying
4 to divide us. I was trying to figure out who was
5 that lady, the sandwich lady from --

6 (Simultaneous speaking.)

7 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, I actually don't
8 know.

9 MR. PINTO: Oh, okay. So who could I
10 go about finding out who that person coming in
11 our neighborhood doing that?

12 MS. FLETCHER: So actually, that is
13 not an issue.

14 (Simultaneous speaking.)

15 MS. FLETCHER: Excuse me. Just a
16 second. That is not an issue that you can
17 resolve through our roll call hearing.

18 MR. PINTO: I just wanted to figure it
19 out what's going on. That's all.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, that's okay. I
21 understand.

22 MR. PINTO: Trying to figure out
23 what's going on in my neighborhood. Somebody
24 else going to say something? You're on mute.

25 MS. NABER: Oh, sorry. Hi, I'm Jordan

1 Naber. I'm the GM of Eighteenth Street Lounge.
2 I had a -- we did a menu tasting, and I had
3 sandwiches left over. So that is probably what
4 he was talking about.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

6 MR. PINTO: Say what now?

7 MS. FLETCHER: Excuse me just one more
8 second. I'm going to need you to state your name
9 one more time. Jordan?

10 MS. NABER: It's Jordan Naber, J-O-R-
11 D-A-N. Last name is Naber, N-A-B-E-R.

12 MS. FLETCHER: And so Ms. Nader,
13 you're the general manager of Eighteenth Street
14 Lounge?

15 MS. NABER: Yes, it's Naber, N-A-B-E-
16 R, not a D.

17 MR. EASLEY: Hello?

18 MS. FLETCHER: Just a second. Okay.
19 So who was just speaking? Who just said hello?

20 MR. EASLEY: Oh, yeah, Mr. Easley.
21 And I feel that if someone is in opposition to us
22 shouldn't provide sandwich or say anything.

23 MS. FLETCHER: So Mr. Easley, that's
24 not a conversation we can have during the roll
25 call hearing. You and Ms. Jordan can work that

1 out --

2 MR. EASLEY: Okay.

3 MS. FLETCHER: -- outside of ABRA.

4 MR. EASLEY: I'm talking to Jordan
5 then. Okay.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

7 MS. NABER: Yeah, if you guys are
8 going to be out there, I can come talk to you
9 guys today.

10 (Simultaneous speaking.)

11 MS. FLETCHER: So we're not even going
12 to discuss those -- excuse me, everyone. We are
13 not discussing those sandwiches during the roll
14 call hearing.

15 MR. EASLEY: All right.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, okay. So --

17 MR. ROZANTE: I would like to --

18 (Simultaneous speaking.)

19 MS. FLETCHER: -- we now -- who's
20 speaking? Who's speaking?

21 MR. ROZANTE: Florindo Rozante.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, Mr. Rozante.

23 MR. ROZANTE: The alley is become a
24 real problem.

25 MS. FLETCHER: So Mr. Rozante, those

1 are the issues that you discuss during mediation,
2 not during the roll call hearing.

3 MR. ROZANTE: Okay.

4 MS. FLETCHER: But you will have an
5 opportunity to discuss your concerns.

6 MS. BUDJEVAC: So how are the dates
7 selected for the mediation?

8 MS. FLETCHER: They're selected based
9 on the Board's calendar.

10 MS. BUDJEVAC: Okay.

11 MS. FLETCHER: And who was just
12 speaking?

13 MS. BUDJEVAC: That's Jelena Budjevac.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

15 MS. BUDJEVAC: Thank you, Ms.
16 Fletcher.

17 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

18 And so we've got the status hearing set for
19 December 1, 2021 at 10:30. We got the protest
20 hearing set for January 12, 2022 at 1:30.

21 Now we need to set a date for
22 mediation. And I'm going to give you the next
23 day available for mediation. The next day
24 available for mediation is Tuesday, November
25 23rd. Or excuse me one minute. We may be able

1 to do something before that.

2 MR. PINTO: Thanksgiving, dog.
3 Thanksgiving week, that's when we're going?

4 MS. FLETCHER: Who's speaking?

5 MR. PINTO: Hector Pinto.

6 MS. FLETCHER: What did you say, Mr.
7 Pinto?

8 MR. PINTO: It's the week of
9 Thanksgiving.

10 MS. FLETCHER: We won't do it the week
11 of Thanksgiving.

12 MR. PINTO: Okay. I'm just making
13 sure.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you for pointing
15 that out. What about Wednesday, November 10? Is
16 anybody available on Wednesday, November 10 at,
17 say, 10:30 in the morning?

18 MR. GUGGENMOS: The ANC could be
19 available. This is John Guggenmos.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, for mediation,
21 we'll need to have present the designated
22 representatives. Mr. Easley and Mr. Pinto, are
23 you available on November 10?

24 (No audible response.)

25 MS. FLETCHER: Wednesday, November 10

1 for mediation?

2 MS. GONZALEZ: What time?

3 MS. FLETCHER: We can do it at 10:30,
4 11:30, 1:30.

5 MS. GONZALEZ: 11:30.

6 MR. PINTO: 11:30.

7 MS. FLETCHER: 11:30.

8 (Simultaneous speaking.)

9 MR. GUGGENMOS: For the ANC, John
10 Guggenmos, 11:30 works.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. Mr.
12 Goldberg, does 11:30 work?

13 MR. GOLDBERG: Yes.

14 MS. BUDJEVAC: Also, 11:30 works for
15 the Blagden Alley/Naylor Court group of 5.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And 11:30
17 works for Mr. Easley and Mr. Pinto as well?

18 MR. PINTO: Yes.

19 MR. EASLEY: Yes.

20 MR. PINTO: Correct.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Does anyone
22 have any questions at all?

23 (No audible response.)

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, I'd like
25 to thank everybody for coming. Hector, thank you

1 for your translations --

2 MR. PINTO: Thank you very much.

3 MS. FLETCHER: -- today. I appreciate
4 that. Your interpreting, I mean. So --

5 MR. PINTO: No worries. I'm here to
6 help.

7 MS. FLETCHER: -- you will receive an
8 invitation from me to attend the mediation the
9 same as you received today --

10 MR. PINTO: Okay.

11 MS. FLETCHER: -- to attend the roll
12 call hearing.

13 MR. PINTO: All right.

14 MS. FLETCHER: If you have any
15 questions in the meantime, everybody has my email
16 address. Just let me know.

17 MS. BUDJEVAC: Thank you.

18 MR. EASLEY: Nice job, Ms. Fletcher.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

20 MR. PINTO: All right.

21 MS. FLETCHER: I'm going to conclude
22 the roll call hearing then.

23 MR. PINTO: Thank you all very much.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Nice to see everybody.
25 See you soon. Thank you.

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