

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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We the Pizza Express :
Georgetown, LLC :
t/a We the Pizza Express : Roll Call
3237 M Street, NW : Hearing
License #118926 :
Case #21-PRO-00076 :
Retailer CR - ANC 2E :
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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:
CANDACE FITCH, Observer
JEFF JACKSON, Applicant's Counsel
FARID NOURI, Observer

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

2 10:01 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, everyone.

4 Thank you for joining, participating in ABRA's
5 roll call hearing vis-a-vis Webex platform
6 provided by the D.C. Office of Open Government.
7 My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'll be conducting
8 the roll call hearings as the Board's agent.

9 The first case on the calendar today
10 is We the Pizza Express. This is Case No. 21-
11 PRO-00076. We the Pizza Express, excuse me,
12 Georgetown, LLC, 3237 M Street, Northwest,
13 License No. ABRA-118926.

14 This is a Retailer Class CR new
15 application. The protest issues are adverse
16 impact on peace, order, and quiet and residential
17 parking and traffic. Who is present on behalf of
18 the applicant?

19 MR. JACKSON: Jeff Jackson.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Jackson.
21 Is the applicant present today?

22 MR. NOURI: Yes, I am.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. If you would
24 just state your name and spell it for the record.

25 MR. NOURI: Sure. It's Farid Nouri,

1 F-A-R-I-D, first name. Last name is N-O-U-R-I.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

3 Person on behalf of ANC 2E?

4 MR. NOURI: Oh, sorry, sorry.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on
6 behalf of ANC 2E?

7 (No audible response.)

8 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on
9 behalf of the Citizens Association of Georgetown?

10 (No audible response.)

11 MS. FLETCHER: I'm going to move to
12 the next case and come back to this one. Parties
13 have at least ten minutes to arrive, so I'm going
14 to move to the next case and come back to this
15 one.

16 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
17 went off the record at 10:04 a.m. and resumed at
18 10:11 a.m.)

19 MS. FLETCHER: I am going to, excuse
20 me, recall the case of We the Pizza Express. Mr.
21 Jackson, are you still here?

22 MR. JACKSON: Yes, I am.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Nouri, are you
24 still here?

25 MR. NOURI: Yes, I am.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Is anyone
2 present on behalf of ANC 2E?

3 MS. FITCH: Ms. Fletcher, I'm sorry.
4 This is Candace Fitch here. And Farid Nouri is
5 not the applicant for this roll call hearing.
6 There's some --

7 (Simultaneous speaking.)

8 MS. FLETCHER: Excuse me. One second.
9 Ms. Fitch, can you repeat that, please?

10 MS. FITCH: Yes. I'm here on behalf
11 of YFE, Inc. which is Mr. Farid Nouri. He's not
12 the applicant on this We the Pizza case.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, Mr. Nouri, you're
14 the applicant for 18th Street Lounge?

15 MR. NOURI: That's correct.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Could the court
17 reporter please disregard Mr. Nouri's
18 introduction for the matter of We the Pizza
19 Express? And so Mr. Jackson, the applicant for
20 We the Pizza Express is not present today?

21 MR. JACKSON: Correct.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. JACKSON: Moved out of the
24 country.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

1 Ms. Fitch, can you please spell your name for the
2 record, please.

3 MS. FITCH: F as in Frank, I-T-C-H,
4 Candace --

5 (Simultaneous speaking.)

6 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And could
7 you spell Candace?

8 MS. FITCH: C-A-N-D-A-C-E.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. Is
10 anyone present on behalf of ANC 2E?

11 (No audible response.)

12 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on
13 behalf of the Citizens Association of Georgetown?

14 (No audible response.)

15 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Jackson, have you
16 been in communication with either ANC 2E or CAG -
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18 (Simultaneous speaking.)

19 MR. JACKSON: Yes, yes.

20 (Simultaneous speaking.)

21 MR. JACKSON: Well, when I spoke to
22 them, they said that they didn't think it would
23 be a problem. They just was concerned about the
24 trash, and that was the last thing I heard.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. I'm

1 going to dismiss ANC 2E and the Citizens
2 Association of Georgetown because they're not
3 present today. Based on what you're saying, Mr.
4 Jackson, they both expect to perhaps resolve this
5 matter?

6 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, keep us
8 posted.

9 MR. JACKSON: Yes, I will.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very
11 much for coming.

12 MR. JACKSON: Thank you.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. The roll call
14 hearing is concluded in the matter of We the
15 Pizza Express.

16 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
17 went off the record at 10:14 a.m.)
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