

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

2 10:01 a.m.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Would the
4 parties in the matter of Addis Ethiopian
5 Restaurant, please, come forward? The parties in
6 the matter of Addis Ethiopian Restaurant.

7 This is Case No. 18-PRO-00065, 707 H
8 Street, N.E., License No. ABRA-097534. This is a
9 Retailer Class CR substantial change, expansion
10 to the second and third floor; increase seating
11 from 50 to 122; total occupancy load will
12 increase from 65 to 269 for all three floors.

13 Is anyone present on behalf of Addis
14 Ethiopian Restaurant?

15 I'll close the record on this one and
16 recall it in about five minutes.

17 MR. ECKENWILER: ANC-6C is present.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Is the -- oh, okay.
19 Hi, I'll reopen the case then. Thank you.

20 Present on behalf of ANC?

21 MR. ECKENWILER: ANC-6C.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum. Okay. If

1 you would state your name and spell it for the
2 record, please?

3 MR. ECKENWILER: Mark Eckenwiler, M-A-
4 R-K, last name E-C-K-E-N-W-I-L-E-R.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. And how
6 do you pronounce the last name again?

7 MR. ECKENWILER: Eckenwiler.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Eckenwiler. Thank
9 you. And you are present on behalf of?

10 MR. ECKENWILER: ANC-6C like Charlie.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: And you are present
12 on behalf of the Addis Ethiopian Restaurant?

13 MS. GEBREMESKEL: The restaurant.

14 Yes.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. And your name,
16 please?

17 MS. GEBREMESKEL: A-D-A-N-E-C-H.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Oh, excuse me, is
19 that your first name?

20 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Yes. A --

21 AGENT FLETCHER: And how do you --
22 okay. How do you spell it again?

1 MS. GEBREMESKEL: A-D-A-N-E-C-H.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: A?

3 MS. GEBREMESKEL: D.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: D-A?

5 MS. GEBREMESKEL: N.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: N.

7 MS. GEBREMESKEL: E.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Uh-huh.

9 MS. GEBREMESKEL: C-H.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. And

11 what's the last name?

12 MS. GEBREMESKEL: G-E --

13 AGENT FLETCHER: G like good?

14 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Yes.

15 AGENT FLETCHER: Uh-huh.

16 MS. GEBREMESKEL: E-B-R-E-M-E-S-K-E-L.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: How do you pronounce

18 that?

19 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Gebremeskel.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

21 And, Ms. Gebremeskel, would you, please, put your

22 contact information on that sheet on the table?

1 Thank you.

2 And, Ms. Gebremeskel, are you the
3 owner? Are you the owner?

4 MS. GEBREMESKEL: No. I'm an agent.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: You're an agent for
6 the owner?

7 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Yes.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. ANC-6C
9 has standing as a protestant.

10 We need to set a date for a mediation,
11 a Status Hearing and a Protest Hearing. I'll
12 give you the date for the Status and Protest
13 Hearing first.

14 The date for the Status Hearing is
15 October 17, October 17 at 9:30 a.m.

16 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Okay.

17 MR. ECKENWILER: And I'm sorry, Ms.
18 Fletcher, you said that was status?

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, that's the
20 status.

21 MR. ECKENWILER: Got it.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, October 17 at

1 9:30.

2 The Protest Hearing is set for
3 November 28, November 28, 2018 at 4:30.

4 I'll give you, in a moment, the next
5 available date for mediation. The next available
6 date for mediation is Thursday, September 27 at
7 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 11:30 or 1:00.

8 MS. GEBREMESKEL: 11:00.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: You think --

10 MR. ECKENWILER: 9:00 a.m. would suit
11 me. I'm sorry, did you say you preferred 11:00?

12 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Um-hum.

13 MR. ECKENWILER: I'm sorry, I can't
14 hear you.

15 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Yes, 11:30 is okay
16 or all right.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: I can move to a
18 different day.

19 MR. ECKENWILER: No, the -- that's
20 fine, that's just mediation, right?

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

22 MR. ECKENWILER: Okay. So 9/27 at

1 11:00 a.m., that's fine.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: Mediation is set for
3 Thursday, September 27 at 11:00.

4 All right. Any questions at all? Any
5 questions at all?

6 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Yes. I think I have
7 to be --

8 AGENT FLETCHER: I'm sorry, what was
9 that?

10 MS. GEBREMESKEL: I -- for some
11 reason, I was not, I think, last time meeting.
12 That day was --

13 AGENT FLETCHER: Excuse me, can you
14 hear? Can you hear that? Okay. Say that again,
15 please.

16 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Yes. Last time for
17 some reason I not to attend the ANC meeting.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: What about the ANC
19 meeting? What about the ANC meeting?

20 MS. GEBREMESKEL: There was a meeting
21 to discuss about the issue, about the
22 application. So I think I might --

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Oh, don't touch the
2 microphone.

3 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Okay.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. I'm sorry. Go
5 ahead.

6 MS. GEBREMESKEL: And I think there
7 was issue about the occupancy load. And I would
8 like to clear our -- the restaurant seating is
9 122 and the occupancy load is 269, but the
10 seating is 122.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: So we will talk about
12 that at the mediation.

13 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Okay. Thank you.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: But do you have any
15 questions though --

16 MS. GEBREMESKEL: No.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: -- that you would
18 like to ask?

19 MS. GEBREMESKEL: Thank you.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank
21 you very much for coming.

22 MR. ECKENWILER: Thank you.

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AGENT FLETCHER: The Roll Call Hearing
is concluded. Thank you.

MS. GEBREMESKEL: Thank you so much.

(Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was
concluded at 10:08 a.m.)

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