DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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Addis Ethiopian : Restaurant, LLC :

t/a Addis Ethiopian : Protest
Restaurant : Hearing
707 H Street NE : (Status)

Retailer CR - ANC 6C:
License No. 97534:
Case #18-PRO-00065:
(Substantial Change - Request to Expand to the Second and Third Floor, Increase Seating From 59:
to 122. Total Occupancy:
Load Will be 269 for all:
Three Floors):

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson NICK ALBERTI, Member BOBBY CATO, Member MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member JAMES SHORT, Member REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:	
MARK ECKENWILER, Commissioner, ANC 6C04	

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

9:42 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, everyone. I would like to welcome you to the regularly scheduled meeting of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Please know that today's hearings will be conducted in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 2-574 of the Open Meetings Act.

Today is October 17, 2018. I would like to introduce Members of the Board with us today. To my far right is Mr. Bobby Cato. To my immediate right is Mr. Nick Alberti. To my far left is Ms. Rema Wahabzadah. To her right is Mr. Mike Silverstein and to my immediate left is Mr. James Short. My name is Donovan Anderson and I'm the Chairman of the Board. We have six Members in attendance today for the conduct of business and we do have a quorum.

I would like to mention two things before we get started. First of all, if you have any electronic devices, pagers, cell phones or

such, please, make certain that they are turned off to avoid any interruption of the proceedings.

Secondly, there is a piece of paper on each table. When you come forward as your case is called, please, take a seat at the table and, please, sign-in. This is to ensure the correct spelling of your name for the record.

Additionally, when you introduce yourself for the record, please, spell your name aloud for the court reporter.

I would note that the approximate time is 9:45 a.m. and I do apologize that I did not start promptly at 9:30 this morning. I know that you were here, so I do apologize that we were not here.

We now move to our Protest Hearing

(Status) Calendar. The first case on our Protest

Hearing (Status) Calendar is Case No. 18-PRO
00065, Addis Ethiopian Restaurant, License No.

97534.

Will the parties, please, approach and identify themselves for the record, please?

1	MR. ECKENWILER: Good morning, Mr.		
2	Chairman. Mark Eckenwiler for ANC-6C.		
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,		
4	Mr. Eckenwiler.		
5	I see that the licensee is not here.		
6	I know it's 9:46 and I'm going to try to be		
7	consistent as I have always been, I will recall		
8	this case at 10:00.		
9	I usually give each party half an hour		
10	to show up. If the licensee is not here at 10:00		
11	when I recall this case, I will make a Motion to		
12	Dismiss their substantial change application.		
13	So thank you for being here timely,		
14	sir, but I will recall this case in about 15		
15	minutes.		
16	MR. ECKENWILER: Very good.		
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.		
18	Thank you.		
19	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter		
20	went off the record at 9:45 a.m. and resumed at		
21	10:03 a.m.)		
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to		

1	recall another case, Ms. Gephardt.
2	MS. GEPHARDT: Okay.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, please. I
4	will be recalling our Protest Hearing, Case No.
5	18-PRO-00065, Addis Ethiopian Restaurant, License
6	No. 97534.
7	Will the parties, please, approach and
8	identify themselves for the record?
9	MR. ECKENWILER: Once again, Mr.
LO	Chairman, Mark Eckenwiler for ANC-6C.
L1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
L2	Mr. Eckenwiler.
L3	I see that the licensee is not here.
L 4	This matter was scheduled for a Protest Hearing
L5	(Status) at 9:30. The case was called at 9:30.
L6	The licensee, who requested the substantial
L7	change, was not here.
L8	It is now 10:05. I recalled the case,
L9	he is still not here.
20	So with that said, I do make a motion
21	that the substantial change application be
22	dismissed. Is there a second?

1	MEMBER SHORT: Second.			
2	MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Second.			
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Both Mr. Short			
4	and Mr. Silverstein have seconded the motion.			
5	All those in favor say aye.			
6	ALL: Aye.			
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?			
8	The matter passes 6-0-0.			
9	What this means is that the			
10	application for substantial change is dismissed.			
11	The Board will issue an order. The licensee will			
12	be given 10 days to give us reasonable notice why			
13	they did not appear today.			
14	If they respond and if the Board			
15	believes that they gave us reasonable notice,			
16	then you will have an opportunity to respond and			
17	the Board will make a decision.			
18	If they fail to respond, their			
19	application, their substantial change application			
20	is dismissed.			
21	Okay. Thank you for being here today,			
22	sir.			

1	MR. ECKENWILER: Thank you.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
3	(Whereupon, the Protest (Status)
4	Hearing was concluded at 10:04 a.m.)
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