

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
 ROLL CALL HEARING

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 IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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 Yegna Restaurant and :  
 Lounge, Inc. :  
 t/a Asefu's Palace :  
 1920 9th Street NW :  
 License #ABRA-105977 :  
 Retailer Class CR :  
 Case #18-PRO-00016 :  
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 (Substantial Change - :  
 Increase Seating From 38 :  
 Seats to 106 Seats; :  
 Increase Total Occupancy :  
 Load From 38 to 166 on :  
 the First and Second :  
 Floors) :  
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Tuesday, April 17, 2018

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
 met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room,  
 Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W.,  
 Washington, D.C., Ms. LaVerne Fletcher, Agent,  
 presiding.

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

2 10:11 a.m.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Would the  
4 parties in the matter of Asefu's Palace, please,  
5 come forward?

6 This is Case No. 18-PRO-00016, Yegna  
7 Restaurant and Lounge, Inc., 1920 9th Street,  
8 N.W., License No. ABRA-105977, Retailer Class CR  
9 substantial change, increase seated from 38 seats  
10 to 106 seats; increase total occupancy load from  
11 38 to 166 on the first and second floors.

12 The protest issues are adverse impact  
13 on real property values; peace, order and quiet;  
14 and residential parking and vehicular and  
15 pedestrian safety.

16 My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'm  
17 conducting the Roll Call Hearing as the Board's  
18 Agent.

19 Introductions beginning with the  
20 applicant, please.

21 MR. BIANCO: Good morning, Ms.  
22 Fletcher. Richard Bianco on behalf of the

1 applicant.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. Mr.  
3 Bianco, would you spell your last name for the  
4 record, please?

5 MR. BIANCO: Sure. B-I-A-N-C-O.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: And on behalf of ANC-  
7 1B?

8 MR. JOHNSON: Jerrold Johnson.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Johnson, would  
10 you spell your name for the record, please?

11 MR. JOHNSON: Last name Johnson, J-O-  
12 H-N-S-O-N. First name Jerrold, J-E-R-R-O-L-D.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: And, Mr. Johnson,  
14 just for the record, I'm going to note that the  
15 Roll Call Hearing Notice that we mailed to ANC-1B  
16 was returned.

17 I'm going to give you the address that  
18 the Roll Call Hearing Notice was mailed to. The  
19 notice was mailed to James A. Turner,  
20 Commissioner, ANC-1B, 2000 14th Street, N.W.,  
21 Suite 100B, Washington, D.C. 20009.

22 ANC-1B has standing as a protestant.

1                   We need to set a date for a mediation,  
2                   a Status Hearing and a Protest Hearing. I'll  
3                   give you the date for the Status and Protest  
4                   Hearing first.

5                   The Status Hearing is set for May 16  
6                   at 9:30 a.m.

7                   The Protest Hearing is set for June 13  
8                   at 4:30 p.m.

9                   We need to set a date for mediation.  
10                  The next available -- oh, before I do that, Mr.  
11                  Johnson, let me ask you, ANC-1B is coming on May  
12                  8th, did you want to try to schedule it on the  
13                  same day?

14                  MR. JOHNSON: Yes, please, the next  
15                  time slot after the 9:00 time slot.

16                  AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Bianco, would you  
17                  be available at 11:00 or 11:30 on May the 8th?

18                  MR. BIANCO: Sure, I can make that  
19                  work.

20                  AGENT FLETCHER: 11:30?

21                  MR. BIANCO: 11:30 is fine.

22                  AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Mr. Johnson,

1 11:30 is good?

2 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, please.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: On the 8th?

4 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, that will be fine.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: Mediation is

6 scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th at 11:30.

7 Any questions at all?

8 MR. JOHNSON: No.

9 MR. BIANCO: No.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you for coming.

11 The Roll Call Hearing is concluded.

12 MR. BIANCO: Thank you, Ms. Fletcher.

13 Have a nice day.

14 AGENT FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

15 (Whereupon, the Roll Call Hearing was

16 concluded at 10:16 a.m.)

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